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Collection Summary
Collection Title: Gerard Debreu papers
Date (inclusive): 1949-2001
Collection Number: BANC MSS 2006/218
Creators: Debreu, Gerard
Extent: Number of containers: 1 box, 23 cartons Linear feet: 29
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Abstract: The Gerard Debreu papers, 1949-2001, consist of correspondence; professional activities, which include research notes, writing and editorial work, visiting scholar appointments, and speeches; organizational files; course notes; a small amount of papers pertaining to Debreu winning the Nobel Prize; and Debreu reprints.

Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English and French

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There are no alternate forms of this collection.

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Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Debreu, Gerard--Archives
University of California, Berkeley. Dept. of Economics
National Academy of Sciences (U.S.). Committee on Human Rights
Nobel Prize winners--United States
Economics, Mathematical
Faculty papers

Acquisition Information
The Gerard Debreu Papers were given to The Bancroft Library by Francoise Debreu on September 26, 2006.

Accruals
No additions are expected.

System of Arrangement
Arranged to the container level.

Processing Information
Processed by the Bancroft Library staff in 2007.

Biographical Information
Gerard Debreu was born in Calais, France on July 4, 1921. As a young man he pursued studies in mathematics until 1944, when after D-day he enlisted in the French army. After briefly serving in the French occupational forces in Germany he resumed his studies and shifted his focus to Economics.

In 1948 Debreu came to the United States on a Rockefeller Scholarship. In 1950 he began working at the Cowles Commission for Research in Economics at the University of Chicago. He moved to Yale University from 1955 to 1959, then Stanford University's Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in 1960 and 1961. Early in 1962 he became a member of Berkeley's Economics faculty, and his Nobel Prize of 1983 was the first of a string of four Nobel Prizes won by Berkeley Economics professors. He retired in 1991, but he continued his teaching and research activities for several years.

Debreu became an American citizen in 1975. He was also noted for his interest in human rights. He joined a fact-finding mission to Chile on behalf of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Human Rights, which focused on scientists believed to be unlawfully detained, in 1985.

Debreu passed away in Paris on December 31, 2004

Scope and Content of Collection
The Gerard Debreu papers, 1949-2001, consist of correspondence; professional activities, which include research notes, writing and editorial work, visiting scholar appointments, and speeches; organizational files; course notes; a small amount of papers pertaining to Debreu winning the Nobel Prize; and Debreu reprints.

Most of the correspondence is professional in nature, concerning Debreu's teaching, writing and research activities. Topic-related correspondence is also interfiled throughout the rest of the collection. Professional activities primarily focus on Debreu's non-teaching work. The organizational files contain information on the organizations to which Debreu belonged, committee details, correspondence, and meeting minutes. Of note in this series are Debreu's membership in the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Human Rights. The Nobel Prize-related papers include some correspondence and photographs.

Series 1 Correspondence 1952-2001

Physical Description: Cartons 1-6

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by last name, followed by miscellaneous correspondence.

Scope and Content Note
Primarily professional correspondence, a significant amount of which is in French.

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**Series 2 Professional Activities 1952-2000**

Physical Description: Cartons 7-14 and Box 1

Arrangement

Arranged as received.

Scope and Content Note

Contains research notes, subject files, including correspondence regarding writing and editing duties, visiting scholar programs, grants, seminars, writings, and speeches.

- **Carton 7, Folder 1-86**
  - Research notes, Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, Statistiques, et Economic Mathématiques (CERMSEM), and Oiko Nomaia project 1952-2000, undated
  - Computer printouts and notes for Simsim project (disassembled volumes) undated
  - Research notes, grants, and correspondence 1962-1985, undated

- **Box 1, Folder 1-7**
  - Writings, lecture notes, research notes, and correspondence 1954-1993

- **Carton 8, Folder 1-52**
  - Research notes, writings, symposium materials, and correspondence 1952-1994

- **Carton 9, Folder 1-50**
  - Writings, grants, research notes, and seminar materials 1973-1994

- **Carton 10, Folder 1-53**
  - University Professorship, Visiting Professorships, seminars, conferences, and invitations 1984-1993
  - Conferences, writings, speeches 1983-1994

- **Carton 11, Folder 1-69**
  - Speeches and writings 1972-1994

- **Carton 12, Folder 1-76**
  - Speeches and writings 1972-1994

- **Carton 13, Folder 1-69**
  - Speeches and writings 1972-1994

- **Carton 14, Folder 1-41**
  - Speeches and writings 1972-1994

**Series 3 Organizational Files 1977-1994**

Physical Description: Cartons 14-21

Arrangement

Arranged as received.

Scope and Content Note

Contains files concerning Debreu's involvement primarily with the American Economic Association, Berkeley Mathematical Society Research Institute, the National Science Foundation and the National Academy of Sciences.

- **Carton 14, Folder 42**
  - American Association for the Advancement of Science 1984-1994

- **Carton 14, Folder 43-46**
  - American Academy of Arts and Sciences 1986-1993

- **Carton 14, Folder 47-61**
  - American Economic Association 1984-1990

- **Carton 15, Folder 1-43**
  - American Economic Association 1988-1993

- **Carton 16, Folder 1-42**
American Philosophical Society 1984-1993
Association Alsace 1991
Committee of Concerned Scientists 1986-1991
Berkeley Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI) 1983-1987
National Science Foundation 1985-1991
National Academy of Sciences 1984-1994
National Academy of Sciences 1977-1994
National Academy of Sciences 1982-1994

Series 4 Course and lecture notes 1954-1995
Physical Description: Carton 22
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.
Scope and Content Note
Contains course notes, problem sets, lectures, and miscellaneous papers pertaining to classes taught by Debreu.

Course and lecture notes 1954-1995
Carton 22, Folder 1-85

Series 5 Nobel Prize-related papers 1983-1992
Physical Description: Carton 23
Arrangement
Arranged as received.
Scope and Content Note
Contains correspondence, biographical materials, photographs, and speeches.

Nobel-related materials 1983-1992
Carton 23, Folder 1-49

Series 6 Reprints 1949-2000, undated
Physical Description: Carton 23
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.
Scope and Content Note
Reprints of Debreu articles.

Reprints 1949-2000, undated
Carton 23, Folder 50-81