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Conference on Sraffa's *Production of Commodities* after Twentyfive Years

1985 marks the 25th anniversary of the publication of Piero Sraffa's *Production of Commodities by Means of Commodities*. During these years the theoretical approach Sraffa sought to revive and develop in this book and in his earlier work, particularly his monumental edition of Ricardo, as well as the criticisms he advanced of contemporary mainstream theory, have given rise to lively debates. For this occasion, *Political Economy-Studies in the Surplus Approach* is promoting a Conference to be held in Florence (Italy) from the 24th to the 27th of August, 1985. Members of the Organising Committee of the Conference are: Krishna Bharadwaj (Nehru University, New Delhi), John Eatwell (University of Cambridge, G. B.), Pierangelo Garegnani (University of Rome), Luigi Pasinetti (Catholic University of Milan), Bertram Schefold (University of Frankfurt), Paolo Sylos Labini (University of Rome).

The main participants in these debates have been invited to contribute papers wherein they are requested to elaborate their interpretation of Sraffa's work and assess its possible impact on present economic theory. It is hoped that these discussions will help to clarify the underlying basic theoretical issues. In addition, they will provide a setting to assess the work which is being done to develop the classical approach to theory and its extensions into applied and policy fields. A list, in alphabetical order, of those who have agreed (as of February 1985) to write papers or comments follows.

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