

NewsNotes November 2003

ECAAR NEWS

* Please accept our apologies if you have been receiving double NewsNotes, or none at all, for the last couple of months. It seems our ISP has instituted a new anti-spam routine that precludes bulk emailing. We are in the process of converting to a new software system that will take care of the problem, but it won't be up for several weeks. In the meanwhile, we are trying to work around the problem and greatly appreciate your patience.

*We invite you to join us at the ASSA/AEA meetings in San Diego for the following ECAAR events. We will also have an informational table somewhere in the lobby of the convention center, so please stop by, bring a friend and say hello.

- 15th Anniversary Dinner Honoring Ken Arrow, Sunday, Jan. 4th. Reception at 7:00 PM, dinner at 7:30, Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel, Regency Room D & E.

Lawrence Klein will be the main speaker. Thanks to generous sponsorship

from Elsevier Publishing, we are able to offer tickets at below cost this year. For ECAAR members who register before December 19th, a dinner ticket is \$50. For those registering after December 19th, and for non-members, a ticket is \$75. If you are not a member, you can join and register for the dinner at the member rate at the same time.

 Panel Session 1, Sunday, Jan. 4th, 10:15AM. International Peacemaking and Peacekeeping Manchester Grand Hyatt, Maggie Room.

Presiding: JURGEN BRAUER, Augusta State University Presenters: JURGEN BRAUER, Augusta State University--The Production of Peace

 LLOYD J. DUMAS, University of Texas-Dallas--The Ultimate Substitution

Effect: Can Economic Incentives Displace Military Force in Keeping the Peace?

- WAYNE NAFZIGER, Kansas State University--Kansas State University--Peacemaking as Preventing War Before It Starts: Economic Development, Inequality, and Humanitarian Emergencies
- Panel Session 2, Monday, Jan. 5th, 10:15AM. Real Homeland Security Manchester Grand Hyatt, Room Betsy C
 Presiding: MICHAEL D. INTRILIGATOR, University of California-Los Angeles

Presenters: CINDY WILLIAMS, Massachusetts Institute of

Technology--Paying for the War on

Terrorism: U.S. Security Choices Since 9/11

- CLARK ABT, Abt Associates--Economic Impacts of Bio and Nuclear Terrorist Attacks
- MASAHIRO KAWAI, University of Tokyo--Economic Integration,
 Peace and Security in East Asia
- TODD SANDLER, University of Southern California, and DANIEL G.
 ARCE, Rhodes College--Terrorism and Game Theory

-Annual Membership Meeting, Sunday, Jan. 4th, 5:30 - 6:30PM, Manchester Grand Hyatt, Maggie Room. The agenda will include a report on 2003 activities and poster sessions/papers by members: "Can Economics Predict The Next Global War," Carl Lundgren and

James Lynch; "Applications of Economics Analysis to Issues of War and Peace," Ron Friesen

- * ECAAR-Germany, our newest affiliate, has launched an impressive new website. The site includes information on the mission and activities of ECAAR-Germany, as well as links to several organizations which are doing similar work in Germany, Europe and beyond. http://www.bicc.de/ecaar/
- * Our website http://www.ecaar.org/ is updated frequently. We invite you to visit often. This month's new features include the following article: -James K. Galbraith writes on "War and the Economy Don't Wear Well" in Newsday.

http://www.axisoflogic.com/artman/publish/printer 3028.shtml

- ECAAR trustee, Amartya Sen in a keynote address at the 15th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers in Edinburgh, Scotland, said "widening the coverage and effectiveness of basic education can have a powerfully preventive role in reducing human insecurity of any kind." Dr. Sen spoke on making the world more secure as well as fairer through education, and cautioned against categorizing people only by their religion. http://allafrica.com/stories/200310290585.html

-Lawrence Klein participated in the 2003 China Economic Growth Forum, in Suzhou in East China's Jiangsu Province, sponsored by China's National Bureau of Statistics. Dr. Klein said China's economy would continue to grow strongly in the next 20 years, though there might be some slowing of the pace, and that China had already realized the importance of co-ordinating and balancing quality with the quantity of economic growth. http://www1.chinadaily.com.cn/en/doc/2003-

11/10/content 280012.htm

- * Also on the subject of China, Joseph Stiglitz writes, in an article originally published in the Guardian, about "First Japan, Now China is the Culprit. In Reality, the US Has Only Itself to Blame for its Swelling Trade Deficit" http://www.commondreams.org/views03/1015-09.htm
- *On October 22, Robert S. McNamara, member of ECAAR's Board of Trustees, appeared at the John F. Kennedy Library Museum, along with Theodore Sorenson, who served with Secretary McNamara in the Kennedy administration. They discussed the Kennedy era, comparing the Bay of Pigs and Vietnam to current challenges facing the US. Secretary McNamara also used the opportunity to state his position on nuclear weapons, stating, "We must recognize the danger to the world of proliferation of nuclear weapons. And the only way to deal with it is through diplomacy. Now, it's going to require some very, very tough decisions by the U.S. to be successful in that diplomacy. But you can't do it by preemptive military action. And I absolutely guarantee that." Read the entire interview at http://www.boston.com/jfk/transcript10 22.shtml

LINKS

*Professionals in medicine and journalism, among others, have volunteered to take on the responsibilities of working with people in many countries to help them solve, in the most disinterested way possible, the many problems they face. These problems were created by colonialism and capitalism, and aggravated by globalization. Sociologists Without Borders was founded as part of this new secular global volunteer system, dedicated to working in

solidarity with oppressed peoples. Sociologists without borders supports the right to "peaceful meddling," and opposes States' practices and programs that advance their own sovereignty but diminish peoples' human rights. Sociologists without borders was founded in Madrid in June 2001, as an alliance of professionals and students committed to transnational solidarity, and it has members in ten countries. http://www.sociologistswithoutborders.org/

*Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) works extensively in the disarmament field. One of their services is the Nuclear Calendar. A weekly email update is available on events relating to US nuclear policy and issues. For instance, this week Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld visits South Korea; there is an event at the American Enterprise Institute on "The IAEA Reports: Does Iran Have a Nuclear Weapons Program?"; the Senate is scheduled to vote on the nomination of Jackie Sanders to be the Representative to the Conference on Disarmament; and the House will vote on the energy and water appropriations bill, H.R. 2754, which includes the Energy Department's nuclear weapons budget. http://www.fcnl.org/NuclearCalendar/index.htm

IN OTHER NEWS

*Courses offered in Peace and Conflict Studies at the European University Center for Peace Studies, Stadschlaining, Austria, from February 29th through May 21st, 2004. Join 40 participants from around the world in an intensive 3-month course in peace and conflict studies, taught by leading specialists in their field, including Johan Galtung, founder of the field of peace research, and ECAAR Board member Dietrich Fischer. The Program, established in 1991, received the 1995 UNESCO Prize for Peace Education. Topics include: Introduction to Peace Studies, Peace Culture, Peace Education, Nonviolent Communication, Peace and the Media, Reconciliation after Violence, Peacebuilding and Development, Peaceful Conflict Transformation, and Deep Culture. Those who complete one semester obtain an advanced certificate. You can also extend your studies for another 3 months and obtain a Master of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies.

WHO SHOULD APPLY: Students from any discipline interested in peace and conflict resolution, young diplomats, government officials, NGO members, teachers, journalists, lawyers, social workers, psychologists, officers, and anyone interested in solving conflicts by peaceful means. A first university degree or some professional experience is required. APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING TERM: November 30, 2003

For more information or to apply see http://www.aspr.ac.at/, then click on "European University Center for Peace Studies" on the left or contact Anita Flasch at epu@epu.ac.at, Tel +43-3355-2498-515.

*Christian Aid recently released a report that shows that oil equals poverty for most of the inhabitants of countries with large reserves. "This report shows that for many developing countries, oil reserves are more likely to prove a curse than a blessing. New research from Christian Aid - along with important studies from some of the world's leading development specialists, and research by both the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund - indicates that poor countries dependent on oil revenues have a higher incidence of four great and interconnected ills. Oil, in these conditions, becomes the key ingredient in a 'lethal cocktail' of: • greater poverty for the vast majority of the population • increased corruption • a greater likelihood of war or civil strife • dictatorial or unrepresentative government."

http://www.christianaid.org.uk/indepth/0305cawreport/fuellingpoverty.htm

*UNICEF recently announced its Back-to-School campaign in Liberia. The campaign expects to help hundreds of thousands of children; thousands of them will be attending school for the first time in their lives. "This is a brave campaign, launched at a fragile time in the peace process," said UNICEF Executive Director Carol Bellamy. "It's a courageous step, agreed to by the peace signatories, and a significant seal on the peace agreement. It's absolutely right that the first dividends of peace should be paid to Liberia's children, who have endured so much for so long and who hold the future of Liberia in their hands." http://www.unicef.org/media/media_15412.html

*Murder, abduction and human rights violations of social activists in Colombia is not uncommon. Thousands of people are assassinated and disappeared every year by paramilitary groups, with the support of the Colombian armed forces. Yet the US Senate recently passed the Foreign Operations Appropriations bill which allocates more than \$550 million to Colombia. While the Senate Foreign Relations Committee did sponsor an October 29 hearing, in which Senator Feingold and others expressed concerns about human rights violations, the aid package passed without major debate. Lack of deliberation over foreign aid to Colombia, one of the largest recipients of US material support, is not a new phenomenon—the Senate has not discussed Colombia policy since Senator Bob Graham offered an amendment to increase aid in 2001. Of the \$2.44 billion the United States gave to Colombia between 2000 and 2003, 80.5 percent has gone to Colombia's military and police.

http://www.thenation.com/doc.mhtml?i=20031124&s=englander

*Recently at the International Conference on Sustainable Development and Quality of Life Indicators, in Sao Paolo, Brazil, participants worked to develop and disseminate "triple bottom line" indicators for governments and businesses that would put environmental and social factors on equal footing with purely economic growth measures, what the Dutch former banker Sander Tideman called a measure of Gross National Happiness. "If GDP is taken as an accurate measurement of progress, it would be a good thing for a jumbo jet to crash every day," said Roberto Guimarães, an economist with the United Nation's Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. "There would be business for coffin builders and all that activity in the insurance business." Futurist and author Dr. Hazel Henderson added, "we must account properly for all these social and environmental costs. The cost of cleaning up environmental disasters is added to GDP, not subtracted as a cost. We're fooling ourselves." Read more about it at http://www.oneworld.net/article/view/71986/1/

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

*Carnegie Endowment for Peace offers Junior Fellowships. Carnegie Junior Fellows work as research assistants to the Endowment's senior associates, providing assistance to associates working on projects such as nonproliferation, democracy building, international economics, migration, and Russian/Eurasian issues.

Applicants must be graduating seniors or students who have graduated during the last academic year. Applications will not be accepted directly from students; instead, applications must be submitted through participating universities via designated nominating officials. Colleges generally set an earlier application deadline than the Endowment's own January 15 deadline. Potential

applicants should speak to their career services/placement office to learn more about the application process. For more information see http://www.ceip.org/ or contact Lynne Sport Tel: (202) 483-7600. E-mail: jrfellowinfo@ceip.org

*The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation has several scholarship award programs including its Innovation Fund, which will provide one-time grants to spark the creation or expansion of innovative programs or organizations that serve high-achieving students with financial need; its Graduate Scholarship Program, which offers students and recent alumni from any accredited college or university in the US the opportunity to compete for some of the largest graduate scholarships in the country; and its Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Program, which offers students and recent alumni from any accredited community or two-year college in US the opportunity to receive funding to earn a bachelor's degree.

http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org/jkcf_web/home.aspx? Page=Main

*The Talbots Women's Scholarship Fund awards \$100,000 annually in scholarships to women seeking a bachelor's degree later in life. All applicants must be seeking an undergraduate degree from an accredited two- or four-year college or university, or vocational-technical school, and have been out of high school at least ten years. http://www.talbots.com/about/scholar/scholar.asp

*The Development Gateway Foundation invites you to submit nominations for the Petersberg Prize (Euro 100,000) which recognizes an individual or organization that has used Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) to advance development and improve people's lives in developing countries. For more information, contact Connie Eysenck, ceysenck@worldbank.org or visit http://uww.dgfoundation.org/prize

ECAAR PUBLICATIONS

* The ECAAR Review 2003. This year's edition is titled, "Conflict or Development?" and has a regional focus on Africa, the site of most of the world's current armed conflicts. In its pages some of the leading economists of the day analyze and reflect on the relationships among military spending, domestic and foreign policy, security, and human welfare. Features include country studies and sections on business and conflict and "Trends in World Military Expenditure." Written in clear English, with informative maps, tables, and graphs, the series is designed to inform the debate among policymakers, activists, journalists, academics, students, and citizens worldwide.

*You can order the Review at http://www.ecaar.org/Review_files/order.htm

*We believe the Review can be a valuable teaching tool in economics, political science, and international relations courses. If you are interested in teaching this book, please contact Kate Cell (Katecell@ecaar.org)for a copy to review.

* "The Full Cost of Ballistic Missile Defense." The study estimates that the total life-cycle cost for a layered missile defense system could reach \$1.2 trillion through 2035. *You can order a copy of the report from the co-sponsor of the study

http://www.armscontrolcenter.org/nmd/fullcost.html, or download the PDF file from http://www.ecaar.org/index.htm.

ACTION CORNER

*The Senate is set to vote this week on a new Energy bill, which in addition to including a whole host of "provisions that are harmful to public health and the environment, public lands and coastal areas, consumers and taxpayers, and energy and national security" (see http://www.moveon.org/energy-woes.pdf for a full list), also includes appropriations to the Department of Energy for nuclear weapons and sets up future opportunities for nuclear proliferation by creating a national stockpile of enriched uranium, and by reversing long-standing policies preventing nuclear reprocessing. Please call your Senators and let them know if you disapprove of this bill. You can find contact information for your Senators at http://www.sentate.gov/. Read the proposed bill at

http://energy.senate.gov/legislation/energybill2003/energybill2003.cfm

*ControlArms.com, a new collaboration between Oxfam, Amnesty International and the International Action network on Small Arms (IANSA), offers a new way to "face up to the arms crisis." Their "Million Faces Petition" is demanding a Global Arms Trade Treaty. Signers are asked to upload a photo or self-portrait of themselves to help "demonstrate to governments that we need effective and urgent action to control the arms trade crisis."

http://www.controlarms.org/act_now/index.htm

*Anyone who would be willing to put an ECAAR flyer up on a departmental bulletin board or similar venue, please contact Thea Harvey, Development Manager at theaharvey@ecaar.org.

We would like News Notes to be a way for ECAAR members and our community to keep in touch. We will include, if you send them to us, notices on events and publications that you are involved with.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Thursday, November 20th, 2003, 6:00-7:30 PM The World Policy Institute at New School University, New York, NY, presents its Fall 2003 Lecture Series "The \$500 Billion Question: Can the Pentagon Budget Be Contained?" a panel discussion with Cindy Williams, Principal Research Scientist, Security Studies Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and David Gold, Professor of Economics, Graduate Program in International Affairs, New School University, moderated by William Hartung, Senior Fellow, The World Policy Institute. This event will also be webcast live. For more information see http://www.worldpolicy.org/calendar/03nov20.html. To register phone 212-229-5808 ext. 101 or Email:

*January 2-5, 2004. Please see above for a complete listing of ECAAR events at the ASSA/AEA meetings in San Diego, California.

*January 8-10,2004. An International Conference on Conflict, Peace and Development in South Asia will be held at Colombo, Sri Lanka. The focus of the meeting will be on political, ethnic, religious and regional conflicts within and between countries in South Asia. Theoretical papers related to Peace Economics and Peace Science, environmental, resource and conflicting issues in health care, and development in general are also welcome. For details and registration contact Professor Manas Chatterji, Binghamton University, tel: 607-777-2475,

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