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New Publications in Series on *International Relations Studies and the United Nations*

The Academic Council on the United Nations System is pleased to offer readers two new publications as part of the new *International Relations Studies and the United Nations* occasional paper series: *Financing the United Nations* by Jeffrey Laurenti, Ph.D. and *Letting the People Decide: the Evolution of UN Electoral Assistance* by Robin Ludwig, Ph.D.

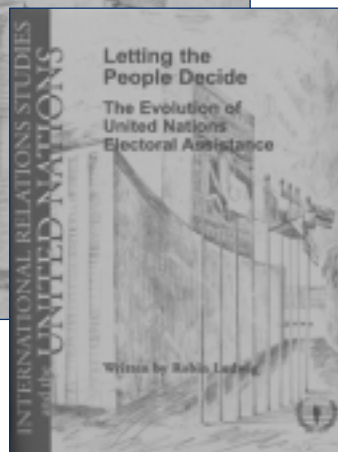
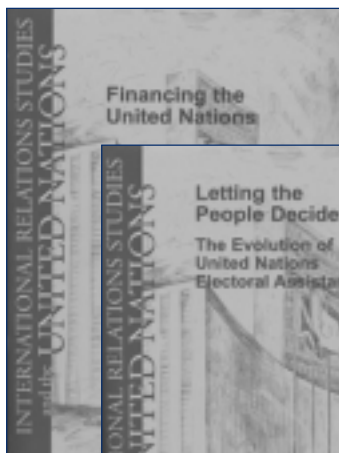
Laurenti, director of policy studies at the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA), explores the ongoing tension between the international legal obligation to pay assessed dues to the United Nations and the preference of certain parties to view UN contributions as a unilateral political decision. He maintains that battles over dues have reflected great power tension over

the years and differing North/South perspectives.

Ludwig, a senior political affairs officer in the UN Department of Political Affairs' Electoral Assistance Division, recounts the history of UN electoral assistance activities. She notes that, despite various changes over the years, several basic goals of UN assistance have remained constant, including the ultimate goal: to build electoral institutions such that members can become independent of UN assistance.

Copies are available from the Secretariat. Members are encouraged to request their first copies free of charge. Non-members who wish to purchase copies, and members

ordering additional copies, are asked to cover postage, plus a \$5 handling fee per order. To place an order, please contact ACUNS headquarters.



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Endowment News

It is a pleasure to announce, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of ACUNS*, the following contribution to the endowment fund:

Georgios Kostakos
Benefactor (over \$1000)

The *Friends of ACUNS* endowment fund was established in 1999 to ensure the financial future of the Academic Council on the UN System and continuation of its programs. Contributions are tax deductible.

Please visit the *Friends* website at www.yale.edu/acuns/friends/ for on-line information and a donation form, or contact the ACUNS Secretariat for a printed brochure and donation form.

“Prospects for Johannesburg” Discussion

The Academic Council on the UN System is pleased to host a panel discussion on Thursday, 7 February 2002, entitled “Prospects for Johannesburg” held in conjunction with the PrepCom for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD). The three panelists speaking from their perspectives on preparations for the Summit are: Ms. Zehra Aydin-Sipos, United Nations Johannesburg Summit Secretariat; a representative of the United States Department of State; and Mr. John Klotz, Chair, Global Environment Security and Survival Task Force, the Sierra Club. Preparations for the WSSD are underway and the second PrepCom will be held in New York at the UN, 28 January to 8

February. By holding the seminar toward the end of PrepCom II, we hope to capture a picture of how events are falling into place. Each speaker will give a fifteen-minute presentation, followed by an open discussion.

The event will take place at the Church Center, 10th floor, 777 UN Plaza, New York City, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. A buffet lunch will be provided. A suggested donation of \$10 per person will be collected at the door and applied towards the “Friends of ACUNS” fund.

Reservations are required due to limited space and the need to order food; please respond to the ACUNS Secretariat: Tel: 203/432-6512; Fax: 203/432-5634; email: acuns@yale.edu.

Annual Meeting Paper Proposals Due

Paper proposals for workshop panel presentations at the fifteenth Annual Meeting, 21-23 June 2002, are welcome. The Call for Papers, published in the Autumn 2001 newsletter, is also available on the ACUNS website (see address at the bottom of this page).

The United Nations University (UNU) has made a generous grant to ACUNS to support the full participation costs of several young scholars to present papers at the meeting. Participants in this program will be selected by ACUNS and the UNU from a pool of applicants from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and other developing regions in areas of peace and governance. Applications published in the Autumn 2001 newsletter are also on the ACUNS website.



Calendar of Events

January

28 PrepCom for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) commences, United Nations, New York. [End date: 8 February 2002.]

February

7 “Prospects for Johannesburg” panel discussion (see description above); reservations required.
15 Paper proposals for 2002 Annual Meeting due. The Call for Papers posted in the Autumn 2001 issue of this newsletter may be downloaded from the ACUNS website.

March

2 Tentative date for jazz concert at BB King’s, New York City.
15 Dissertation Award Program applications due.
26 Reception at ISA Convention, New Orleans, LA

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Call for Nominations

The 2002-2003 Nominations Committee, comprised of ACUNS Executive Director Jean Krasno and board members Isidro Morales Moreno (University of the Americas-Puebla), Craig Murphy (Wellesley College), Béatrice Pouligny (CERI), and Nico Schrijver (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), seek nominations to fill three vacancies on the 2002-2003 ACUNS Board of Directors.

All nominees should be ACUNS members who have been actively involved in ACUNS programs. Nominations should reflect the international interests of ACUNS and provide a mix of scholars and practitioners, social scientists and lawyers, and men and women. Former board members are not eligible for nomination.

ACUNS members who wish to nominate one of more members should do so in writing, indicating the nature of the nominee's professional and scholarly background, along with a brief rationale for his/her nomination. A one-paragraph biographical statement should also be included. Individuals may be nominated anonymously.

All nominations should be forwarded to the ACUNS Secretariat in care of the Nominations Committee, and must be received by Friday, 29 March 2002. ACUNS members will have the opportunity to vote on the final nominations at the Business Meeting, held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting in June 2002.

Executive Committee Meets in December

The Executive Committee met on 8 December 2001 in New York City at the Yale Club of New York City for its biannual session.

The Executive Committee consists of Nico Schrijver (Chair), Craig Murphy (Chair Elect), Christopher Joyner and David Malone (Vice-Chairs), and Gillian Sorensen.

Global Governance editors S. Neil MacFarlane (Oxford University) and Thomas G. Weiss (CUNY) reported to the Executive Committee on the activities of the editorial offices of the journal, headquartered at the University of Alberta under editor W. Andy Knight. Charlotte Ku (ASIL) followed with her report on the work of the Forward Planning Committee. Ku is the Chair of this committee, which is charged by the Board of Directors to collect and review proposals from institutions interested in hosting the ACUNS headquarters after July 2003.

The Executive Committee reviewed past and future programs, including the 2001 and 2002 Annual Meetings, the 2001 ACUNS/ASIL Workshop on International Organization Studies, and the 2002-03 Dissertation Award Program (see the Call for Applications on page 6). Members of the Committee also discussed the progress of the project on "Building a Constituency for the UN Through Education."

In her capacity as treasurer of the *Friends of ACUNS* endowment fund, Jean Krasno presented a report on the fund's current balance, and discussed past and future events planned in support of the endowment.

Finally, the Executive Committee reviewed the income and expenditure reports for 2001-02 and 2002-03 fiscal years.

The Committee will meet again in June 2002 in connection with the Fifteenth Annual Meeting, 21-23 June 2002, in Lisbon, Portugal.

Autograph Please...

The third annual Book Raffle in support of the *Friends of ACUNS* endowment will be held in connection with the 2002 Annual Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal. Authors are encouraged to donate a signed book for the event. This is a convenient way to contribute to the success of the *Friends* endowment fund. Books may be sent directly to the Secretariat.

Live Music...

A musical concert featuring live jazz performances will be held on Saturday, 2 March, at BB King's in New York City. The concert is sponsored by Research in Motion (RIM); profits will be contributed to the *Friends of ACUNS*.

The time of the concert and the list of musicians will be confirmed in February via our website, www.yale.edu/acuns/.

**ACUNS
Welcomes its
Newest Members**

Individual Members

Nariman Abdel Kader

José Alvarez

David Brook

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L I T E R A R

Managing Armed Conflicts in the 21st Century

Adekeye Adebajo and Chandra Lekha Sriram, eds., London: Frank Cass & Co. Ltd., 2001, ISBN: 0-7146-5094-3 (cloth: USD \$59.50) or 0-7146-8136-9 (paper: USD \$24.50), 221 pp.

Don't you love a paradox? Well, here's an invitation to examine the role of force in peace operations and the curious similarities between war and peace. This erudite collection of essays explores the conflicts of the 1990s with an eye toward identifying new approaches and tools for management. In the process, authors discuss such contemporary issues as the changing nature of UN peacekeeping, peace-building through transitional authority mandates, truth commissions and the quest for justice, civil-militia relations and the protection of civilians in conflicts, the role and utility of private security firms or "mercenaries," the need for greater burden-sharing within the NATO alliance, the rise and fall of UN peacekeeping in Africa, and the travails of peacekeeping in nuclear South Asia. The insightful volume offers a valuable resource to everyone from students to world leaders.

New Challenges for UNICEF: Children, Women and Human Rights

Yves Beigbeder, New York: Palgrave Publishers Ltd., 2001, ISBN: 0-333-80047-8 (USD \$65.00) 248 pp.

We know all about UNICEF, or do we? This book illustrates in detail the history and nature of the UN Children's Fund, from its inception as a humanitarian organization to its current status as perhaps the world's most famous development institution concerned with children and mothers. Along the way, Beigbeder discusses the evolution of UNICEF's programs, its structure and finances, its work in health, nutrition, education sanitation and major emergencies. The author also covers recent challenges to UNICEF's identity, its relationship with other international organizations, its reduced funding and the need to refocus some of its programs.

Inside the World of Diplomacy: The U.S. Foreign Service in a Changing World

Seymour M. Finger, Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishers, 2001, ISBN: 0-275-97025-6 (USD \$59.95) 184 pp.

A former American ambassador to the United Nations provides an intriguing, insider's view of significant events in American diplomacy since World War II. The author draws on his 26 years of experience as a career diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service to deliver candid appraisals of Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and Bush, and such statesmen as Henry Cabot Lodge, Adlai Stevenson and Arthur J. Goldberg. Taking readers behind the historic headlines, Seymour M. Finger shares his special insights on major changes in U.S. Foreign Service, the background and character requirements of an effective diplomat, and the necessity of trust in international relations. This book will fascinate students and scholars of American diplomacy, as well as candidates for the Foreign Service.



Global Trends & Global Governance

Paul Kennedy, Dirk Messner and Franz Nuscheler, London & Sterling, VA: Pluto Press, 2001, ISBN: 0-7453-1751-0 (cloth: USD \$69.95) or 0-7453-1750-2 (paper: USD \$22.50), 208 pp.

Which global issues will most affect our lives in the 21st Century? To answer that question, this volume probes the relationship between developments in politics, ecology, the economy, security and systems of global governance. In addition, the authors ask how we as individuals can address concerns that arise in an increasingly globalized society. Written in a concise and accessible style and filled with useful facts and figures, this practical guide ultimately reveals the need to establish more cooperative and inclusive forms of global politics.

The Conjurers' Hat

Dirk Salomons and Dennis Dijkzeul, Norway: Fafo Institute for Applied Social Science, 2001, ISBN: 82-7422-341-1 (USD \$24.00 + postage and handling), 109 pp.

In 1998, the Fafo Programme for International Co-operation and Conflict Resolution (PICCR) brought together various UN associates, including senior managers and a group of Special Representatives of the Secretary-General (SRSGs), to discuss practical ways to strengthen UN peace operations. That meeting identified the need to study the financing of peace-building and the role of financial mechanisms in mission effectiveness. In The Conjurers' Hat, the authors do just that, examining the financing of ten peace missions led by SRSGs during the period of 1992 to 2001. The book also describes the internal reform processes related to financing UN peacekeeping and peace-building operations, including the impact of the Panel on UN Peace Operations in 2000 and the voluntary funding mechanisms that have arisen over the years in support of peace operations.

The Age of Terror: America and the World after September 11

Strobe Talbott and Nayan Chanda, eds., New York: Basic Books, 2001, ISBN: 0-465-08356-0 (USD \$22.00), 232 pp.

The cataclysmic events of September 11, 2001, heralded a new era in human history, one in which counter-terrorism would become one of the highest priorities of national and international institutions. In an effort to understand the enormity of the tragedy and its legacy of danger, a group of scholars looks back at what happened and why, at what counter-terrorism should entail, and at what might lie ahead for the world. Individual essays suggest the lessons, goals and caveats that will no doubt shape our existence for many years to come.

The Winning Delegate: An Insider's Guide to Model United Nations

Kerem Turunc, Turkey: Tukelmat, 2001, ISBN: 975-93333-1-7, 125 pp.

This useful manual was written by a Yale graduate who was Secretary-General of the university's Model United Nations. It includes advice for other "MUNers" and strategies to help more experienced delegates improve their parliamentary skills. Turunc supplies a history of the United Nations, tips for better debate, detailed explanations of rules and procedures, sample resolutions, and research resources.

Announcement



CALL FOR PAPERS

The University of Waterloo, in co-operation with the United Nations University, seeks paper proposals for a major conference on the role of international (or independent) commissions as sources for ideas in global politics. The conference, to be held in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, from May 16-18, 2002, will focus on the character, thinking, and impact of commissions such as the Brandt Commission, the Palme Commission, the Commission on Global Governance, the Stockholm Initiative on Global Security and Governance, the Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict, the Independent Commission on Kosovo, and the Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty. Comparative thematic papers are also welcome. Funding for participants is available if necessary.

Please submit a brief abstract and contact details by 15 February 2002 to: Lena Yost, Centre on Foreign Policy and Federalism, Room 133 Hagey Hall, University of Waterloo, Waterloo Ontario, Canada N2L 3G1
Tel: 519/885-1211 xt: 2765
Fax: 519/746-2658
Email: cfpf@watarts.uwaterloo.ca



2002 - 2003 ACUNS Dissertation Award Program



As part of the effort to invest in the next generation of scholars, and with financial support from the Ford Foundation, ACUNS has established a competitive award program for a social scientist or the equivalent for legal scholars. This award can be used independently or in conjunction with another fellowship. Subsequent to review by an independent selection committee, this award will be disbursed in July 2002 to cover the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003.

Most candidates for this award would be from the fields of political science or international law, but other individuals are encouraged to apply, for example, economists working on such institutions as the International Monetary Fund or the World Bank, or perhaps anthropologists working on ethnic conflict and the need for its prevention by various UN organizations. The crucial consideration for this award is a direct link to institutional issues of the United Nations system and not simply the substance of a particular global problem.

A completed application will include a three-to-four page description of the applicant's dissertation research proposal, curriculum vitae, and at least one letter of recommendation from the applicant's doctoral mentor or a faculty

member who knows his/her work. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to ensure that his/her dossier is complete by the application deadline.

Completed applications must be post-marked **no later than 15 March 2002**.

Applicants must be (or must become) ACUNS members and will be notified of the decision of the selection committee during the spring of 2002.

Please complete the enclosed application form and return it with your application materials to:

About the Award

A \$10,000 dissertation award for ACUNS members that will permit a Ph.D., J.D., or LL.M. candidate working on UN-related issues to support the actual writing of a dissertation or the equivalent. This award is designed to free-up an individual at the final stage of graduate work from teaching commitments in order to complete his/her dissertation expeditiously. The individual may be from any university and spend the award wherever would be the most profitable. The intention is to invite the winner to present their preliminary work at our annual meeting and encourage him/her to submit some written product to the journal, *Global Governance*, for consideration. The awardee will be required to submit a final written report to the ACUNS secretariat at the end of the award period.

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Application Form

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Dissertation Title: _____

Graduate Advisor: _____

Are you an ACUNS member? Yes No

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**Please return this application form with your completed dossier,
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