

Preface

This book is divided into four interrelated parts. Part I provides an overview of the State of Pakistan's Economy and highlights some of the critical issues that can form a new planning perspective for the future, in Part II there is an examination of the nature of technical change and the institutional requirements of establishing a dynamic relationship between science research, technology and economic development. Included in this part is an analysis of economic and social consequences of technical change in agriculture and ends with a new argument for land reforms. Part III presents the results of the author's research on the potential for labour absorption in agriculture and existing trends of labour demand generated by the changes in agrarian structure. The discussion ends with a chapter on the impact of international migration of labour on Pakistan's domestic labour market. The analysis in part III focuses on some of the major policy issues involved in increasing the employment generation capability of the economy. Finally, Part IV brings together the historical, political and economic issues underlying the present crisis of State and Civil Society in Pakistan.