

Sraffa, Piero (1898-)

Ragnar Frisch 07.04.1933

'My dear Professor Sraffa,

You may have noticed that we are planning to have in every January *Econometrica* a survey of significant developments in general economic theory - including pure economics. Would you be willing to write this Survey for January 1935.

I am writing you as early as now because I believe an author of an article like this sort should have ample time.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours Ragnar Frisch'

Piero Sraffa 20.04.1933

Dear Professor Frisch,

Your very kind letter of Apr. 7 reaches me here where I have been spending the vacation. I am very grateful indeed for your invitation to write a Survey for *Econometrica*; but after having thought carefully about it, I have come to the conclusion that I cannot find a suitable subject. I very much regret therefore to have to decline the invitation.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely Piero Sraffa

Piero Sraffa 02.02.1934

I hear that you will be lecturing in London on March 7-8 and I am wondering whether you would care to spend a couple of days or so with me in Cambridge. I am anxious to see you again and there are many economists here who would be delighted to meet you. I should of course put you up in College.

Please suit yourself about dates, but it would be better to avoid March 4th to 6th, as several people are going away for those days.

We all very much hope that you find it possible to come: please do try to manage it.

Yours very sincerely

Piero Sraffa

Ragnar Frisch 07.03.1934

Dear professor Sraffa

Thank you very much for your kind letter of Feb.2, asking me to stop over in Cambridge. Please excuse me for not having answered it before.

I shall be very glad indeed to avail myself of this opportunity of meeting you again and seeing some of the other Cambridge men. Besides yourself I am particularly anxious to meet Keynes. Do you think that he will be available either on Monday March 12, or Tuesday March 13?

I am planning to arrive in Cambridge sometime around 3 or 4 P.M. on Monday, staying one (or - if I can manage it - two) nights. Besides seeing Keynes I want to discuss the matters of the Econometric Society with younger group in Cambridge. Do you think that Kahn, Joan Robinson, Gifford, Collin Clark and others will be around these days? Please drop me a word about this at the above address.

With best personal regards
Sincerely yours

Piero Sraffa 07.03.1934

I am delighted to hear that you can come – the time you have chosen is very suitable as you will find here all the people you wish to meet. Please let me know by which train you are coming on Monday that I may meet you at the station; but if by any accident we missed one another, if you will mention my name to the porter of King's he will direct you to your room in College

I am asking some people to meet you at tea on Monday. Afterwards I hope you will dine with me in Hall at King's, & meet there Keynes & Pigou. In the evening there will be a meeting of the Pol.Ec.Club in Keynes's rooms, where Austin Robinson will read a paper in Increasing Returns. By that time you will have met all the Cambridge economists & we shall have made arrangements for the following days.

With best regards
Yours very sincerely
Piero Sraffa
P.S. We do not wear evening dress.

Ragnar Frisch 09.03.1934

Thank you for yours of March 7. It is all too kind of you that you will take the trouble of meeting me at the station. Please don't bother about this if you have anything at all to do in the afternoon, I am sure I shall be able to find my way about. If nothing unexpected happens I shall arrive in Cambridge at 3.22 P.M. on Monday March 12. I am very glad indeed that the people you mentioned will be in Cambridge on that day. It is very kind of you to ask me to dine with you on Monday, and I am indeed pleased to accept it.

Do you think there will be a chance to meet professor Hardy, the mathematician? And Vischart?

Ragnar Frisch 16.03.1934

My dear professor Sraffa:

I am leaving the country tomorrow morning and wish to say you an "au revoir", with many thanks for all your kindness during my stay in Cambridge; and for the interesting conversation we had.

I wish you the very best of luck in the completion of your present work: the editing of Ricardo.

Best personal regards
Sincerely yours

Piero Sraffa 04.03.1935

I thank you very much indeed for the gift of your new book. I look forward to read it with much interest during the Easter vacation.

With kindest regards

Piero Sraffa 23.02.1938

Thank you for your letter of the 18th inst.

Shortly after I received it Mr. Keynes showed me a black-list which is being circulated by Mr. Cowles 3rd, and which includes my name.

I am therefore glad of the opportunity offered by your letter for hereby resigning membership of the Econometric Society.

I assume that the Treasurer will refund my subscription for the year 1938 which I sent to him on the 4th inst.

With best regards

Yours sincerely P. Sraffa

Vinderen 18. 2. 1938

Oslo, Norway

Professor Piero Sraffa

Cambridge, England

The Treasurer of the Econometric Society has asked me to check whether you have correctly received the Journal *Econometrica* for the last years. He would also like to know whether you wish to maintain your status as a member of the society.

I understand that you some time ago accepted election as a member, and I sincerely hope you want to continue.

At any rate it would be much appreciated if you would drop either him or me a word telling whether *Econometrica* has been duly received, and whether you desire to remain in membership.

With all best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Ragnar Frisch

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King's College

Cambridge

22.2.38

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Remark: in the membership lists published by *Econometrica*,
the name Sraffa is included until the early 1960s

Note that letter C/101-1 (22 February 1938) is chronologically later than C/101-2 (18 February 1938)