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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 ECAAR **Newsnetwork**, our print newsletter, is in the mail and available on our website in .pdf and html formats. This second edition for 2004 includes: David Berteau on homeland security; Bassam Yousif on human development in Iraq; Steve Kosiak on US military costs in Iraq and Afghanistan; Marcus Corbin on rebalancing the US security budget; Ahmad Faruqui on the political situation in South Asia; and Jurgen Brauer on underestimating US military spending.

To read individual articles in .html, visit our home page at <http://www.ecaar.org>. For a full .pdf version of the website, visit <http://www.ecaar.org/Newsletter/July2004.pdf>.

*Moses Shayo, a graduate student at Princeton University, won the 2004 Isaac Roet Essay Competition for his article "Poverty, Militarism and Civil War." The Roet Prize is administered by ECAAR-Netherlands (EVV) and carries a cash award of €5000. Mr. Shayo's essay appears in the July edition of the ECAAR Newsnetwork; you can read an .html version at <http://www.ecaar.org/Newsletter/July04/shayo.htm>. Mr. Shayo and the other finalists received free one-year memberships in ECAAR.

* Following another successful conference, papers are now available from the **Eighth Annual Conference on Economics and Security**, June 24-26 in Bristol, UK. Presentations included Michael Brzoska, Secretary of ECAAR-Germany, on

The Rationality of Defense; Paul Collier and Anke Hoeffler, of Oxford, on *Military Expenditure in Post-Conflict Societies*; Paul Dunne, Chair of ECAAR-UK on *The Restructuring of the International Arms Industry*; Jurgen Brauer, Vice-Chair of ECAAR-US, on *Offsets and Economic Development* and many others. The papers are available at <http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2004/Listofpapers.htm>

* ***Corporate Power is the Driving Force Behind US Foreign Policy - and the Slaughter in Iraq.*** This op-ed by ECAAR Trustee, John Kenneth Galbraith, was published in the Guardian, on July 15th. Dr. Galbraith's comments include, "The corporate appropriation of public initiative and authority is unpleasantly visible in its effect on the environment, and dangerous as regards military and foreign policy. Wars are a major threat to civilized existence, and a corporate commitment to weapons procurement and use nurtures this threat. It accords legitimacy, and even heroic virtue, to devastation and death." To read the entire article go to: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/comment/story/0,3604,1261593,00.html>

* James Galbraith and Jude Wanniski, writing together in the Washington Times, express ***Rate Hike Reservations.*** "One of us is the First Supply Sider. The other is the Last Keynesian. One is Republican; the other Democrat. One helped invent Reaganomics; the other spent four years trying to stop it. Yet we agree on one thing. Alan Greenspan should not raise interest rates now or in the near future." <http://washingtontimes.com/commentary/20040628-092019-6437r.htm>

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LINKS

* The ***Iraq Occupation Watch Center*** is "exposing the impact of the military and economic occupation of Iraq." This international coalition of peace and justice groups, including Iraqis, monitors the economic and reconstruction policies of the occupation; works to pressure the occupying forces to fulfill their financial responsibilities to rebuild Iraq; documents violations of human rights; and studies and works to help international organizations to understand the impacts of the occupation on all aspects of Iraqi life. <http://www.occupationwatch.org/>

* ***Reaching Critical Will***, a project of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), has a new look and design for their website. It is now even easier to find information on the Non-Proliferation Treaty, the Conference on Disarmament, the General Assembly First Committee, an NGO database, Fact Sheets, and much more. Visit <http://reachingcriticalwill.org/> for more information about this organization that is working to achieve a critical mass of political will for world nuclear disarmament.

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IN OTHER NEWS

* ***Paying the Price: The Mounting Costs of the Iraq War***, is a new study by the Institute for Policy Studies and Foreign Policy In Focus released June 24, 2004. With the official transition complete, the war in Iraq enters a new phase. This report details the real costs of this continuing war. The report examines the human costs,

security costs, and social costs, as well as economic costs to the US, Iraq and the rest of the world. The full report with citations is available at: <http://www.ips-dc.org/iraq/costsofwar/costsofwar.pdf>

* Amnesty International (AI) has called on the UN Security Council to **impose an arms embargo on the Sudanese government and militias allied to it**, who Amnesty said were deemed to be responsible for many of the atrocities committed in western Darfur region. In a report released on July 2, AI urged the UN to impose the arms embargo on the government and the Janjawid militia "until full respect for human rights can be ensured." The report, it added, was based on satellite images showing the scale of the destruction of villages in Darfur.

"We have seen ample evidence that the Janjawid are armed, funded and supported by the Sudanese government. Therefore, any resolution for the suspension of transfers of arms used to commit human rights violations must be directed not only against militias but also against the Sudan government. This suspension should be imposed immediately and should continue until human rights are secured," AI stressed.

AI said the satellite images of a small area in Western Darfur taken in March 2003 and May 2004, "vividly demonstrate the pattern of destruction of villages in Darfur by the Janjawid." In the photos, at least 155, or 44 per cent, of the villages show signs of having been burnt between March 2003 and May 2004. It added that over the past 15 months it had interviewed hundreds of villagers who had fled from the area shown in the satellite images, and the experiences they had related "of death, destruction, rape and flight" had served to illustrate what the images depicted. Full story at: <http://www.irinnews.org/print.asp?ReportID=42028>

* **UN slams US over spending Iraq funds** originally published in the Financial Times June 22, 2004. United Nations-mandated auditors have sharply criticized the US occupation authority for the way it has spent more than \$11 billion in Iraqi oil revenues and say they have faced "resistance" from coalition officials. In an interim report, obtained by the Financial Times, KPMG says the Development Fund for Iraq, which is managed by the US-led Coalition Provisional Authority and channels oil revenue into reconstruction projects, is "open to fraudulent acts." The auditors criticize the CPA's bookkeeping and warn: "The CPA does not have effective controls over the ministries' spending of their individually allocated budgets, whether the funds are direct from the CPA or via the ministry of finance." <http://www.globalpolicy.org/security/issues/iraq/dfi/2004/0622kpmg.htm>

* **The Webb Essay Competition 2004** topic is "Can Democracy be Exported?" This prestigious competition is co-hosted by The Foreign Policy Centre, the New Statesman, and the Webb Memorial Trust. The competition, open to writers age 26 and under, is aimed at young people around the world, and is intended to stimulate thinking and debate about politics and international relations. The first prize is £1000 and the winning essay will also be published in the New Statesman. Second and third prizes are £500 and £250 and all prizes will be presented at a prize reception to be held at a major London venue in early December. The deadline for the competition is October 1, 2004.

Entries can be sent electronically to webb2004@fpc.org.uk, or sent to: Webb Essay Competition, The Foreign Policy Centre, Elizabeth House, Mezzanine Floor, 39 York Road, London, SE1 7NQ, UK.

* IANSA (the International Action network on Small Arms) reports that **International Gun Destruction Day**, July 9th, was marked with real and symbolic

gun destructions all over the world. Guns were destroyed by survivors of gun crime, families of victims, governments and arms campaigners. You can find photos and updates at http://www.iansa.org/action/gun_destruction_day_2004.htm

* Eric Fleischauer, of the Decatur (Alabama) Daily writes **85 Years Later, Keynes Instructs Coalition about Post-war Iraq**. Yes, the country was our enemy and yes, the war was its fault. A brash young economist, however, said any effort to tap the vanquished nation's resources to fund the war debt or to repay its pre-war debt would be a tragic mistake.

The economist was so frustrated that he stormed out of treaty conferences. In his absence and despite his warnings, combatants signed the Treaty of Versailles 85 years ago Monday. The economist was John Maynard Keynes, a 34-year-old Brit whose unpopular predictions could have ruined his career had those predictions not proved accurate. Keynes spoke of Germany, but some scholars say the United States needs to apply his lessons to Iraq.

Some economists fear the harsh lessons learned after Versailles have been forgotten by the victorious coalition in Iraq. "The long-run consequences — just like in World War I, just like in Vietnam — have not been thought through. The financing has not been thought through," said Niles Schoening, an economist at The University of Alabama in Huntsville.

"The same sort of thing could begin here if we divert the revenues from the oil to help pay our share of the cost of the war. That will just make the Iraqis more alienated, I think, just as the Germans became alienated after Versailles," Schoening said. "Iraqis, like Germans, will be very angry and rightfully so." Read the entire article at <http://www.decaturdaily.com/decaturdaily/news/040627/keynes.shtml>

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*FUNDING and EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES *

* **Vacancy for id21 Senior Editor**. The id21 team needs an experienced Editor to manage a growing team involved in transforming research reports into readable, jargon-free copy for use in a range of online and print products. A proven track record in editorial management is essential. Knowledge of international development and an understanding of research and research processes desirable. Closing date: August 6. Interview date: September 6-7. To learn more about the Institute for Development Studies, and id21, see <http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/> For more details on the job opening email: humanresources@ids.ac.uk or visit http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/recruit/026_SeniorEdid21_Ad.html

* The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation (<http://www.gf.org/>) provides **fellowships for advanced professionals in the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and non-performing creative arts**. The annual program is designed "to further the development of scholars and artists by assisting them to engage in research in any field of knowledge and creation in any of the arts, under the freest possible conditions and irrespective of race, color, or creed." Fellowships are awarded through two annual competitions: one open to citizens and permanent residents of the United States and Canada, and the other open to citizens and permanent residents of Latin America and the Caribbean.

For further program information and application procedures, see the foundation's website <http://www.gf.org/>. Information is available on the site in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. The deadline for applicants in the United States and Canada is October 1, 2004; for those in Latin America and the Caribbean, December 1, 2004.

* **The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans** (<http://pdsoros.org/>) is an annual fellowship program designed to provide opportunities for new Americans to achieve leadership positions in their chosen fields. For the purposes of this program, a "new American" is an individual who (1) is a resident alien, i.e., holds a Green Card; or (2) has been naturalized as a US citizen; or (3) is the child of two parents who are both naturalized citizens. The fellowships provide grants for up to two years of graduate study in the United States. The fellow receives an annual maintenance grant of \$20,000 and a tuition grant of one-half the tuition cost of the US graduate program attended by the fellow. Thirty fellowships will be awarded each year.

A fellow may pursue a graduate degree in any professional field (e.g., engineering, medicine, law, social work, etc.) or scholarly discipline in the arts, humanities, social sciences, and sciences. The applicant must either have a bachelor's degree or be in her/his final year of undergraduate study. Those who have a bachelor's degree may already be pursuing graduate study and may receive fellowship support to continue that study. To be eligible, an applicant must not be older than thirty years of age as of November 1, 2004.

See the Soros Fellowships website for complete program information and an application form. Deadline: November 1, 2004 <http://pdsoros.org/>

*The Social Science Research Council (<http://www.ssrc.org/>) 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 state capacities. This request-for-proposals invites collaborative research (by teams of researchers) on globalization, state capacities, and violent conflict. These grants will fund research and problem-solving activities that explore the relationship between processes of political and economic globalization, violent conflict, and state strength.

The applicant(s) should involve more than one researcher; teams can be comprised of two or more qualified individuals. Each grant of \$10,000 will support work for four to six months. The geographical areas of interest in this grant round are: West Africa, Burma/Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, and Haiti. Applicants should either reside or work in these zones of conflict. Projects should be led by practitioners (including nongovernmental and multilateral organization professionals, activists, journalists, and lawyers) and/or scholars in the early stages of their careers, but may involve other more senior individuals.

See the SSRC Web site for complete program information.
<http://www.ssrc.org/programs/gsc> Deadline: September 1, 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

* In June, the House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee courageously removed all the funds for new nuclear weapons in the House version of the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill (HR 4614). The House action represents a great step toward a more sane U.S. nuclear weapons policy. The Senate Appropriations Committee is working on their version of the bill now.

Continuing its drive to develop new, more usable nuclear weapons, the Bush Administration has requested increased funding for research on new nuclear weapons. In its request to Congress for fiscal year 2005 (FY05), the Administration requested \$27.6 million for the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator (RNEP), or nuclear "bunker buster," and \$9 million for the Advanced Concepts Initiatives, which could be used to develop low-yield nuclear weapons.

Please call, fax, or email your senators. While it is important for all people to contact their senators on this important issue, it is especially important to contact your senator if he/she is a member of the Appropriations Committee. **Urge your senators to help cut funds for new nuclear weapons from the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill.** Tell them that new nuclear weapons will not bring security. In fact, such weapons will make the world less secure. Urge them to shift funding away from new nuclear weapons to initiatives that support arms control and disarmament.

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) makes it easy to send a letter on this subject to your Senators. Go to <http://capwiz.com/fconl/issues/alert/?alertid=5902431&type=CO> and enter your zipcode, and a letter, which you can modify, will be sent to your Senators.

* In honor of the 59th Anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki, August 9th is **National Call-in Day**. BE SAFE, the Center for Health, Environment & Justice, and other organizations are asking citizens to call the Presidential candidates and urge them to reduce and eliminate nuclear weapons. More information is available at <http://www.besafenet.com/nuclear.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.

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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

* July 16-18, 2004. **Peace Action Annual National Congress** in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. http://www.peace-action.org/forms/cong_reg.php

* 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.

* 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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* If you are considering buying a book online, please take a look at What We Give.com (<http://www.whatwegive.com/>). They have tens of thousands of titles available at a discount to you, and ECAAR receives twenty percent of your purchase price. After you check out, a pop up window will ask for information about the organization to which you wish your donation to go. Enter Ogranizational Account # 32 and "Economists Allied for Arms Reduction" in the organization field, and your purchase will be credited to our account.

* Please consider becoming a member of ECAAR. Your annual membership entitles you to discounts on publications, invitations to events, our informative newsletters, and more. Most importantly, by joining us you help to ensure that reasoned perspectives on essential economic issues will continue to be heard. Membership dues and other donations are fully tax-deductible. Visit <http://www.ecaar.org/Membership.htm> for more information.

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