



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

***ECAAR releases statement on defense budget.** "The defense budget proposed by President Bush is illogical, ill-conceived and intellectually dishonest. Our service men and women are at risk in a shooting war, and the economy is in danger of long term financial distortions due to soaring deficits and misplaced priorities. This is no time to pander to special interests, whether these be in the Pentagon, the defense industry, or on the staff at the White House. The Defense budget should be designed to enhance our national security and not to support this president's or any president's election campaign." The full statement is available online at <http://www.ecaar.org/Budget.htm>. You can support our effort by enclosing the statement in a letter to your congressional representatives. For more action suggestions, see the first item in "[Action Corner](#)," below.

*Reuters reports that the "US economy is enjoying a growth spurt that will not last beyond this year because it is driven by military spending and tax cuts while the George W. Bush administration turns a blind eye to a looming deficit crisis, [ECAAR Board members James K. Galbraith and Daniel McFadden] said in Havana on Monday." For world-wide press coverage of Drs. Galbraith and McFadden's contributions to the annual Cuban conference on globalization issues, follow these links:

- http://www.rushlimbaugh.com/home/daily/site_021004/content/stack_a.guest.html
- <http://www.forbes.com/technology/newswire/2004/02/09/rtr1252999.html>
- <http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/worldbiz/archives/2004/02/11/2003098358>
- <http://www.granma.cu/ingles/2004/febrero/mar10/inauguran.html>
- <http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2004/02/10/1076388365174.html>
- <http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2004/02/10/1076388366739.html>
- http://www.reuters.com/locales/newsArticle.jsp;:40287ef6:189ad69c14dde231?type=businessNews&locale=en_IN&storyID=4320124

*We regret to note the passing of ECAAR Board member **Jacob "Jack" Sheinkman**. Mr. Sheinkman was known primarily as a labor organizer, serving from 1987 to 1995 as the president of the nation's largest clothing union, Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union. He developed a reputation as one of organized labor's leading internationalists, heading efforts to help impoverished workers and embattled trade union leaders in Central America. Mr. Sheinkman was known for being able to both confront and cooperate; he led strikes and boycotts, but also sought to cooperate with management to help keep jobs in the United States. Mr. Sheinkman was chairman of Americans for Democratic Action, a member of Cornell's Board of Trustees, and served on the President's Advisory Committee on Trade.

Mr. Sheinkman was a close personal friend of ECAAR founder Robert Schwartz. He served as an advisor for ECAAR, and was an example of the ideals of economic prosperity over military solutions. In October, 1985 at its convention, in Anaheim, California, the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations adopted a resolution based on Jack's committee report in support of Daniel Ortega's position saying "a negotiated settlement, rather than a military victory, holds the best hope" for establishing the "justice that the people of Nicaragua and El Salvador deserve."

* ECAAR has teamed up with [youth.urgentcall.org](http://www.youth.urgentcall.org), an organization working to reduce the nuclear danger, to offer students an exciting array of benefits and opportunities. For just \$15, current students can join both organizations, and are entitled to the benefits of each. ECAAR's student membership includes free electronic publications, discounts on other publications and voting rights at the annual ECAAR member meeting. Benefits of a youth.urgentcall.org membership include discounts on purchases at select on-line stores, internet/phone service providers, and foreign policy publications. Additionally, youth.urgentcall.org offers assistance to students wishing to utilize their [Speaker's Bureau](#), a database of experts willing to speak at universities. Among the many professionals currently on the Speaker's Bureau are ECAAR's own Kate Cell, James Galbraith, and Lloyd Dumas. Professors may wish to mention this item in your classes or post information on your departmental bulletin board. For more information, promotional materials, or to join the Speaker's Bureau, please write Paul Burkholder at paulburkholder@ecaar.org.

*Papers from the October 2003 seminar in Moscow on ***Inequality and Development*** are now available on the ECAAR-Russia website: http://www.ecaar-russia.org/newsletter8_e.htm. Topics and authors include:

- Alexsey Shevyakov, Alexander Kiruta- *Economic Growth, Structural Changes of Inequality and Socio-Economic Polarization in Russia*;
- James K. Galbraith, Ludmila Krytynskaia and Qifei Wang - *The Experience of Rising Inequality in Russia and China during the Transition*;
- Stanislav Menshikov-*Structural Problems and Solutions in the Russian Economy*;
- Michael D. Intriligator-*The Russian Economy: Still in Need of Structural Reform*;
- Ruslan Grinberg, Tatiana Chubarova- *Democratic Values and Inequality, or Democratic Inequality? A Case of the Former Socialist Countries*;
- Richard Kaufman- *Proliferation, Preemption and Nuclear War Fighting*;
- Ruslan S. Grinberg, Alexandr I. Deykin- *Mass Media Independence in Russia: Economic and Political Aspects*.

*ECAAR Board member Joseph Stiglitz spoke strongly against the current trends of globalization at the World Social Forum in Mumbai in late January. "The path of economic globalization must be changed to avoid undermining social security. Otherwise it will continue to exacerbate poverty, and therefore violence...Economic instability and social insecurity will lead to a rise in violence in the world because it is impossible to separate economic issues from social and political issues." To protect the workers' social benefits, "economic policy cannot be delegated to the technocrats of international financial institutions," but instead should be at the center of democratic debate in each country, he said. Read more in an article from Inter Press Service (IPS) at: http://www.oneworld.net/external/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fstory.news.yahoo.com%2Fnews%3Ftmpl%3Dstory%26cid%3D655%26nid%3D655%26e%3D1%26u%3D%2Foneworld%2F20040120%2Fw1_oneworld

LINKS

*The International Doctoral Program offered by the Department of Economic Sciences at the University of Athens, UADPhilEcon, provides an economic education at the highest level which, in Bertrand Russell's words, "...aims at mental freedom rather than at imprisoning the minds of the young in a rigid armour of dogma calculated to protect them through life against the shafts of impartial evidence." Course work is in English, and applications are encouraged from outside of Greece. There is no fee for this doctoral program. <http://www.uadphilecon.gr/UA/content/en/Root.aspx?office=17>

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IN OTHER NEWS

*The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace recently published **WMD IN IRAQ, Evidence and Implications**. The study details what the U.S. and international intelligence communities understood about Iraq's weapons programs before the war and outlines policy reforms to improve threat assessments, deter transfer of WMD to terrorists, strengthen the UN weapons inspection process, and avoid politicization of the intelligence process. The report distills a massive amount of data into side-by-side comparisons of pre-war intelligence, the official presentation of that intelligence, and what is now known about Iraq's programs. For a report summary see: <http://ceip.org/files/Publications/IraqSummary.asp>. To download the entire 122 page report click: <http://www.ceip.org/files/pdf/Iraq3FullText.pdf>.

*The ACLU has joined a broad-based coalition in filing a friend-of-the-court brief calling on the Supreme Court to ensure that the detainees being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, have access to the courts to challenge the legality of their detention. Most of the 660 detainees currently being held have been at Guantanamo Bay for 18 months or longer. The government has refused to treat them as prisoners of war, and they have languished in a legal limbo in which the conditions of their confinement and the timing of their release are left solely to the discretion of American military officials. The ACLU brief supports an appeal in two related law suits filed last year by relatives of 16 Guantanamo detainees who argued that their continued detention without any legal process violates the government's constitutional and treaty obligations. Rather than rule on the merits, the US Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia had ruled that the Guantanamo camps were part of the "sovereign territory of Cuba" and thus outside the jurisdiction of US laws. The prisoners were effectively declared non-persons because no law protects them and no court may hear their pleas. To read the ACLU brief go to: <http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=14704&c=206&MX=1117&H=1#FileAttach>

* On January 24th German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder officially inaugurated a regional peacekeeping center which, since November 2003, has been offering courses to military officers and civilian officials in conflict management, peace support operations, governance and election monitoring. **The Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Center** is based in Accra, Ghana, and is the latest regional facility in West Africa aimed at training West African military and civilian personnel in peacekeeping and peace-building, joining Nigeria's war college and the Mali-based training center for non-commissioned officers. Germany, as the single largest contributor, donated US \$4 million to the college, named after UN secretary-general and Ghanaian national, Kofi Annan. The first course, on disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, attracted candidates from as far away as Rwanda and The Democratic Republic of Congo. Course fees range from \$2,400 to \$4,200 per head, but the international community has already financed three-quarters of the entire training for the current year. The names of all those who pass through the new peacekeeping center will be placed in a database, so that organizations such as the UN can tap them in the future. http://www.irinnews.org/report.asp?ReportID=39183&SelectRegion=West_Africa&SelectCountry=GHANA

*The widespread availability of ordnance left over from Angola's protracted civil war is fuelling a spate of personal vendettas, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said on Friday. "There were three confirmed cases in which private citizens planted mines or other explosives to target others for personal revenge in December last year. Luckily, no one was killed or seriously injured. This is a rare but worrying practice on the part of a few individuals, who are taking advantage of the availability of explosives left over from years of war to deal with their disagreements in a radical way," OCHA information officer, Dawn Blalock, told IRIN.

Since the end of the war in April 2002, the UN and civil rights groups have voiced concern over the number of small arms in circulation among civilians in Angola. They warned that the widespread availability of light weapons could jeopardize the country's fragile peace, and posed a threat to holding peaceful national elections, tentatively scheduled for 2005. <http://www.irinnews.org/report.asp?ReportID=39235>

*In its preliminary forecast of food production for 2003, the FAO Global Information and Early Warning System on Food and Agriculture (GIEWS) predicts that Cote d'Ivoire and Liberia expect to record a decline in food production this year due to ongoing conflict and poor rains, but the other West African countries along the Gulf of Guinea expect higher production. In Sierra Leone, potential reductions in yield due to less rain than usual will most likely be compensated by an increase in areas planted following the return of refugees and displaced farmers.

"The civil war [in Cote d'Ivoire] that began in September 2002 has induced the displacement of more than one million people. The food insecurity situation remains critical, especially in the west and north, which are controlled by rebel forces... Under normal conditions a significant amount of cereal is commercially traded among Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Burkina Faso and the Niger, but the war has seriously perturbed both domestic and international market activities," GIEWS said. To read the entire report go to: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/006/J1119e/J1119e00.htm>.

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***FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES ***

*Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Offers Internship Grants for Graduate Students in Humanities Deadline: April 2, 2004 Through its Humanities at Work program, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (<http://www.woodrow.org/>) seeks to increase awareness of the value of humanities training and education to society at large and, in so doing, to expand career opportunities for Ph.Ds both inside and outside the academy.

As part of this goal, the program offers Practicum Grants to support internships for graduate students who wish to explore the impact of their scholarship beyond the university. The Humanities at Work initiative will award up to ten Practicum Grants of up to \$2,000 to support humanities Ph.D. students who have created public scholarship internships, engaging their scholarship in a context outside of college teaching and research. Internships should be completed by the end of the summer of 2004. The range of internship possibilities is unlimited. A successful applicant must demonstrate a strong relationship between the proposed internship and his/her field of study. Applicants must be currently enrolled Ph.D. students who are making timely progress toward completion of their degree in the humanities or humanistic social sciences. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The internship site must be located in the United States. For further information on the program and/or to download a grant application form, see the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Web site. RFP Link: <http://www.woodrow.org/phd/About/about.html>

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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 <http://www.armscontrolcenter.org/nmd/fullcost.html> co-sponsor of the study, or download the PDF file from <http://www.ecaar.org/index.htm>.

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ACTION CORNER

*The Administration submitted to Congress its budget plan for fiscal year 2005 in the first week of February. The main elements of the President's budget proposal include increased spending for the military by over seven percent (to about \$420 billion) and for homeland security by over nine percent (to about \$45 billion). He challenges Congress to keep the rate of growth in spending for most other discretionary programs below one percent (i.e. cut spending below this year's levels when adjusted for inflation), and to make permanent the temporary tax cuts, which Congress enacted over the last three years. Missing from the President's budget request is any mention of an additional supplemental spending request to pay the costs of the on-going wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is expected to request \$40 to \$100 billion more for FY2005 later this year.

Should you wish to object to these budget priorities, you can send a letter to the editor of your local newspaper through the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) website: <http://capwiz.com/fconl/issues/alert/?alertid=4919456&type=ME>

* The Bush Administration's Energy Bill is back before Congress. You can send a letter expressing your opposition to your representatives through the Natural Resources Defense Council website at: <http://www.savebiogems.org/takeaction.asp>

*Professors, let your students know about the work of youth.urgentcall.org (see ECAAR News, above).

* 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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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

*February 20, 2004. The next meeting of the **Study Group on the Economics of Security in a Post-9/11 World** will be held at Room 720, 66 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY. The formal session will run from 2:30 to 4PM; coffee and tea will be available from 2:00, and refreshments and informal discussion will continue afterwards until 4:30 or so. The presenter is Karen Ballentine, the former Project Director of the Economic Agendas in Civil Wars Project, International Peace Academy, who will give a paper: "Beyond Greed and Grievance: Policy Lessons from Studies in the Political Economy of Armed Conflict." The paper is available online at <http://www.worldpolicy.org/projects/arms/study/022004SG.html>. To RSVP, please email or call Frida Berrigan (berrigaf@newschool.edu) or 212-229-5808 ext. 112.

*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 35 euros. More information will be posted as it becomes available.

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

*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. Papers are now being accepted. For information on submitting an abstract visit: <http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2004/Call2004.pdf>

*July 1-2, 2004. **Lisbon Conference on Defence and Security, Terrorism as a Global Threat: Models and Defence 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 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>

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