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Descriptive Summary

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains the papers of Diana Lee-Smith, British architect and planner living in Nairobi, Kenya. Projects focus on housing and shelter concerns in Africa. This collection consists of a number of papers, publications, books and magazines that were written or edited by Lee-Smith.

Creator

Lee-Smith, Diana, b.1940

Extent

0.4 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

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Biographical Note

Diana Lee-Smith is British architect and planner living in Nairobi, Kenya. Born in Reading, England (1940), she received her diploma of the Architectural Association, London, UK in 1964. She has had numerous academic appointments around the world including Kenya, the United States, and Canada. She holds a doctorate in Architecture and Development Studies and has written extensively on urban poverty, gender, development, and environmental issues.

Lee-Smith was one of the founders of the Mazingira Institute, an independent research and development NGO, an institution that carried out the first survey of urban agriculture in Kenya (1985). She has served as a consultant on a number of projects focusing on African housing and shelter concerns.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of Mazingira Institute publications edited by Lee-Smith including: public health magazines for children, SINA (Settlements Information Network Africa) Newsletters, a curriculum vitae, and articles and speeches by and about Lee-Smith.

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- Community Participation in Human Settlements (1983)
- Zimbabwe National Workshop on Construction and Housing Cooperatives (1987)

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Institution Development for Delivery of Low-Income Housing: An evaluation of Dandora Community Development Project in Nairobi

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HIC Women and Shelter Network Newsletter

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Book: Environment and Urbanization, vol. 3, no.2 [has a profile on HIC Women in Shelter Network]

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