

Basil Yamey

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I joined the LSE Economics Department in 1970 and was there for fourteen years. As it happened, these were the last fourteen years of Basil Yamey's membership of the department. In the early 1970s, my mentors were Frank Hahn and Terence Gorman and it was from the latter that I developed a picture of how the Department worked, Terence being notably indiscreet. The department was run by the Professors of Economics, many of whom were people of great distinction who held extremely strong views about everything. These included not only Terence and Frank but Harry Johnson, Peter Bauer, Peter Wiles, Michio Morishima, Amartya Sen, Alan Walters and others of equal distinction but perhaps less forceful in putting forward their opinions. What I learned from Terence was that it was Basil Yamey who kept the show on the road. His charm, diplomacy and

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