



NEWS NOTES

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News Notes is a monthly email update of goings-on at ECAAR. In it you will find information on current projects, announcements of upcoming events and publications, and an action corner. We would like to include information on what our members are doing. If you would like to submit information about an event or publication that you are involved with, please send an email to theaharvey@ecaar.org. (The fine print - we reserve the right to edit submissions for space or content.)

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ECAAR NEWS

* The Washington, DC-based Center for Arms Control and Non-proliferation, who partnered with ECAAR to produce the "*Full Costs of Ballistic Missile Defense*," continues to use the information found in the study to plead for sanity. On March 26th, during a press conference unveiling "**An Open Letter to President Bush**," the Center criticized the deployment of "a system that doesn't work to protect us against a threat that is very unlikely." The complete missile defense system -- the first stages of which are to be deployed this year - will cost the American taxpayer upwards of \$10.2 billion during Fiscal Year 2005, and could cost as much as \$1.2 trillion by 2035. The "Open Letter" is signed by nearly fifty retired senior military officers, including former Joint Chiefs Chairman Admiral William Crowe, Air Force General Alfred Hansen and Marine Corps General Joseph Hoar.

"We're asking the Pentagon to follow its own well-established policy: thoroughly testing a system before it is deployed to ensure that it works. The truth is, there as yet are not even plans for operational testing," retired Lt. General Robert C. Gard, Jr., who serves as the Center's senior military fellow, observed. The Center's Senior Associate for Policy, John Isaacs, noted that the system "hasn't really undergone any realistic testing in realistic conditions" and that the money proposed for its deployment could be better spent by ensuring that the system's technology works before the administration claims success. "If some of the technological obstacles can be overcome prior to deployment the American people will be better served," Isaacs said. "Right now it looks as if the Bush administration is deploying this system simply to say that they have done it. They're saying that the American people are protected. Well, they're not." Read the press release and the letter to President Bush at http://64.177.207.201/pages/16_547.html

*On March 9th, ECAAR Board Members Richard Jolly and Lawrence Klein, and Sarah Meek, Head of the Arms Management Programme of Institute for Security Studies in Pretoria, South Africa, made presentations to the **UN Commission of Government Experts on Disarmament and Development**. The session lasted from 10am until 1pm. There was lively discussion, with participation of government experts from Sweden, Germany and Sri Lanka - though many others also participated. The German Representative, Friedrich Groning, Ambassador and Deputy Commissioner of the Federal Government for Arms Control and Disarmament was clearly a committed voice, influenced in part because he had at one time been ambassador in Costa Rica. The UK Representative was Geraldine O'Callaghan, Senior Adviser on Arms Control, Conflict and Humanitarian Affairs Department of Department for International Development, UK. The Sri Lankan delegate was Prasad Kariyawasam, Director General/Economic Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sri Lanka.

Dr. Klein presented a paper which he first presented in Korea, and which drew careful questioning by the South Korean delegate, who was extremely interested in the parallels drawn with German reunification a decade or so ago. The paper by Sarah Meek on *Confidence Building Measures*, was very specific and touched on issues often ignored in the economic literature. Dr. Jolly's paper was on *Human Security, Disarmament and Development*.

*On Tuesday, April 6th, ECAAR-Australia hosted a successful "**International Symposium on Resources and Conflict in the Asia-Pacific Region**." The day began with a keynote address by Jurgen Brauer, and ended with an after-dinner address by Michael Intriligator, both of whom are Vice-Chairs of ECAAR-US's Board of Directors. Despite some heavy fog which slightly delayed some of the participants, attendance was good. The papers, addressing important issues of regional concern, drew good discussions from the floor at all the sessions. There will be a release of policy briefs resulting from the conference, and we anticipate the publication of some of the papers.

*ECAAR Board Member, Robert Reich in a commentary aired on NPR's Marketplace on April 7, 2004, spoke on, *A Failure of Intelligence and Economics*. "Attention is focused this week on Condoleza Rice's testimony about what she knew and when she knew it. But more important information about what America could have done -- and could do to prevent future terrorist attacks - may emerge from elsewhere tomorrow. That's when the International Monetary Fund begins a conference examining the economies of the Middle East - a topic the United States has basically ignored for decades...For decades now, the United States has viewed the Middle East as a place requiring military and diplomatic attention, at most, but not basic economic reform. And that may have been a huge mistake - a failure of intelligence more fundamental than any intelligence failure preceding 9/11." <http://www.robertreich.org/reich/20040407.asp>

*The New Nation, Bangladesh's Independent News Source, ran an article by Joseph Stiglitz, ECAAR Board Member, April 8th. The article, entitled, "**The Global Benefits of Equality**," discusses globalization from the point of view of a farmer in a developing country. "Picture yourself as a poor African farmer, scraping a living on a hectare or two. While you may not have heard of globalisation, you are affected by it : you sell cotton, which will be woven into a shirt by a worker in Mauritius in a style designed by an Italian, to be worn by some well-off Parisian. You are better off than your grandfather, who relied on subsistence farming. But you are also the victim of globalisation, and the unfair global economic regime that has been crafted-and, in some cases, made increasingly unfair-over the years." http://nation.ittefaq.com/artman/publish/article_8135.shtml

*ECAAR Board member, Amartya Sen is to discuss his recent work on the relation between democracy human capabilities, and economic development in a talk entitled, "**The Content of Democracy**," at the New School University, Tishman Auditorium, Thursday April 22 at 6pm. The evening will be moderated by Bob Kerry, President of New School University. Respondents will be Arjun Appadurai, Provost, New School University, and Richard J. Bernstein, Dean of the Graduate Faculty, New School University. The event is free and reservations are strongly suggested. (*In fact, last we heard, the event was "sold out."*) For information call (212) 229-5488 or email boxoffice@newschool.edu.

*Call for Papers: for sessions on **The Political Economy of War, Peace, Armament, Disarmament, and Conversion** organized by the European ECAAR affiliates in conjunction with the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) to be regularly held at the annual meetings of EAEPE: October 28-31,

2004, in Rethymnon, Crete (Greece) and November 10-12, 2005, in Bremen, Germany. Please contact: Prof. Wolfram Elsner, welsner@uni-bremen.de

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LINKS

*The National Priorities Project website is chock full of information about the US Budget and the effect of military spending on other priorities. This year for Tax Day they feature a special page called, "**Where Do Your Tax Dollars Go?**" In 2004 military spending and debt servicing consume nearly half of your tax dollar, while education gets less than 4 cents, and natural resources and the environment less than 2 cents. View the impact your taxes are having by state or city at www.nationalpriorities.org

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IN OTHER NEWS

* The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) offers some good news- **the overall number of significant armed conflicts in the world has gone down for the second year in a row**. As 2004 began FCNL registered 24 significant ongoing armed conflicts (1,000 or more deaths) and another 38 hot spots that could slide into or revert to war. The total number of actual conflicts is 3 more than the 1998 all-time low of 21 in the fifteen years of the annual survey. There were 30 conflicts at the beginning of 2003, and 38 in 2002. For a breakdown and analysis of the world's conflicts see http://www.fcnl.org/smith/world_war-1.htm

* One of the most interesting testimonies to come out of the recent Senate Armed Services Committee Hearings, from an ECAAR point of view, was that of **Vice-Admiral Lowell Jacoby, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency**. In his prepared and oral testimony he emphasized repeatedly that economic, demographic, and societal elements are important factors in creating atmospheres that foster terrorism and threat. "[P]oorly educated workforces limit ability to compete in the global economy... "Demographic bubbles [large youth populations]" which burden government services and economies promise continued problems." Admiral Jacoby states that globalization itself is assisting terrorists, proliferators of illicit weapons and military technology, narco-traffickers and alien smugglers through the use of the world's financial, communication and transportation systems. To read the text of his prepared statement go to <http://www.iwar.org.uk/homesec/resources/threats-2004/jacoby.htm>

*Marcus Corbin, of the Center for Defense Information, and Miriam Pemberton, of Foreign Policy in Focus, along with other members of the Security Policy Working Group, released a Task Force Report on March 1st outlining a strategy for "**A Unified Security Budget for the United States**." The report finds despite promises of a comprehensive approach to fighting terrorism, the Bush administration has concentrated its resources overwhelmingly on its military forces, at the expense of other security tools. Bush's 2005 budget would spend *seven times* as much on the military as on homeland security and all other forms of non-military security programs. Further, that budget is being spent on a cold-war-style large-scale conventional challenge that we no longer face. The report offers a working model for rebalancing our national security budget, filling its missing military and non-military pieces, without increasing its overall bottom line, and creating a net gain in security. Read about the task force, the executive summary or the full 22 page report at <http://www.fpif.org/protected/securitybudget.html>

*Dyan Mazurana and Susan McKay's study, "**Where are the Girls?**" raises awareness of the militarization of the lives of girls in fighting forces and the role they play. The authors use data gleaned from their research in Northern Uganda, Mozambique and Sierra Leone to reveal that girls in fighting forces are not, and never have been, simply "camp followers."

This study is addressed to all those who work in countries that are in conflict or ravaged by war, whether they are community groups or multilateral, governmental, or non-governmental organizations. Where are the girls, if they are not counted as part of the military when the time comes for disarmament, demobilization and rebuilding of societies? "There has been little analysis of the specific needs of girls recruited by fighting forces and demobilisation programmes have rarely been gender-sensitive. McKay and Mazurana's work provides a welcome and important contribution to our understanding of this enormously important issue and will, one hopes, lead to an improved response from humanitarian and child protection agencies." - Iain Levine, Program Director, Human Rights Watch

<http://www.ichrdd.ca/english/commdoc/publications/women/Girls/girlsmainEN.html>

* In the Niger Delta of Nigeria many people live without access to clean drinking water, basic health care or schools. Yet \$20 Billion worth of oil is produced here every year. In one town Chevron Texaco has promised to build a school, a town hall, and to dig a well and bring electricity in exchange for the rights to drill offshore. So far, they have built only a jetty, which now due to erosion is not even adjacent to the shore. Relations between oil companies and residents have deteriorated so far that they now look at each other down the barrel of a gun along the 300 mile coastal "corridor of conflict," says Chris Alagoa, a development worker in the area. The residents are harassing the oil company employees when they don't get what they want, and the oil companies are calling in government troops for protection. The oil companies have been trying to keep the peace by paying local chiefs, but the money tends to go for personal luxuries, called the 5 G's- guns, girls, gold, ganja, and gin. Then neighboring towns fight to win the company benefits. "The companies thought they were buying peace, but in fact they helped arm these communities," said Alagoa. Reuters carries the entire interview with Mr. Alagoa at <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=ourWorldNews&storyID=4634770&pageNumber=0>

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***FUNDING and EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ***

*Only one percent of women in India has a college education (and three percent of men) as of 1997. Mrs. Helena Kaushik Women's College in Rajasthan fulfills a great need for women in this rural district. The college offers BAs, BSs, and MSs in a variety of subject areas including Economics, Mathematics and Political Science. The Director of the College, Dr. Surendra K. Kaushik, invites professors to come teach for a one- or two-week seminar, or for a semester or a year. For more information on the college see their website www.helenakaushik.org or email Dr. Kaushik at skaushik@pace.edu.

* The College of Business Administration, School of Economic Development, Georgia Southern University, invites applications for two tenure-track positions in economics beginning August 1, 2004. Both positions require a commitment to quality teaching, a Ph.D. in Economics, evidence of research activity, the ability to teach Principles of Economics, and MBA courses effectively. One or more years teaching experience, recent refereed publications, and experience working with a diverse student body preferred. For the first position, candidates must also have the ability to teach undergraduate Statistics and Quantitative Analysis courses. Send letter addressing the qualifications cited, a current curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference (applications via email will not be accepted) to: Dr. Darrell Parker, Acting Director, School of Economic Development, Georgia Southern University, P.O. Box 8152, Statesboro, GA 30460-8152, (912)-681-5216, Fax (912)681-0710. Screening begins April 23, 2004. Applications will be accepted until the postmark deadline of May 14 2004.

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ECAAR PUBLICATIONS

***The ECAAR Review 2003.** Titled "Conflict or Development?" this edition 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>.

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ACTION CORNER

* Last month's Action Corner encouraged our readers to endorse a plan for a new security platform for the US, called **SMART Security**. This plan was introduced into the House of Representatives on March 18th, co-sponsored by 21 Members of Congress. If you go to <http://capwiz.com/fcon/issues/alert/?alertid=5392881> and enter your zip code, you can find out if your Representative is already sponsoring the bill, and thank him or her, or if they are not yet a sponsor you can send an email encouraging them to support the bill.

*The UN Security Council has formally tabled a draft resolution on non-proliferation, but may take action as soon as mid-April. The draft resolution, as it currently stands, fails to acknowledge the indivisible relationship between non-proliferation and disarmament. If this resolution is passed as is, it would further contribute to the dangerous de-linkage between these two, incontrovertibly interdependent goals. NGOs, led by Reaching Critical Will, an initiative of WILPF (the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom), are urging civil society to contact Security Council members <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/resources/govcontacts/SCcontact.html> and their Ministries of Foreign Affairs <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/resources/govcontacts/govindex.html> to demand an open session of the Security Council as they debate this unprecedented resolution. An open session would allow for all UN Member States to contribute to the discussions, as well as air the proceedings for the public. The resolution can be found at: http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/political/WMD_SCRes.pdf.

* April 8th marks the one-year anniversary of the introduction of legislation in Congress for the formation of a Department of Peace. A Department of Peace would focus on non-military peaceful conflict resolutions, prevent violence, promote justice and democratic principles to expand human rights, both domestically and internationally. The campaign for the DoP is urging citizens to contact their Representatives and ask them to co-sponsor the bill (H.R. 1673). See <http://www.dopcampaign.org> for more information about the proposed Department. You can call (800) 839-5276 to reach the Capitol Switchboard, or reach your Representatives through <http://www.congress.org>.

* Your vote matters. In the US, register to vote, or update your address or party affiliation, at <https://www.workingforchange.com/vote/index.cfm?ms=G00001>

* 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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

*Friday, April 16, 2004. **The Study Group on the Economics of Security in a Post-9/11 World.** The topic will be "**Who's Afraid of the Military Industrial Complex,**" presented by Study Group CO-Convener William D. Hartung. Bill is the director of the Arms Trade Resource Center at the World Policy Institute, and an author, most recently of *How Much Are You Making on the War, Daddy? -- A Quick and Dirty Guide to War Profiteering in the Bush Administration* (Nation Books/Avalon Group, 2004). The Study Group will meet from 2:30-4:00pm; coffee and tea at 2:00 pm, refreshments afterward, in Room 720, 66 Fifth Ave. (NOTE THE ROOM AND LOCATION HAVE CHANGED FROM LAST MONTH)◆ Please RSVP to Frida Berrigan, berrigaf@newschool.edu

*April 16-22, 2004. Women's Action for New Directions (WAND) and Georgia State University's Power of Women present the "**No Nukes Film Festival**" at Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA. For information contact Atlanta WAND at wandatlanta@mindspring.com or (404) 524-5999.

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*April 18-24, 2004. **The 2004 Youth Summit On Sustainable Development**, New York, NY.◆ A two-week, pro-social extravaganza with events open and free to young people from around the world during the 12th meeting of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development. <http://www.sustainus.org/youthsummit.htm>

* May 24-28, 2004. **Peacebuilding, Conflict Transformation, and Post-War Reconstruction, Reconciliation and Resolution**, a five day international training programme for practitioners and policy makers organised by TRANSCEND and the Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania in Cluj-Napoca, Romania See. <http://www.transcend.org/> for more information.

* May 25-28, 2004.◆ Conference sponsored by International Philosophers for Peace (IPPNO) entitled **Capitalism with a Human Face?** at Radford University, Radford, Virginia.◆ The Conference will examine the following questions and related conceptual matters:◆ What are the conditions required for the development of a world of enduring peace and socio-economic justice between and within all nations?◆ Can the exercise of capitalism in any form be compatible with the above needs?◆ Failing this, what are the feasible alternatives? For more information email: IPPNO2004@Yahoo.com or gmartin@runet.com. Participants are welcome from all disciplines.

*May 30-June 18, 2004. **Summer Peacebuilding Institute: Conflict Transformation Across Cultures**, sponsored by the Center for Social Policy and Institutional Development at the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont. <http://www.sit.edu/contact/institute/index.html> .

* June 3- 8, 2004. **WIIS 2004 Summer Symposium for Graduate Students in International Affairs.** The Women in International Security Summer Symposium is an intensive six-day program in Washington, DC comprising seminars on security issues with leading policy experts, career development workshops, a crisis simulation, student research presentations, and unique networking opportunities. <http://wiis.georgetown.edu/>

*June 9-11, 2004 at the Tinbergen Institute at the University of Amsterdam. The second **Peace Science Conference** organized by the network of European Peace Scientists (NEPS). Registration fee will be Euro 35. More information on the conference can be found at http://www.crp.cornell.edu/peps/Amsterdam%202004/jan_tinbergen2004.htm Scholars interested in having a paper considered for presentation should contact Walter Isard E-mail: wil1@cornell.edu Telephone (607)255-3306; Fax (607)255-2818. Others who wish to attend should contact Johan Moyersoer at E-mail: johan.moyersoer@geog.ox.ac.uk

* June 18-20, 2004. **2nd International Conference on Defense, Security and Economic Development**, at TEI of Larissa, Larissa, Greece. For more information email kollias@teilar.gr

*June 24, 2004. The **Second UWE Annual Lecture on Economics and Security** will open the Eighth Annual Conference on Economics and Security(see below). Dr. Michael Brzoska of the Bonn International Centre for Conversion (BICC), and Secretary of ECAAR-Germany, will speak on "How Rational Are Decisions on Defence?" at the Frenchay Campus of the University of the West of England, Bristol. For attendees of the conference transportation will be available from Burwalls Hall. See: <http://carecon.org.uk/> for more information.

*June 24-26, 2004. ECAAR-UK, along with the Arms Production and Trade Group, the University of the West of England and the University of Bristol will sponsor the **Eighth Annual Conference on Economics and Security** in Bristol, UK. *Deadline for paper submissions is April 23rd.* For information on submitting an abstract visit: <http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2004/Call2004.pdf>

*July 1-2, 2004. **Lisbon Conference on Defense and Security**, *Terrorism as a Global Threat: Models and Defense Strategies*. In Lisbon, Portugal. For more information contact: CIEF- ISEG, Rua Miguel Lupi, 20, 1249-78 Lisboa. Tel.: 351 213906850; email: cief@iseg.utl.pt

*July 6-11, 2004.♦ The International Sociological Association Research Committee 01, the Middle East Technical University-Ankara, and the Turkish Military Academy host an International Conference on "**Military Missions and Their Implications Reconsidered: The Aftermath of September 11th**" in Ankara, Turkey.♦ Visit www.asterya.com/isarc01 for more information.

* July 15-16, 2004. The Centre for Global Political Economy at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada is organizing an international conference, **The WTO and Beyond: Global Governance and State Power in the 21st Century**. <http://www.sfu.ca/~cgpe/projects.html>

*October 28-31, 2004, **Annual Meetings of EAEPE**, the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy, in Rethymnon, Crete (Greece).♦ More information is available at <http://www.institutionaleconomics.org/eaeppe.php?q=node/view/92>

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