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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

*As this issue of NewsNotes goes to press the Senate Armed Services Committee is holding hearings on the Bush administration's \$25 billion request for ongoing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. When the budget was originally presented there was no provision for the war. This request is an acknowledgment of the pressure brought to bear by a range of constituencies including ECAAR in its "[Statement on the Defense Budget](#)." Our voices do make a difference.

*ECAAR Board Chair James Galbraith and Board member Robert Reich will speak at **WHAT WE STAND FOR, Ideas and Values to Take Back America**, a conference on May 14-15 in New York City. Other scheduled presenters include Paul Krugman, Sandy Berger, Gary Hart, New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, Jesse Jackson, Jr. and many more. This two-day event hosted by The New Democracy Project and The Nation Institute includes discussions on a host of topics ranging from Civil Rights to the environment and energy.
<http://www.newdemocracyproject.com>.

*Preparations continue for the installation of a missile-defense system protecting the United States. The Department of Defense says that within six months, it will have the capability to shoot down an intercontinental ballistic missile. In this piece that aired on **NPR's All Things Considered** on April 13th, Rodney Jones, one of the

authors of "**The Full Costs of Missile Defense**," explains the projected high costs, and other experts question the efficacy of the proposed system.

<http://www.npr.org/run downs/segment.php?wfld=1835693>

*In an article in the Dubuque Telegraph Herald on March 12, ECAAR Board member, Michael Intriligator predicts "mega-terrorism." Intriligator says countries with weapons of mass destruction, including so-called "rogue nations" are not an immediate threat to the stability of the world, but the more than 200 terrorist groups worldwide are. To read the full article, go to

<http://www.ecaar.org/network/intriligator.htm>.

*On May 24-28 nine outstanding acknowledged economic experts will gather in Copenhagen to discuss, analyze and rank the opportunities corresponding to each of ten challenges representing some of the world's biggest concerns. Ten specialists have each prepared a background paper on a challenge within their field of research in order to provide the experts with the best and most recent information. **The Copenhagen Consensus** is based on the aim to improve prioritization of limited means. The world is faced with a countless number of challenges such as diseases, environmental degradation, armed conflicts and financial instability. Copenhagen Consensus takes a new and critical-analytical approach to assessing the effects of international opportunities for solving the challenges. ECAAR Board members Michael Intriligator and Douglass North will be participating in the discussions. For more information, please visit <http://www.copenhagenconsensus.com/Default.asp?ID=158>

*ECAAR Board member Jurgen Brauer will present at **The Other Economic Summit (TOES)** in Savannah, Georgia, June 8-10. The summit is an international forum for the presentation, discussion and advocacy of the economic ideas and practices upon which a more just and sustainable society can be built- "an economics as if people mattered," as E.F. Schumacker put it. TOES is convened every 7 years in response to the G8 summit. Topics to be addressed will include: Revitalizing the Global Commons: Culture, Politics, Economics and Environment; Corporations, Law and Democracy; The Right to Work and Labor Rights; and Globalization and Empire. More information is available at <http://www.toes-usa.org//index.htm>

*Stansislav Menshikov, chair of ECAAR-Russia, has a new book out in Moscow entitled, "**The Anatomy of Russian Capitalism**." For contents and other details click http://www.fastcenter.ru/smeshikov/book_en.htm

*Call for papers: ECAAR Board member Manas Chatterji has been invited to organize a one-day technical symposium on **Conflict Management and Peace Economics at the International Peace Festival** to be held near Beijing during Aug. 20-23, 2004. Any ECAAR member interested in participating is invited to contact Prof. Chatterji at 607-777-2475 or mchatter@binghamton.edu

*Professor Chatterji has also recently been appointed by Elsevier Publishing as the General Editor of a book series on **Contributions to Conflict Management, Peace Economics and Development**. Prof. Chatterji will welcome manuscripts of a textbook, edited book, conference papers, or academic book (theoretical or applied) from ECAAR members for possible publication. Please contact Manas Chatterji at 607-777-2475 or email him at mchatter@binghamton.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

***Carolina For Kibera, Inc. (CFK)** is a program organized out of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. UNC students staff much of the program's activities abroad, garnering valuable educational experience. In Africa, the organization runs a medical clinic, an all-girls center and a youth sports association in the Kibera slum of Nairobi, Kenya. Kibera, the source of violent ethnic and religious clashes over the past decade, is home to over a million people living in an area roughly the size of Central Park.

Rye Barcott, an active duty Marine Corps officer and the founder of CFK, helps students to understand the challenges of establishing an NGO, the participatory development approach, and how non-governmental organizations (NGOs) help prevent armed conflict. Members of CFK also study how other Americans and Members of Congress can become involved in these types of organizations as well as the importance of viewing post 9/11 security as a broadly distributed concept that requires humanitarian, civilian and military tools. See <http://cfk.unc.edu/index.html> for more information.

*On September 12 The CivWorld Citizens Campaign for Democracy will host the 2nd Annual **Interdependence Day** in Rome, Italy. "Where once nations depended on sovereignty alone to secure their destinies, today they depend on one another. In a world where the poverty of some imperils the wealth of others, none are safer than the least safe. Interdependence is not a strategy of idealists, but a realistic necessity."
- Dr. Benjamin Barber, founder of CivWorld. <http://www.civworld.org/>

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IN OTHER NEWS

*Marcus Corbin, Director of the Center for Defense Information, an ECAAR Security Policy Working Group partner, writing on AlterNet talks about ***Paying for Iraq***. "We can use the Pentagon's enormous and wasteful R&D budget to rebuild Iraq rather than cut back on vitally needed programs for ordinary Americans."
<http://www.alternet.org/story.html?StoryID=18584>

*This article from BBC News World Edition, April 8th, gives a good summary of spending on the war in Iraq thus far, noting, "The US Congress has so far allocated \$162bn on invading and then rebuilding Iraq. That sounds like a lot - but the real question should be whether it is anywhere near enough."
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/business/3603923.stm>

*April marked the ten-year anniversary of the genocide of 800,000 people in 100 days in Rwanda. In honor of the event UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan proposed a

five point plan that seeks to prevent armed conflict and atrocities. He will soon appoint a **Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide**, who will analyze early warning data and will report to the UN Security Council.

"If there is one legacy I would most wish to leave to my successors, it is an Organization both better equipped to prevent genocide, and able to act decisively to stop it when prevention fails," said Mr. Annan, who headed the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations in 1994 and said his thoughts since then had been "dominated" by questions about what more could have been done to stop the bloodshed. <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=10337&Cr=Rwanda&Cr1=Genocide>

*Oxfam is also marking the anniversary of the massacres - by looking at "**Failures and Lessons of Rwanda**." Most importantly for Oxfam, the experience in Rwanda helped spur a new program direction: community-based conflict resolution, an innovative approach to building local capabilities for defusing conflict, and resolving disputes peacefully. This is a top priority for Oxfam America's West Africa regional program, and their global humanitarian response program stresses disaster preparation partly based on the lessons learned in Rwanda. <http://www.oxfamamerica.org/emergency/art7073.html>

*The trafficking of African women and children for prostitution or cheap labor is aggravated by war, poverty and a failure to register births, UNICEF said in a study released April 23rd. According to the study about 80 percent of African countries reported the practice of "internal trafficking" whereby people are displaced around the country to serve as cheap labor in households and farms or as prostitutes. http://www.unwire.org/UNWire/20040423/449_23143.asp

***Enforced Closure of Markets Undermine Informal Economy**. IRIN, the UN News Agency reports that a government decision to close a number of markets in the Angolan capital, Luanda, has sparked clashes with police and elicited protests from aid workers. The population of Luanda has grown eight-fold over the last three decades as rural populations fled the fighting in the countryside for the relative safety of the capital. Lacking skills and education, most of the new city-dwellers turned to buying and selling on the informal market. At least four people died and several more were injured in clashes between police and angry market traders, who say their livelihoods are being threatened by the cleanup campaign. For more details please see <http://www.irinnews.org/report.asp?ReportID=40447>

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***FUNDING and EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ***

*The US Institute of Peace has a solicited grants competition each year. This year solicitation A is on "The Economics of War and Peace" and solicitation B on "Southeast Asia". See <http://www.usip.org/grants/solicited.html>. Deadline is October 1, 2004. Proposals may include "research, training or educational projects, including curriculum development."

Topics for solicitation A may include "The Economics of Peace-Building," "Development and Reconstruction," "Humanitarian Assistance and Foreign Aid," "Non-State Actors," and "The Role of Education and the Media."

For solicitation B: "Democratization/Governance," "Civil-Military Relations," "Ethnic and Religious Conflict," "Terrorism," "Small Arms Trade," "Regional Powers and Organizations," "and "Education and the Media."

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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 policy makers, 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 Costs 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

*As the House and Senate Armed Services Committees confer on their respective versions of the annual defense authorization bill, the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) offers a link to email your Representatives and Senators, letting them know that you would like them to de-fund a Ballistic Missile Defense system.

The FCNL Legislative Action Center offers a sample letter which explains various reasons one might not want to fund such a system.

http://www.fcnl.org/act_lam_current/lam0429_04.htm You can use their letter as it stands or add your own words. For instance, you might want to add a paragraph that says:

"In a study released in January of 2003, Economists Allied for Arms Reduction and the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation detail, "The Full Costs of Ballistic Missile Defense." (<http://www.armscontrolcenter.org/nmd/fullcost.pdf>). In the forward Nobel Laureate Kenneth J. Arrow states, "The word 'costs' may elicit reactions such as, 'when it comes to national security, costs don't matter.' But, of course, what economists tell us is that costs always matter. Something else has to be

given up, and when the magnitudes are those found in this study, a lot has to be given up."

*The Victims Trust Fund was established as part of the International Criminal Court in order to provide much-needed financial support for survivors of genocide and crimes against humanity. The money from this fund will pay for medical treatment, education, restitution for seized property, community reconciliation projects and psychotherapy for traumatized victims and witnesses. The Victim's Trust Fund Campaign is being led by a coalition of NGOs in an effort to both support victims of genocide and war, and to call for a new commitment from the US government to the pursuit of human rights.

By participating in the Victim's Trust Fund Campaign, your donation can count twice. When you write a check to the Fund, consider sending a copy of that check to the office of your senators and representative in Congress. Send a strong message to your members of Congress that people in the US care about the victims of war and atrocities around the world, and that US voters want our government to support new, creative and multilateral institutions that support restorative justice and human rights.

For more information on The Victim's Trust Fund Campaign, see their website at <http://www.victimstrustfund.org/index.html>.

For a sample letter to your member of Congress, click here: <http://www.victimstrustfund.org/action/sampleletter.html>.

* 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>.

*If you are concerned about your vote counting, check out Verifiedvoting.org (www.verifiedvoting.org). This website champions transparent, reliable, and publicly verifiable elections in the United States. This website advocates the use of voter-verified paper ballots for all elections in the United States, so voters can inspect individual permanent records of their ballots before they are cast and so meaningful recounts may be conducted. They also insist that software used in electronic voting equipment be open to public scrutiny and that random, surprise recounts be conducted on a regular basis to audit election equipment. The website offers many points of information regarding verifying ballots, and suggestions of ways to help ensure fair elections.

* 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

*May 14, 2004. The next meeting of the **Study Group on the Economics of Security in the Post 9/11 World** will be held in room 720, Parsons Building, 66 Fifth Avenue (between 12th and 13th streets). This is the same location as last month's meeting.

Elisabeth Skoens, the Project Leader for military expenditure and arms production at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), will present on "The Military Sector in a Period of Change." She will focus on empirical trends, drawing on SIPRI work, and then sketch a few trends that impact how we define the military sector. We will be distributing copies of her paper as soon as it is available.

The Study Group will meet from 2:30 - 4:00 pm; coffee and tea at 2:00pm, refreshments afterward, in Room 720, 66 Fifth Ave. Please RSVP to Frida Berrigan at berrigaf@newschool.edu

* May 24-28, 2004. **Peacebuilding, Conflict Transformation, and Post-War Reconstruction, Reconciliation and Resolution**, a five day international training program for practitioners and policy makers organized 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, 2004. The OneVoice Initiative is organizing an event with **Jazz for Peace** in New York City. This night of incredible live Jazz, featuring Rick DellaRatta, will support OneVoice's progressive efforts to empower and activate the silent majority in the Middle East to stand up against violent absolutism, helping them break the cycle that has cast a shadow over this region for far too long.
<http://www.idealists.org/en/events/112009:111/86323:140>

* 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 socioeconomic 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 8-10, 2004. **The Other Economic Summit (TOES)** in Savannah, Georgia. The summit is an international forum for the presentation, discussion and advocacy of the economic ideas and practices upon which a more just and sustainable society can be built - "an economics as if people mattered," as E.F.Schumacker put it. TOES is convened every 7 years in response to the G8 summit. Topics to be addressed will include: Revitalizing the Global Commons: Culture, Politics, Economics and Environment; Corporations, Law and Democracy; The Right to Work and Labor Rights; and Globalization and Empire. More information is available at <http://www.toes-usa.org/index.htm>

* 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 18-27, 2004. **Implementing the Culture of Peace Youth Camp**, in Sikondafürdő, Hungary. The campers will engage in work, cultural programs, lectures and discussions. <http://www.irff-europe.org/project/hungary/serviceproj04.htm>

*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 Defense?" 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.
<http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2004/CONF2004.html>

*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/eaepc.php?q=node/view/92>

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