



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

* This is the First Anniversary issue of NewsNotes. It is also the beginning of ECAAR's 15th year. NewsNotes has been a very successful endeavor for ECAAR. Since our initial issue last January the number of subscribers has more than tripled. Members, and even non-members, are starting to send in listings for conferences, and announcements for upcoming publications. We hope you enjoy this monthly reminder of what's going on at ECAAR. Please use it as a way to keep in touch with us and with other like-minded colleagues.

The recent past has been a time of great energy and growth for ECAAR. We now have three full time and one part time staff. We have just returned from successful ASSA/AEA meetings, where members, Board members and colleagues presented thought-provoking papers. We are working on some exciting new projects, our international affiliates are growing, and we look forward to another good year. For more detailed information about our past year, you can request a copy of our 2003 Annual Report by emailing ecaar@ecaar.org

* At the annual Board meeting in San Diego, four new members joined our Board of Directors: Donna Katzin, Daniel McFadden, William Sharpe, and Lucy Webster. Please visit the "Directors" page of our website (<http://www.ecaar.org/Directors.htm>) to learn more about our new Board members.

* "Only when India and Pakistan cap their military spending, and 'beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks', will we know that they have agreed not to use their swords against each other and to stop learning the arts of war." So begins Dr. Ahmad Faruqui in his op-ed, "**A Genuine Change of Heart**" which recently appeared in the Pakistani Daily Times. The article addresses the recent advances in the South Asian peace process, and quotes from ECAAR Board member Jurgen Brauer's paper, "Why is Peace so Difficult to Obtain?" http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=story_13-1-2004_pg3_2

*ECAAR Board member Ann Markusen's article, "**The Case Against Privatizing National Security**," was recently published in the fall issue of Governance (Vol. 16, No. 4: 471-501). In the article, Markusen documents how, since the mid-1990s, the US Pentagon has accelerated efforts to outsource weapons, battlefield and base support operations and troop training, invoking competition-based savings and better quality. She reviews the arguments for and against such privatization and summarizes recent Pentagon outsourcing experience. She concludes that the current enthusiasm for privatization is driven largely by commercial concerns and lobbying rather than real gains to the nation and citizens, that it poses dangers of monopolization and undue political influence, and that current contracting practices lack verification and mandatory evaluation safeguards to deliver promised results. <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/servlet/useragent;jsessionid=bQSYN0kAXtlb?func=callWizard&wizardKey=salesAgent:1074189376094&action=show>

*The global economy is on many people's minds these days as job growth languishes, headlines announce layoffs, jobs shift overseas and governments hammer out free-trade agreements that further open the world to globalization. In a recent interview in the Seattle Times, **Joseph Stiglitz** and Alwyn Scott talk about the "jobless recovery" and issues of free trade and globalization. <http://www.ecaar.org/network/NewsNotes/stiglitz.htm>

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LINKS

***The Progressive Response** (PR) is produced weekly by the Interhemispheric Resource Center (www.irc-online.org) as part of its Foreign Policy in Focus (FPIF) project. FPIF, a "Think Tank Without Walls," is an international network of analysts and activists dedicated to "making the U.S. a more responsible global leader and partner by advancing citizen movements and agendas." FPIF is joint project of the Interhemispheric Resource Center and the Institute for Policy Studies. For more information on FPIF and joining the network, visit the FPIF website at <http://www.fpif.org/>.

* Amnesty International Canada has compiled a moving retrospective of photographs of the year's triumphs and failures of human rights, entitled **Human Rights, A Year in Pictures 2003**. <http://www.amnesty.ca/slideshow/2003/>

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IN OTHER NEWS

*ECAAR member E. Wayne Nafziger and Juha Auvinen have a new book coming out. **Economic Development, Inequality and War: Humanitarian Emergencies in Developing Countries** will be available from Palgrave Macmillan (<http://www.palgrave-usa.com/>) in early 2004. *Economic Development, Inequality and War* shows how economic decline, income inequality, pervasive rent seeking by ruling elites, political authoritarianism, military centrality and competition for mineral exports contribute to war and humanitarian emergencies. Economic regress and political decay bring about relative deprivation, and the perception by social groups of injustice arising from a growing discrepancy between what they expect and get. Nafziger and Auvinen indicate that both economic greed and social grievances drive contemporary civil wars. Finally, the authors also identify policies for preventing humanitarian emergencies.

*ECAAR members Christos Kollias (Technological Education Institute of Larissa, Greece) and Gulay Gunluk-Senesen (Istanbul University, Turkey) have a new book, **Greece and Turkey in the 21st Century: Conflict or Cooperation? A Political Economy Perspective**, published by Nova (http://www.novapublishers.com/detailed_search.asp?id=1-59033-753-0). This book stems from the network that has developed over the years between Greek and Turkish academics working mainly on issues of defense economics and their belief that the complex bilateral relations of the two countries should be approached and analyzed in a multidisciplinary way. This book presents the economics of Greek-Turkish relations that aren't readily available in international literature. The book is unique in bringing Greek and Turkish scholars together in the same volume on one hand, and on the other hand, scholars from different disciplines, a first step toward mutual understanding in various dimensions.

*Call for papers for the **2nd International Conference on Defence, Security and Economic Development**. Conference topics include: The Economics of Conflict, Security and Cooperation; The Political Economy of Regional Security in South East Europe; Workshop on Greek-Turkish Bilateral Relations; Defence Spending, Economic Growth and Peace Dividends; Peace Science; Arms Races and Arms Trade; The Economics of Alliances; The Economics of European Defence; Defence Industry, Military Protocol, Offsets, Military Procurement and Industrial Policy; Workshop on the Prospects of the Greek Defence Industry. Papers on other topics are welcomed.

Abstracts of about 300 words should be send via surface mail, fax or e-mail to Christos Kollias, Department of Business Administration, TEI of Larissa, Larissa 411 10, Greece Fax : ++ 2410 611994 / 613147 e-mail: kollias@teilar.gr

*Call for papers: 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**, July 15-16, 2004. Papers are invited. Proposals for papers, which should include a one page abstract, should be submitted to:

cgpe@sfu.ca by February 15, 2004. For more information on topics please see: <http://www.sfu.ca/~cgpe/projects.html> An edited collection of selected papers is expected to result from the conference. Some travel subsidies may be available. Updated information about the conference will be posted on the Centre for Global Political Economy's web page: <http://www.sfu.ca/cgpe>

*Call for papers: **Lisbon Conference on Defence and Security** *Terrorism as a Global Threat: Models and Defence Strategies*, July 1-2, 2004. The 2004 Lisbon Conference on Terrorism is jointly organized by the National Defence Institute (IDN), the Army Command and Staff College (IAEM), the Military Academy (AM) and the Centre for Research on Financial Economics (CIEF) of the Faculty of Economics and Business of the Technical University of Lisbon (ISEG). The Conference will be held at IDN, Calçada das Necessidades, 5, 1399-017 Lisbon, during the 1st and 2nd of July of 2004.

Paper proposals and registration should include an abstract of not more than 500 words to be submitted before March 2, 2004 to Prof. Carlos Barros, ISEG, Rua Miguel Lupi, 20, 1249-078 Lisboa, Portugal. Abstracts can also be submitted via email to cbarros@iseg.utl.pt under the following rules: Word format, font 12, Times New Roman, under the subject field "Lisbon Conference on Terrorism 2004". Please provide: author's name, affiliation, address, telephone and email address.

Designate one of the thematic areas shown below where your paper fits best and indicate also your preference of the subjects/areas (empirical or theoretical) of the papers to discuss. Everyone who presents a paper is expected to discuss a paper at another session:

- a. The Determinants of Terrorist Actions: from National to Global Agents.
- b. Economic, Political and Other Contexts of National Defense Strategies.
- c. National and Collective Defense Strategies: Geopolitical Perspective and International Legitimation.
- d. Economic, Political and Religious Contexts of Terrorism.
- e. Geopolitical Perspectives and Strategies of Terrorist Organizations.

Accommodation is provided free by the organization of the conference for up to 20 participants at the Army Command and Staff College (IAEM, Instituto de Altos Estudos Militares). A fee of 100 € will be asked at arrival to help financing social events and main meals.

For additional information, please contact CIEF- ISEG, Rua Miguel Lupi, 20, 1249-78 Lisboa. Tel.: 351 213906850; email: cief@iseg.utl.pt

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES and JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

* The Social Science Research Council (SSRC) announces a competition for collaborative Action Research Grants to qualified teams (such as scholars, NGO professionals, journalists, and lawyers) who currently reside or work in places beset by violent conflicts directly tied to issues of natural resources. These grants are part of a project that will create a global network of researchers - whose focus will be globalization and conflict - pursuing conflict analysis by using a variety of empirical and theoretical methods. The geographical areas of interest in this grant round are: The Andes (Columbia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru), Indonesia, and the Philippines. <http://www.ssrc.org>

The Social Science Research Council (SSRC) also offers a number of fellowships, including a fellowship for US scholars to visit and engage in collaborative activities with members of projects supported by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) in Britain between May 2004 and April 2005. Approximately ten research fellowships of up to \$7,500 (approx. £5000) will be awarded. This fellowship is a pilot project designed to encourage communication and cooperation between social scientists in Great Britain and the United States, and to explore and develop possibilities for future exchanges to be organized by the ESRC and the SSRC.

* The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation (<http://www.jackkentcooke.org/>) Graduate Scholarship Program offers students and recent alumni from any accredited college or university in the United States the opportunity to compete for graduate scholarships. The program will award approximately thirty-five scholarships to college seniors or recent graduates to attend graduate programs in the fall of 2004. The awards will provide funding for tuition, room and board, books, and other required fees for the length of the graduate degree program, up to six years. The maximum award per student is \$50,000 per year. To be eligible for the program, an applicant must be a college senior or have graduated from college since May 1999; have been accepted into a full-time graduate degree program at an accredited university to begin studies in fall 2004, or be accepted into such a program by the April 30, 2004, application deadline; and have a cumulative undergraduate grade point average 3.5 or better. US citizenship is not required. Eligible candidates for the scholarship must be nominated by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation faculty representative at their undergraduate institution. (The list of designated faculty representatives is available at the foundation's Web site.) Candidates may not apply directly to the foundation. See the foundation's Web site for complete program guidelines and application procedures. http://jackkentcooke.org/jkcf_web/content.aspx?page=Grad

* The Gallatin School of Individualized Study at New York University seeks an experienced teacher/scholar for a position in economy and culture. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in economics, business, history, geography, sociology, anthropology or a related field; they should have a demonstrated interest in some combination of the following: economics and culture; business and society; history of economic thought; great books in political economy; politics, law and the economy;

environmental economics and policy; sustainability and socially responsible business; business ethics; business and literature; non-profits and the independent sector. Applicants should be prepared to create interdisciplinary courses and to advise students with concentrations in various combinations of those interests. They seek someone who is committed to alternative forms of learning and teaching and whose academic practice and research cross the boundaries of disciplines and cultures. An ideal candidate possesses a love of teaching, a commitment to non-traditional education, and a dedication to individual mentoring of students.

This position is at the Assistant Professor level, tenure-track, with a starting date of September 1, 2004. Send letter of application and curriculum vitae only, no later than February 15, 2004, to Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Gallatin School of Individualized Study, New York University, 715 Broadway, New York, NY 10003.

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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

* Canadian ECAAR member Morris Miller forwards us this announcement from Science for Peace (www.scienceforpeace.sa.utoronto.ca): "Paul Martin [Canada's Prime Minister] is going to Mexico on Monday, January 12 to discuss entering the US missile defence program with George W. Bush. Far from defending Canada, the Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD), as the program is called, does not work technically, has already caused other countries to increase their nuclear arsenals in response and includes plans to put weapons in space. Please, lend your voice to the cause." If you are in Canada, call Paul Martin's office toll-free and leave a message saying that you want Canada to stay out of US BMD. Toll-free number for Paul Martin's office: 1 (866) 599-499. Paul Martin's website: <http://www.paulmartintimes.ca>. Even though the event has passed, there is still time to express your opinion on this.

*In November, Republican House negotiators blocked a provision that would have created criminal penalties for war profiteers and cheats who try to defraud American taxpayers and cash in on the relief and reconstruction efforts in Iraq. The provision has now been introduced as a stand-alone bill. The War Profiteering Prevention Act would penalize war profiteers who defraud American taxpayers -- its objective is "to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts in Iraq." This is hardly a radical or controversial proposal, as similar laws were enacted after World War I, World War II and the Korean War. As Patrick Leahy, one of the bill's authors, stated when the provision was originally removed from the Iraq supplemental: "This provision would have sent a message: if you cheat American taxpayers while our men and women are dying in Iraq, you will go to jail." This provision was stripped from the \$87 billion supplemental appropriation; now, the bill has been introduced on its own. Particularly in light of recent questions about Halliburton and price-gouging, the bill should be passed quickly to ensure, as President Roosevelt once declared, that "a few do not gain from the sacrifices of the many." You can urge your Senators and Representatives to support the bill at: <http://www.workingforchange.com/activism/action.cfm?itemid=16156>

* 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

*January 23rd. The next meeting of the **Study Group on the Economics of Security in a Post-9/11 World** will be held at 66 W 12th street, in Room 510, New York, NY. The formal session will run from 2:30 to 4; coffee and tea will be available from 2 p.m., and refreshments and informal discussion will continue afterwards until 4:30 or so. The presenter will be Johanna Mendelson-Forman, Senior Program Officer for Peace, Security, and Human Rights at the United Nations Foundation. She will address the issue of Post-Conflict Reconstruction in Iraq, on which she has been working intensively on her own and in networkhip with analysts from other organizations such as the Open Society Institute and the Center for Strategic and International Studies. To RSVP, please email or call Frida Berrigan (berrigaf@newschool.edu) or 212-229-5808 ext. 112.

*January 23, 2004- June 18, 2004. **The Practice of Peace: Winning Strategies & Effective Tools**. A weekly series presented by Cultures of Peace Education Project, a project of Pathways to Peace, in Tiburon, California. <http://www.ucandanc.org/>

*January 25-27, 2004, Washington, DC. The Nuclear Policy Research Institute hosts **Three Minutes to Midnight: NPRI Symposium on the Impending Threat of Nuclear War**. Join scientists, policy-makers, military and medical experts from around the world for three days of analysis, insight and strategy. At this landmark symposium, nuclear abolitionists, weapons designers and supporters of nuclear weapons as a deterrent will come together for the first time ever to discuss and debate the role of nuclear weapons in the 21st century. More information and online registration at: <http://www.nuclearpolicy.org/documents/conference.htm>

*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. 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 see above, or email kollias@teilar.gr

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