



## NEWS NOTES

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NewsNotes 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](mailto:theaharvey@ecaar.org). (The fine print - we reserve the right to edit submissions for space or content.)

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### \*ECAAR NEWS\*

\* **Measuring Inequality in Latin America.** This workshop/meeting was held in San Jose, Costa Rica in August 2004, and will serve as a template for similar sessions in Monterrey, Mexico in November and in Guayaquil, Ecuador, in January 2005. The result of these meetings will be a new network for monitoring inequality through the whole Central and Latin American region.

The workshop consisted of eight sessions, conducted in English by James Galbraith, Chair of Ecaar's Board and Director of the University of Texas Inequality Project, and in Spanish by Enrique Garcilazo, co-author with Dr. Galbraith of the recent paper "Unemployment, Inequality and the Policy of Europe, 1984-2000," in the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro Quarterly Review. The participants were senior economists and (in several cases) former ministers from Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras and the Dominican Republic.

Papers, presentations, and training materials will be posted on the ECAAR website soon.

\* Two **new policy briefs**, commissioned by ECAAR as part of our project on "Inequality and Democratic Development," are available online:

- *Beyond Greed and Curses: Understanding the Links between Natural Resources and Conflict in Melanesia*, by Glenn Banks of the University of New South Wales and Australian Defence Force Academy. See <http://www.ecaar.org/Inequality/policybriefs/banks.pdf>.
- *The Role of the Media in Reporting Conflict*, by Usha Sundar Harris. See <http://www.ecaar.org/Inequality/policybriefs/harris.pdf>.

These briefs were part of the conference on "Natural Resource-Based Economies in the Arc of Instability," held in Sydney, Australia in April 2004 (see <http://www.ecaar.org/Newsletter/July04/throsby.htm> for a full conference report).

\* **Measuring Inequality**, a PowerPoint presentation which explains various measures of income inequality, is available on the ECAAR website. This presentation was prepared by Paul Burkholder, ECAAR's Project Manager, as part of our project on "Inequality and Democratic Development." See [http://www.ecaar.org/Inequality/powerpoint/measuring%20inequality\\_files/frame.htm](http://www.ecaar.org/Inequality/powerpoint/measuring%20inequality_files/frame.htm)

\* ECAAR is co-sponsoring a session at the August 28th **Win Back America Freedom Forum**. The day will feature a session on homeland security and civil rights; and one on corporate corruption and its relationship to the military and the economy. The event will take place at the City University Graduate Center, in New York City, from 11am-5:30pm, and will also feature an interactive "Medicine Show" exhibit, discussing Medicare reform. For more information contact Sumner Rosen at (212) 580-9787 or [smr6@columbia.edu](mailto:smr6@columbia.edu), or Judith Wineman at (917) 748-9169 or [judita5153@yahoo.com](mailto:judita5153@yahoo.com).

\* ECAAR-Russia announces its **Newsletter # 10, July 2004**. To read it please go to [http://www.ecaar-russia.org/newsletter10\\_en.htm](http://www.ecaar-russia.org/newsletter10_en.htm) or <http://www.fastcenter.ru/ecaar>. This new issue is fully devoted to current problems and prospects of the Russian economy. It includes, among other materials: *Money-Box Philosophy*, an essay by Ruslan Grinberg; *Russian Socio-Economic Development*, an interview with Abel Aganbegyan; *Growth Factors According to the World Bank*; a press presentation of Stanislav Menshikov's new book, "*Anatomy of Russian Capitalism*;" and a discussion between economists called, "*Looking into the Future*."

\* ECAAR-Netherlands/Vereniging voor Economie en Vrede is co-sponsoring, along with the Oikos Foundation, and the faculty of Economics and Econometrics at the University of Amsterdam, and with support from Kerk en Wereld (Church and World), a **symposium in honor of Jan Tinbergen** on September 22, at the main lecture hall of the University of Amsterdam. The symposium is entitled, "*Will the 21st Century Be More Peaceful?*" Dietrich Fischer, member of ECAAR's Board of Directors and co-author with Jan Tinbergen of "*Warfare and Welfare*," will give the keynote address. The speech will be followed by a reaction from Louk de la Rive Box, chairman of the Dutch Association for the UN, and by Maboob Murshed, first holder of the Prince Claus Chair on Development and Equity.

In the afternoon, there will be a discussion focusing on Dr. Tinbergen's ideas about the future, with discussants from political youth organizations. During the second half of the afternoon, the Issac Roet Prize will be awarded. The prize is awarded each year to an outstanding student essay. This year the topic was, "*The distribution of wealth and income: a question of war and peace*." The winning essay was by Princeton student Moses Shayo, for "*Poverty, Militarism and Civil War*." ( To read an extract from Mr. Shayo's essay see <http://www.ecaar.org/Newsletter/July04/shayo.htm>.) The evening of the symposium will feature a roundtable discussion with Dietrich Fischer and Mr. Shayo.

The overall focus of the symposium is Jan Tinbergen's vision of problems of security and peace, and his ideas about peace and their contemporary relevance. The program will be in English except for the first afternoon panel, which will be conducted in Dutch. For more information contact Janine Huisman, by phone at 0031 30 236 1 500, or by email at [j.huisman@stichtingoikos.nl](mailto:j.huisman@stichtingoikos.nl). To download a registration form in Dutch go to <http://www.fee.uva.nl/actueel/object.cfm/tinbergen%20symposium.pdf?download=true&objectID=DBDBEC56%2D78A5%2D40CC%2DBB7653B838BB8FED>.

\* Wolfram Elsner, chair of ECAAR-Germany, invites you to **organize a session at the 2005 EAEPE conference** in Bremen, Germany. The European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) offers an important pluralist international discussion forum for heterodox economists and issues in a broad sense, and in terms of its membership it represents one of the biggest economics associations in Europe. In preparation of the 2005 annual meetings, the EAEPE Council has decided to make this event a broad international discussion forum and to invite guest associations and initiatives from a broad political-economic spectrum to contribute their own themes, sessions and panels. EAEPE's Scientific Committee will be glad to consider your suggestions for the final programme.

The title of next year's meetings is *A New Deal for the New Economy? Global and Local Developments, and New Institutional Arrangements*. The globalization of production is accompanied by an increasing fragmentation of the value added chains. These changes may provide opportunities for development and improvements in overall economic well-being. Innovative activities play a key role to realize this potential. On the other hand these transformations bear increasing risks for conflict, interventionism and even terrorism as a result of worsening global inequalities. Different forms of socio-economic coordination and cooperation problems require the development of coordinating and conflict mediating institutional arrangements. The EAEPE Conference 2005 will offer a forum for discussing these topics. Please contact Dr. Elsner by telephone at +49-421-218-7535, or email [elsner@uni-bremen.de](mailto:elsner@uni-bremen.de) for more information.

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#### \*IN OTHER NEWS\*

\* Frida Berrigan, of the ECAAR Security Policy Working Group partner World Policy Institute, recently had an article published on Altnet about *Mass Destruction in Small Packages*. "The most deadly weapons in the world today are legal, accessible and dirt cheap. And the United States is spreading them around the world." <http://www.altnet.org/waroniraq/19285/>

\* The Stimson Center recently announced the publication of "*Policy Matters: Educating Congress on Peace and Security*," a nuts-and-bolts guide to the inner workings of Congress to help Americans who care about foreign policy and responsible US leadership in the world initiate the much-needed dialogue with Congress and add their voices to the debate about these critical issues. The book is expected to be useful to activists, NGOs and citizens who wish to have a greater voice with their representatives. It can be downloaded or purchased in print at <http://www.stimson.org/pub.cfm?id=110>. Also, if your organization is interested in further training, the authors of the book, Lorelei Kelly and Elizabeth Turpen, are available to give a training presentation at your organization or event. Contact Elizabeth Blumenthal for more information about training sessions at (202) 223 5956, ext 3644, or at [eblumenthal@stimson.org](mailto:eblumenthal@stimson.org).

\* A study recently released by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) says that **reservists' pay is a mess**. Ninety-five percent of soldiers at eight Army Reserve units sent to Iraq and other Middle East bases experienced significant problems getting paid, creating stress and concern about the financial well-being of their families back home. "The consequences of inaccurate, late and missing payments and associated erroneous debts had a profound impact on individual soldiers and their families," said the prepared testimony of GAO investigator Gregory D. Kutz. "At one unit several soldiers told us that they had to borrow money from friends and relatives in order to pay their bills when they initially deployed overseas. Soldiers and their families were required to spend considerable time, sometimes while the soldiers were deployed in remote, hostile environments overseas, in repeated attempts to address concerns over their pay and allowances and related tax benefits," according to Kutz's testimony.

Soldiers involved in the investigation said the pay issues hurt morale and the Army Reserve's rate of retention. "You never want to mess with a soldier's money. That's a cardinal rule," said Army Capt. Orlando Amaro. "When a soldier has financial issues, the morale just goes through the floor." [http://www.roa.org/military\\_section/army\\_detail.asp?id=2760](http://www.roa.org/military_section/army_detail.asp?id=2760)

\* With tens of thousands of their citizen soldiers now deployed in Iraq, many of the nation's governors complained to senior Pentagon officials of the **war in Iraq's impact on local needs**, at the annual meeting of the nation's governors in Seattle in July. States are facing severe manpower shortages in guarding prisoners, fighting wildfires, preparing for hurricanes and floods and policing the streets. <http://www.nytimes.com/2004/07/20/national/20guard.html?ex=1092283200&en=102621ed3fd7a4f1&ei=5070&hp>

\* A new study from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) reports on "*Cultural Liberty in Today's Diverse World*." Accommodating people's growing demands for their inclusion in society, for respect of their ethnicity, religion, and language, takes more than democracy and equitable growth. Also needed are

multicultural policies that recognize differences, champion diversity and promote cultural freedoms, so that all people can choose to speak their language, practice their religion, and participate in shaping their culture - so that all people can choose to be who they are. Read the full report at <http://hdr.undp.org/reports/global/2004/>

\* The Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR), an international human rights organization based in New York City, calls the Bush administration to task in *Beyond Torture: U.S. Violations of Occupation Law in Iraq* (28 pages, PDF). The report, written by international lawyer and center director Roger Normand, documents ten categories of human rights violations in Iraq, including unlawful attacks; failure to provide public order and safety; failure to protect the rights to food, education, and work; and unlawful detention and torture. According to the report, up to 90 percent of the 43,000 Iraqis detained by coalition forces are innocent bystanders swept up in illegal mass arrests; 60 percent of the Iraqi population depends on monthly food rations; and the country's education system is in shambles. Among its recommendations, the center, which is accredited by the United Nations, urges the United States to take more accountability for its actions in Iraq and to put a stop to further violations. <http://www.cesr.org/beyondtorture.pdf>

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#### \*FUNDING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES\*

\* The International Action network on Small Arms (IANSA) has three staff positions open in their London office: **Policy Officer, Communications Officer and Campaigns Officer**. Job descriptions and application forms are posted on the website <http://www.iansa.org/about/jobs/index.htm>. The closing date is August 18, 2004.

\* The Managing the Atom Project at the Kennedy School of Government is looking to hire a **Research Assistant**. The Managing the Atom (MTA) Project brings together an international group of scholars and government officials to conduct policy-relevant research on issues related to nuclear technology. MTA addresses a broad array of topics in the nuclear field, from nuclear weapons to the future of nuclear power. Visit <http://www.managingtheatom.org> for more information about the project, its scope, and its role at the Kennedy School of Government.

The position works with other research, faculty and staff assistants supporting projects within the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, including the Science, Technology, and Public Policy Program and the International Security Program. College background preferred, minimum 2 years of administrative and office experience required. Prior Harvard experience useful. Strong organizational skills and ability to work with people in a fast-paced professional environment a must. Some knowledge of and interest in radiological weapons, nonproliferation and other nuclear issues. Familiarity with relevant regions and languages a plus. If you are interested in applying, please contact the Project at [atom@harvard.edu](mailto:atom@harvard.edu) for more details on the application process.

\* FCNL, a nonpartisan Quaker lobby in the public interest located in Washington, DC, seeks a **Secretary for Information Services**. This is a professional, executive position. The Quaker term "Secretary" may be translated as "Director." The Secretary for Information Services is a new senior staff position and will oversee the full range of FCNL's communications needs, including publications, web site, other online communications, and press secretary functions. The Secretary will lead and direct a group of three other professional staff: the Manager for Publications (newsletter and other documents), the Director for Online Communications (web site and other), and the Technician for IT Systems. She or he will take the lead in developing FCNL's communications capacities, assist lobbyists and organizers to shape communications strategies for issues, and assist the Executive Secretary to assure the quality and effectiveness of FCNL's communication of information, analysis, and policy recommendations.

The Secretary for Information Services is a full-time, salaried position requiring five or more years related experience and a three- to five-year commitment. Salary range: \$46,400 to \$69,700, plus benefits package, including group health, annual and sick leave, disability insurance, and public transit subsidy. FCNL will begin reviewing applications Sept. 15 until the position is filled. To apply, email a business letter and resume to [search@fcn.org](mailto:search@fcn.org) or mail to 245 Second St. NE, Washington, DC 20002-5795.



\* The **Andrew W. Mellon Fellowships in Humanistic Studies** are designed to support exceptionally promising students as they pursue advanced study in the disciplines of the humanities. The fellowships are funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation ( <http://www.mellon.org/> ) and administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. The Mellon Fellowship is a competitive award for first-year doctoral students only and cannot be deferred. Mellon Fellows are expected to carry a full course load during the nine-month academic year of the fellowship. Summer study is not included. Fellows may not accept supplementary awards or employment, including teaching assistantships. Fellows may take their awards to any accredited graduate program in the United States or Canada.

Each year, approximately 85 fellowships are available. The fellowship covers full graduate tuition and required fees for the first year of graduate study and includes a one-year stipend of \$17,500. In order to be eligible to apply for a Mellon Fellowship, applicants must be a college senior or college graduate applying for graduate-school admission, in accordance with normal procedures, for a Ph.D. program. The Ph.D. program should begin in September 2005. An applicant's intended discipline must be in the traditional humanities. (See the program's Web site for the list of eligible fields.) Applicants must also be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

Requests for an application form must be made through the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation's Web site. See the web site for complete eligibility information, application procedures, suggested GRE test deadline, and other program details [http://www.woodrow.org/mellon/competition\\_2005.html](http://www.woodrow.org/mellon/competition_2005.html). The deadline for requests for applications is November 12, 2004. NOTE: This site works best in Internet Explorer 5.0 or above.

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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](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](mailto: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\*

\* Everyone is urging you to vote, but where do you get more than sound bites about the candidates? The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) voting information page. Enter your zip code to look up your presidential, congressional and state-level candidates, including their positions on key issues like the economy, the US role in Iraq, and education. Find information on absentee ballots for military and civilians, your state's voting machines and polling stations, and other how-tos at [http://www.fcnl.org/elections\\_2004.htm](http://www.fcnl.org/elections_2004.htm)

\* 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](mailto:theaharvey@ecaar.org).

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## \*UPCOMING EVENTS\*

\* September 22, 2004. ECAAR-Netherlands/Vereniging voor Economie en Vrede, along with the Oikos Foundation, and the faculty of Economics and Econometrics at the University of Amsterdam, host a **symposium in honor of Jan Tinbergen**, at the main lecture hall of the Univ. of Amsterdam. The symposium is entitled, "*Will the 21st Century Be More Peaceful?*" See above for more details or contact Janine Huisman, by phone at 0031 30 236 1 500, or by email at [j.huisman@stichtingoikos.nl](mailto:j.huisman@stichtingoikos.nl).

\* September 29 - October 1, 2004. International Society for Military Law and the Law of War conference on "**The Role of NGOs in International Problem Solving.**" In English and French with Simultaneous Translation. At the Royal Military Academy Brussels. <http://www.soc-mil-law.org>

\* September 29 - October 2, 2004. **Engineers for a Sustainable World National Conference**, Stanford, California <http://www.stanford.edu/group/esw/conf04/>

\* October 3-4, 2004. On the occasion of the 54th Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs, International Student/Young Pugwash is organizing its 2nd annual conference in Seoul, Korea, "**Towards a New Paradigm of International Governance.**" The theme of the meeting is finding novel mechanisms to ensure human security and peaceful dialogue among nations for the years to come. Discussions will include: eliminating WMDs, interregional cooperation and security, securing and reinforcing International Institutions, human security and international governance, and sustainability and future development. <http://www.student-pugwash.org/seoul2004>

\* October 5-9, 2004. 54th **Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs**. Seoul, Korea. <http://www.pugwash.org/reports/rc/ea/EA2004/seoul2004.htm>

\* 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/eaep.php?q=node/view/92>

\* November 22-26, 2004. **Peacebuilding, Conflict Transformation & Post War Reconstruction and Resolution**. A Five-Day International Training Programme for Practitioners, Policy Makers, International and National Agency Staff and NGOs working in peacebuilding, conflict transformation and post-war recovery, at the Romanian Peace Institute in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Sponsored by TRANSCEND and PATRIR. Cost €450 - €750. <http://www.transcend.org/tpu/courses.shtml>.

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