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#### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Leo Kuper Papers,

**Date (inclusive):** 1951-1993

**Collection number:** 1550

**Creator:** Kuper, Leo

**Extent:** 51 boxes (25.5 linear ft.)

**Repository:** University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Department of Special Collections.  
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**Abstract:** Leo Kuper (1908-1994) was a faculty member in UCLA Department of Sociology (1961-77), director of the UCLA African Studies Center (1968-1972) and published many articles and books. The collection consists of research materials, manuscripts, books, other printed materials, audio tapes, videotapes, and microfilm compiled by UCLA Sociology Professor Leo Kuper.

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#### **Biography**

Kuper was born in 1908 in Johannesburg, South Africa; he practiced law there, defending human rights victims and representing integrated trade unions; served as an intelligence officer in World War II; studied sociology at the University of North Carolina and at Birmingham University in England; chairman of Department of Sociology and dean of the faculty of social sciences at the University of Natal in South Africa; faculty member in UCLA Department of Sociology (1961-77); director of the UCLA African Studies Center from 1968 to 1972; published articles and books include: *Passive Resistance in South Africa* (1957), *Durban: A Study in Racial Ecology* (1958), *An African Bourgeoisie* (1965), *The Pity of it All: Polarization of Racial and Ethnic Relations* (1977), *Genocide: Its Political Use in the Twentieth Century* (1981), and *The Prevention of Genocide* (1985); established International Alert in 1985 with Lord Michael Young in London and Los Angeles; he died on May 23, 1994.

#### **Scope and Content**

Collection consists of research materials, manuscripts, books, other printed materials, audio tapes, videotapes, and microfilm compiled by UCLA Sociology Professor Leo Kuper. Includes material documenting his research on Durban, R.S.A., and on genocide. Documents his service to organizations related to human rights, political prisoners and genocide, and contains files for the organization, International Alert, and files illustrating his work with curriculum planning for the California schools system.

#### **Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.  
Kuper, Leo--Archives.

University of California, Los Angeles. Dept. of Sociology--Faculty--Archives.

International Alert (Organization).

Sociologists--Archival resources.

Human rights workers--California--Los Angeles--Archival resources.

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### **Research Material**

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#### **Historical Growth of Durban**

Box 1, Folder 1  
Box 1, Folder 2  
Box 1, Folder 3  
Box 1, Folder 4  
Box 1, Folder 5  
Box 1, Folder 6  
Box 1, Folder 7  
Box 1, Folder 8

#### **List of consolidated areas.**

#### **Group areas--1950.**

#### **Population census, 1951.**

#### **Index of contents of all files containing raw census data. [Empty].**

#### **Racial distribution--Durban population in charts and graphs.**

#### **Percentage calculations--racial distribution.**

#### **Data: areas of census enumerators districts (and our charts and graphs).**

#### **Originals of checked data for ecology study.**

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Box 1, Folder 9	<b>Cores (?) of checked data.</b>
Box 1, Folder 10	<b>Text.</b>
Box 1, Folder 11	<b>Raw, unused data.</b>
Box 1, Folder 12	<b>Used data, i.e. recast.</b>

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#### Interviews: City Council

Box 1, Folder 13	<b>Interviews with city council departments.</b>
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#### Bureau of Census

Box 1, Folder 14	<b>Correspondence with census.</b>
Box 1, Folder 15	<b>Research fellow appointment.</b>
Box 1, Folder 16	<b>Information requested from census, June 1954.</b>

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#### Calculations, 1951 Census

Box 1, Folder 17	<b>Calculations concerning religion.</b>
Box 1, Folder 18	<b>Income and home language.</b>
Box 1, Folder 19	<b>1951 census: code list for occupations, employment, industry, etc.</b>

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#### Planning, Project Design, Meetings

Box 1, Folder 20	<b>Project design.</b>
Box 1, Folder 21	<b>Research meetings and project design.</b>
Box 2, Folder 1	<b>Group areas, clippings for Leo.</b>

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#### Durban

Box 2, Folder 6	<b>Spare copies of meeting reports, etc.</b>
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#### Ecology of Durban

##### Note

Charts of census data--1951--and maps [oversize]. Stored in Map Room.

Box 2, Folder 8	<b>First calculation, mean &amp; per capita incomes--natives. Revised in text.</b>
Box 2, Folder 9	<b>Index of maps in cabinet.</b>
Box 2, Folder 10	<b>Ecology of Durban.</b>
Box 2, Folder 11	<b>Calculations involving home language.</b>
Box 2, Folder 12	<b>Calculations for ecology chapters.</b>
Box 3, Folder 1	<b>Boundaries of the 36 consolidated areas...anticlockwise.</b>
Box 3, Folder 2	<b>Calculation of ratios, ecological distribution within race variations.</b>
Box 3, Folder 3	<b>Ages, calculations involving.</b>
Box 3, Folder 4	<b>Indians and Europeans income: relocated.</b>
Box 3, Folder 6	<b>Calculations concerning status and employment.</b>
Box 3, Folder 7	<b>Calculations concerning birthplace.</b>
Box 3, Folder 8	<b>Calculations concerning nationality.</b>
Box 3, Folder 9	<b>Income and religion.</b>
Box 3, Folder 10	<b>Characteristics of the total racial groups.</b>
Box 3, Folder 12	<b>Rough used data for demographic section.</b>
Box 3, Folder 13	<b>Calculations concerning industry.</b>
Box 3, Folder 14	<b>Group areas 1957.</b>
Box 3, Folder 15	<b>Revised census figures, racial distribution and preliminary Native census figures... [Empty].</b>
Box 3, Folder 16	<b>Charts and graphs for Ecology of Durban.</b>

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Box 3, Folder 17	<b>Miscellaneous.</b>
Box 3, Folder 18	<b>Land tenure.</b>
Box 4, Folder 3	<b>National council for social research.</b>
Box 4, Folder 4	<b>Institute of family and community health.</b>
Box 4, Folder 5	<b>Lecturer's association on academic segregation.</b>
Box 4, Folder 8	<b>Conference proceedings, conference of South Africa Indian congress.</b>

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**Other Research Material**

Box 5	<b>Research materials, mostly photocopies, some manuscripts, on self-determination.</b>
Box 6	<b>Files: International Alert [against genocide and mass killing]. 1980s.</b>
Box 7	<b>Files: International Alert, genocide, some material grouped by chapter for a book [?].</b>
Box 8	<b>Files: Genocide, model curriculum for California Public Schools, Amnesty International, Global Alert, Grants, Accounts.</b>
Box 9	<b>Files: Model curriculum, Amnesty International, Global Alert, refugees and genocide, 1980 Social Survey, printed items.</b>
Box 10	<b>Files: Refugees and genocide, 1980 Social Survey, printed material.</b>
Box 11	<b>Research materials on genocide listed by country (A-H).</b>
Box 12	<b>Research materials on genocide listed by country (A-H).</b>
Box 13	<b>Research materials on genocide listed by country (A-H).</b>
Box 14	<b>Research materials on genocide listed by country (A-H). Research material for book on genocide.</b>
Box 15	<b>Research material on genocide listed by country (A-H)..</b>
Box 16	<b>Research material for book on genocide. Research materials on Ireland.</b>
Box 17	<b>Research materials on Ireland.</b>
Box 18	<b>Printed and near print materials re human rights and genocide.</b>
Box 19	<b>Card indices to sources.</b>
Box 20	<b>Typed manuscripts by others that Leo Kuper.</b>
Box 21	<b>Audio tapes, videotapes, and microfilm.</b>
Box 22	<b>Printed and near print materials, mostly on human rights and genocide.</b>
Box 23	<b>Research files for book on genocide. Includes notebooks and notes of Leo Kuper.</b>
Box 24	<b>Files: various, including genocide, American blacks and printed and manuscript material.</b>
Box 25	<b>Printed and near print material on Ireland, South Africa, and slavery.</b>
Box 26	<b>Printed and near print material on nuclearism.</b>
Box 27	<b>Files: various, including printed and manuscript material, and some writings by Leo Kuper.</b>
Box 28	<b>International Alert.</b>
Box 29	<b>Files: printed and manuscript material, including International Alert, American blacks and peace research.</b>
Box 30	<b>Various printed and manuscript material, including Africa and South Africa.</b>
Box 31	<b>Various printed and manuscript materials, including genocide and California.</b>
Box 32	<b>Uganda, discrimination.</b>
Box 33	<b>Card index, manuscripts on genocide.</b>
Box 34	<b>Rwanda, Zanzibar, photocopies of various articles.</b>
Box 35	<b>African conflicts, Afro-American movements, Zanzibar.</b>
Box 36	<b>Files: CV, Armenia, Burundi, Genocide, East Timor, Romania, Gypsies.</b>
Box 37	<b>Files: Israel, Sri Lanka, Tibet, Uganda, Ukraine, Horn of Africa, Genocide.</b>
Box 38	<b>Files: Genocide, Lemkin papers, Religion.</b>
Box 39	<b>Genocide, Course material.</b>
Box 40	<b>Genocide: articles and papers.</b>
Box 41	<b>Papers.</b>
Box 42	<b>Notebooks, cassette tapes, reel to reel tapes, video tapes, 3 x 5 index cards.</b>
Box 43	<b>Refugees, Hilda.</b>
Box 44	<b>Theology.</b>
Boxes 45-46	<b>Articles and publications.</b>

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Box 47                    **5 maps of Durban, South Africa. 5 1951 U.S. Census sheets.**  
Box 48                    **Genocide.**  
Box 49                    **Rwanda, religious movements, race, student revolts, class analysis,  
pluralism--photocopies of articles.**  
Box 50                    **Algeria, Rwanda--photocopies of articles.**  
**Manuscripts**

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**Durban**

Box 2, Folder 2            **Manuscript material.**  
Box 2, Folder 3            **Group areas article.**  
Box 2, Folder 4            **Educational statistics, Durban, 1951.**  
Box 2, Folder 5            **Group areas article.**  
Box 4, Folder 1            **Ethnography.**

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***Ecology of Durban***

Box 3, Folder 5            **Ecology--first draft.**  
Box 3, Folder 11          **Manuscript notes, original tables.**

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**By Others**

Box 4, Folder 7            **Magubane, B., *Sports and Politics in an urban African Community*. Master's thesis.**

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**Manuscripts, Correspondence, Clippings**

Box 4, Folder 2            **Group areas.**  
**Reviews**

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***Ecology of Durban***

Box 4, Folder 6            **Reviews, publicity.**

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