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The Centre for History and Economics at King's College, Cambridge continues to provide the administrative base of the Common Security Forum (CSF), and staff have taken responsibility for CSF coordination and for the organisation of CSF Policy Forum meetings, in collaboration with the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs. In addition, the Centre takes responsibility for work on economic theory and internationalism, and on the politics of disarmament, as well as for coordinating research in Southern Africa on environment and poverty and in Russia on youth and social change. It collaborates closely with the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies in CSF work on population and equity, landmines and military security and children and security. It prepares the CSF Newsletter and maintains a data base of all CSF participants, which now includes people from more than 50 countries.

The CSF group at the Centre in 1997-1998 included Samantha Gibson, research and editorial associate in connection with the Common Security Policy Forum meeting on Africa; Stephan Klasen, research fellow in the population and security, Southern Africa and poverty and inequality programmes, and Deputy Director of the Centre (until May 1998 when he took up his appointment as Professor of Economics at the University of Munich); Melissa Lane, coordinator of the CSF work on disarmament and security; Rama Mani, research associate and organiser of the rule of law meeting; Catherine Merridale, coordinator of the CSF Russia programme and CSF research fellow and fellow of Robinson College; Asha Patel, administrative officer of the Centre and administrative coordinator of CSF (until May 1998 when she moved to London); Emma Rothschild, Director of the Centre, and chair of the CSF Research Council; Meena Singh, research fellow and coordinator of the CSF South Africa programme on environment and security and fellow of Clare Hall; Noala Skinner, research associate and coordinator of the CSF landmines and children and security programmes and editor of the CSF newsletter; and Gareth Stedman Jones, Director of the Centre and coordinator of the CSF programme on church and state. In May 1998 Amy Price joined the Centre as an administrative officer and administrative coordinator of CSF. In June 1998 Inga Huld Markan joined the Centre as the Common Security Forum editorial associate and administrative officer.

The Centre in addition works closely with CSF coordinators in South Asia and the

former Soviet Union, including Sergei Panarin (Russia) who coordinates CSF work on Youth, Nationalism and Security, and Jean Drèze and Meera Samson who lead the Economic Security Programme based at the Centre for Development Economics at the Delhi School of Economics. In preparation for the Policy Forum meeting on Africa the Centre collaborated with the Nordic Africa Institute in Uppsala.

The Centre for History and Economics was engaged in substantial preparatory and follow-up work for two major international conferences -- the Policy Forum meeting on Africa (November 1997) and an international interdisciplinary colloquium on population, consumption and development (October 1997) -- and also hosted and planned a number of international meetings.

The 1997 Annual Common Security Forum Policy meeting was held in Stockholm, Sweden on 17-18 November, 1997. The meeting on Common Security and Civil Society in Africa was organised by the Centre for History and Economics in cooperation with the Nordic Africa Institute and the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

The Centre hosted a number of preparatory meetings to discuss the themes of the Forum. The first meeting was held at the Centre in February 1997. At this meeting it was decided that Rama Mani should organise a one day meeting on the Rule of Law at the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies in September 1997 as part of the substantive preparation for the meeting. The second in the series of Advisory Committee planning meetings took place in June 1997. One of the principal organisers from the Nordic Africa Institute, Adebayo Olukoshi, attended the Cambridge roundtable planning session. At this meeting, three of the commissioned paper writers presented the themes of their work for the Forum meeting: Samantha Gibson spoke on Political Conditionality in Kenya and Malawi, Stephan Klasen outlined his paper on Inequality and Economic Security in South Africa, and Rama Mani spoke on Promoting the Rule of Law in Post-Conflict Societies.

The third Advisory Planning Meeting took place in October 1997 in Cambridge. Kajsa Övergaard represented the Nordic Africa Institute and Alastair Newton of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office talked to the Advisory Committee about developments in Burundi, where he recently served. At this meeting, the programme for the Forum meeting

was finalised and the format for the two days agreed upon. Participants at this meeting included the regular planning committee members: Samantha Gibson (Newnham College, Cambridge), John Grimond (Foreign Editor, *The Economist*), Stephan Klasen (Common Security Forum), Melissa Lane (King's College, Cambridge), Rama Mani (University of Cambridge), Emma Rothschild (Centre for History and Economics), and Noala Skinner (Common Security Forum).

On other occasions, Emma Rothschild and Stephan Klasen visited the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Sweden, and Stephan Klasen and Samantha Gibson visited the Nordic Africa Institute. Stephan Klasen participated in a meeting on *Partnership Africa*, organised by the Nordic Africa Institute and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm in June 1997, and Lennart Wohlgemuth (Nordic Africa Institute) visited the Centre for History and Economics.

The preparatory meeting entitled *Promoting the Rule of Law in Post-Conflict Societies* took place at the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies on 26 September 1997. Opening remarks were made by Emma Rothschild (Centre for History and Economics) and Sudhir Anand (Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies). In the first session, *The Rule of Law and its Relevance to Post-Conflict Societies*, Neil Kritz (US Institute of Peace) gave a presentation and Henry Steiner (Human Rights Program, Harvard) acted as a discussant. In the session entitled *Practical Experiences in Promoting the Rule of Law in the Aftermath of Conflict*, chaired by Jennifer Leaning (Human Security Program, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies), Ian Martin (UN Special Representative for Human Rights, Rwanda) gave a presentation, *Rwanda: The Political Context for Building the Rule of Law*, and Bill O'Neill (Haitian Coalition for Human Rights) spoke on *Haiti: Political, Legal and Practical Obstacles to Restoring the Rule of Law*. The panel discussion, *Promoting the Rule of Law: An International Responsibility?* was moderated by Todd Howland (Human Rights Program, Harvard) and the concluding discussion, *Integrating Peace, Law and Justice* was led by Francesc Vendrell (United Nations Department of Political Affairs) and moderated by Rama Mani (University of Cambridge). Other participants included Sissela Bok (Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies), Frank O'Donnell (Emergency Response Division, United Nations Development Programme), Antonia Chayes (Kennedy School of Government), Melissa Lane

(King's College, Cambridge), and Peter Rosenblum (Human Rights Program, Harvard). A report of the meeting has been prepared by Rama Mani and is in the final stages of editing before dissemination.

The Annual Policy Forum developed many of the themes emerging from the planning meetings. Eleven papers were commissioned: by Adebayo Adede (University of Ibadan) on *Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Systems*; by Omar Ahmad (University of Ghana), on *Meeting the Goals of the 1990 World Summit on Children: Health and Nutritional Status on Infants and Children in Sub-Saharan Africa*; by Nii Ayite Coleman (University of Ghana) on *Public Health and Human Security in Sub-Saharan Africa*; by Samantha Gibson (University of Cambridge) on *Aid and Politics in Malawi and Kenya: Political Conditionality and Donor Support to the 'Human Rights, Democracy and Governance' Sector*; by Mary Kaldor (University of Sussex) on *New Wars: Africa and the Former Yugoslavia*; by Stephan Klasen (Centre for History and Economics) and Fani Zulu (World Bank) on *Poverty, Inequality and Security in South Africa*; by Rama Mani on *Post-Conflict Reconciliation*; by Thandika Mkandawire (Centre for Development Research, Copenhagen), *Shifting Commitments and National Cohesion in African Countries*; by Patrick Molutsi (University of Botswana), *The Interaction Between State and Civil Society in Southern Africa*; by William Pick (University of Witwatersrand), *Health and Security in Sub-Saharan Africa*; and by Siemon Wezeman (SIPRI), *Arms and Conflicts in Africa: Myths and Realities of Proliferation and Disarmament*. The papers were circulated to participants in advance of the meeting. Background papers by Anthony Appiah (Harvard University), *Cosmopolitan Patriots*; Tendai Laxton Biti (Honey and Blackenberg, Zimbabwe), *The Judiciary, The Executive and the Rule of Law in Zimbabwe*; Eboe Hutchful (Wayne State University), *Militarism and Warlordism*; Mats Karlsson, (Ministry for Foreign Affairs), *Partnership Africa*; Adebayo Olukoshi (Nordic Africa Institute), *The Democracy Debate in Africa: An Outline*; and Lennart Wohlgemuth (Nordic Africa Institute), *Conflict Prevention in Burundi: A Case Study* were made available to participants at the meeting.

The Policy Forum brought together over 60 participants from academia and public policy to examine critically ideas of common security in light of the African experience. The meeting sought to present African perspectives on security to policy-makers and scholars from Africa and other regions. It also examined new perspectives on cooperation between

Africa, other regions and the international community, in the light, especially of the completed project of the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, 'Partnership Africa'. The Forum meeting was divided into seven sessions, and was opened by the Minister for Development Cooperation and Deputy Foreign Minister, Pierre Schori, whose keynote presentation was entitled, *Towards a New Partnership for African Development and Security*. In the session, **Extended Security: Economic and Political** chaired by Alassane Ouattara (International Monetary Fund) Thandika Mkandawire presented his paper, *Shifting Commitments and National Cohesion in African Countries* and there were presentations and comments from Callisto Madavo (World Bank), Mats Karlsson (Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden) and Emma Rothschild (Centre for History and Economics). In the session, **Extended Security: Economic, Social and Human**, chaired by Ahmedou Ould-Abadallah (Global Coalition for Africa), Lincoln Chen (Rockefeller Foundation) was the rapporteur and summarized the papers by Omar Ahmad (University of Ghana), Nii Ayite Coleman (University of Ghana), William Pick (University of Witwatersrand) and Stephan Klasen (Centre for History and Economics) and Fani Zulu (World Bank). The panelists who gave presentations and made comments were Carl Tham (Minister for Education and Science, Sweden), Meena Singh (Common Security Forum) and Filomena Steady (University of Wisconsin). In the session on **Politics and International Partnership** Mats Karlsson (Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden) presented the findings of the Swedish study, 'Partnership Africa' and there were comments from Kirsti Lintonen (Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland) and Patrick Molutsi (University of Botswana).

The sessions on the second day were chaired by Olara Otunnu (International Peace Academy). In the session on **War and Violence**, Mary Kaldor presented her paper, *New Wars: Africa and the Former Yugoslavia*, and Adebayo Olukoshi was the rapporteur, summarizing the papers by Adebayo Adekanye, Rama Mani, and Siemon Wezeman. The panelists were Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah (Global Coalition for Africa) and Catherine Cissé (The War Crimes Tribunal, the Hague). In the session on **Governance and Civil Society** there were presentations from Anthony Appiah (Harvard University), Lennart Wohlgemuth (Nordic Africa Institute) and Ruth Iyob (University of Missouri). Gun-Britt Andersson (Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden) was the rapporteur and summarized the papers by Samantha Gibson (University of Cambridge) and Patrick Molutsi (University of Botswana).

The final session of the meeting was a **Summary of Conference Themes** and the panel was drawn from academics and policymakers who presented their interpretations on the deliberations of the preceding two days. The panelists were Ruth Iyob (University of Wisconsin), Mary Kaldor (University of Sussex), Mats Karlsson (Ministry for Foreign Affairs), Olara Otunnu (International Peace Academy), Alassane Ouattara (International Monetary Fund), Emma Rothschild (Centre for History and Economics), and Lennart Wohlgemuth (Nordic Africa Institute).

The staff involved in the planning, organization and follow-up of the Annual Policy Forum included Anders Björner, Jan Cedergren, Mats Karlsson, Karin Höglund, and Michaela Wilhelmsson of the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Adebayo Olukoshi, Kajsa Övergaard and Lennart Wohlgemuth of the Nordic Africa Institute, and Samantha Gibson, Stephan Klasen, Rama Mani, Asha Patel, Emma Rothschild and Noala Skinner of the Centre for History and Economics.

The report on the proceedings of the meeting was prepared by Samantha Gibson and has been distributed widely. Samantha Gibson visited the Nordic Africa Institute in November 1997 after the policy forum meeting as part of the preparations for the conference report. She also began editorial work on the papers to be included in the forthcoming edited volume of the conference papers. The volume will be published by the Nordic Africa Institute at the end of 1998.

On 24-25 October 1997, the Centre for History and Economics hosted a one and a half day meeting on population and consumption at King's College, Cambridge, chaired by Professor Robert Solow of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). The meeting brought together 42 participants and 4 observers, including academics (economists, historians, demographers and anthropologists) and policymakers (including representatives of the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Kingdom House of Lords) to discuss the possible linkages between population, consumption, inequality, the environment and development. As part of the preparations for the workshop, a series of meetings was held with Robert Solow, Abhijit Banerjee and James Mirrlees at MIT, and the main interdisciplinary workshop was convened under the chairmanship of Professor Solow. Additional support for the meeting was provided by the Pew Global Stewardship

Initiative.

The meeting was divided into six sessions. Emma Rothschild (Centre for History and Economics) made introductory remarks and Jean Drèze (Delhi School of Economics) was the discussant for the paper by Stephan Klasen (Centre for History and Economics), *Population, Consumption, Inequality and Development: An Overview of Issues*. In Session II on **Consumption and Savings**, chaired by Emma Rothschild, Angus Deaton (Princeton University) made a presentation, *Do Americans Consume Too Much? Three Interpretations*; and Abhijit Banerjee (MIT) presented his paper, *Policy-Making in An Overconsuming World: Some Finger Exercises*.

The second day of the meeting opened with the third session, **Population, Consumption and Environment**. This session was chaired by Ismail Serageldin (Vice President, The World Bank) and Partha Dasgupta (St. John's College, Cambridge) acted as discussant for the paper by Joel Cohen (Rockefeller University), *Can An Equitable World Support More or Fewer People Than An Inequitable One? Theoretical Perspectives*. Session IV on **Demographic and Economic Change** was chaired by Richard Smith (Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure). Avner Offer (Nuffield College, Oxford) and Paul Seabright (Churchill College, Cambridge) discussed papers by Alaka Basu (Cornell University), *Population and Consumption Versus Fertility and Consumption: Not Two Sides of the Same Coin* and Emma Rothschild, *Luxury and Consumption*. Session V, **Case Studies: China and South Africa** was chaired by Anne McLaren (Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine). Amartya Sen (Harvard University) discussed the paper by Athar Hussain (London School of Economics), *Chinese Households and Their Expenditure Pattern*; and Stephan Klasen and Valerie Møller (University of Natal) presented their papers, *Economic, Environmental and Social Limits for 'Late Developers' in South Africa*, and *Aspirations, Consumption and Conflict in the New South Africa* which were subsequently discussed by Anne Case (Princeton University). The final session, examining the themes of the meeting, was chaired by the overall chairman of the meeting, Robert Solow. The panellists were Alaka Basu and Anne Case.

A report on the proceedings of the conference has been prepared by Sanjay Reddy (Harvard University), and the papers have either been produced, or are now being edited for publication.

The participants included Sudhir Anand (Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies), Paul David (Stanford University/All Souls College, Oxford), Paul Demeny (Population Council), Caroline Humphrey (King's College, Cambridge), Jane Humphries (Newnham College, Cambridge), Selim Jahan (Deputy Director, Human Development Report Office, UNDP), Sheila Ryan Johansson (Wellcome Institute), Richard Jolly (Special Adviser, UNDP), Lord Lewis (United Kingdom House of Lords/Warden, Robinson College), Anne McLaren (Wellcome Institute), James Mirrlees (Trinity College, Cambridge), Martin Rees (King's College, Cambridge), Amartya Sen (Harvard University), Gareth Stedman Jones (Co-Director, Centre for History and Economics), and Barry Supple (Director, The Leverhulme Trust).

Southern Africa Research Programme

Meena Singh, the coordinator of CSF activities in South Africa and research fellow at the Centre and Clare Hall, Cambridge, continues her work on environmental security. Her project on environmental refugees has been undertaken alongside parallel studies on environmental resource degradation and depletion, changing access and resource needs. The project has been supported by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). After a period of maternity leave, Dr. Singh returned to work on a part-time basis in November 1997. In December 1997, she travelled to South Africa to carry out further research in Natal where pollution from sugar and paper mills has displaced people living in the adjacent river banks, and to meet researchers and project workers at the UNHCR in South Africa and the Institute for Democracy in South Africa. She visited South Africa in March 1998 to carry out further research and participate in a conference on Refugees in the New South Africa on 28 and 29 March in Pretoria, organised by Lawyers for Human Rights. Dr. Singh advised Kader Asmal, the Minister of Water Affairs (South Africa) on a paper on *Water, Life and Justice: a Twentieth Century View From the South* which was presented before the US Academy of Sciences on 20 May 1998. Meena Singh will represent the Common Security Forum and present a paper on environmental security at an international workshop on Regional, Environmental Security and Natural Resource Management in Southern Africa, to be held in Harare, Zimbabwe on 28-29 July 1998. Meena Singh's visit to Zimbabwe is part of her involvement in the 'Future of the South African Development Community (SADC)' project,

which was launched in Namibia in June 1998.

Dr. Singh's article, *Environmental Security and Displaced People in Southern Africa* which appeared in *Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict and World Order*, Vol. 23 (4) 1996, has been republished in a book, *Environmental Victims* (Earthscan Publications, London 1998).

Stephan Klasen has continued to participate in research projects in Southern Africa. These include the Lesotho Highlands Water Project, where he is collaborating with the World Bank on the economic assessment of the project. He has prepared a draft paper on *Valuing Environmental and Socio-Economic Losses of a Large Infrastructure Project: A Case Study from a Water Transfer Project in Lesotho*. Dr. Klasen has also completed work on unemployment in South Africa, jointly with Ingrid Woolard from the University of Port Elizabeth. The research, supported by the British Department for International Development and undertaken for the South African Department of Finance, focused on the underlying causes for high unemployment in rural areas in South Africa, and was covered in the South African press. Dr. Woolard was a visiting fellow at the Centre in January 1998. The results of the research were discussed at a seminar in South Africa in April 1998.

Dr. Klasen has also initiated a new research programme which will focus on comparative performance in health, nutrition and mortality in Africa and India. The research will be a collaborative project involving Sudhir Anand (Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies), Jean Drèze (Delhi School of Economics) and Amartya Sen (Trinity College, Cambridge).

Russia

Catherine Merridale, coordinator of the CSF Russia programme, is currently on two years leave as a CSF research fellow, conducting on her research on death and mourning. She will return to Bristol in September 1998 and her book on *Death, Mourning and Memory in Twentieth Century Russia, 1890-1991*, will appear in the year 2000, published by Granta (UK), Viking-Penguin (USA) and Karl Blessing (Germany). Dr. Merridale spent the first part of 1997 in Moscow interviewing survivors of the years of famine, war, and repression, and returned to Russia in October to continue her interviews and archival research. She co-organised with Dr. Elena Stroganova, research assistant on the death and mourning project, a

one-day workshop on 1 December 1997 at the offices of the MacArthur Foundation in Moscow. Dr. Sergei Panarin, CSF's Russia coordinator provided considerable help in the organisation of the workshop and chaired the first session. The aim of the day was to discuss research which concerns Russia, in Russian, with Russians drawn from a range of academic and professional backgrounds. The gulf between Russian and British/American academic traditions was a recurring theme of the day. The workshop was attended by about 24 participants. These included representatives of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Institutes of History, of Ethnology and of Oriental Studies), demographers from the Centre for Demography and Human Ecology, representatives of the Memorial human rights organisation and of the Holocaust centre, a Bishop from the Russian Orthodox Church and a spokesperson from VtsIOM, the Centre for the Study of Public Opinion. Dr. Tatyana Zhdanova from the MacArthur office welcomed the guests and attended the sessions.

From 6 May 1998-11 June 1998 Dr. Merridale was in the Ukraine where she visited Kiev and Lviv and carried out more than 30 individual and group interviews. Respondents included survivors of the 1933 famine, survivors of the Great Patriotic War of 1941-45, and Holocaust survivors and those who had assisted them. The research will contribute to her book on Death, Mourning and Memory in Twentieth Century Russia. Other work coming out of Dr. Merridale's research includes: 'War and Remembrance in Soviet Russia' in Jay Winter (ed.) *War and Remembrance*, Cambridge University Press, 1998 and 'Academic Patronage and Historical Paradigm' in the Russian Journal *Acta Eyrasica*, 1998, Number 2 (trans. by Sergei Panarin).

Dr. Merridale will also organise a meeting on *Trauma* on 11 July 1998 in Cambridge. The meeting will be concerned with issues relating to perceptions of and approaches to wide-scale trauma in different cultures. Participants will include Liz Guild (Robinson College, Cambridge), Ira Katznelson (Columbia University), Jennifer Leaning (Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies), Thant Myint-U (Trinity College, Cambridge), Amy Price (Centre for History and Economics), Emma Rothschild (Centre for History and Economics), Ulinka Rublack (St. John's College, Cambridge), and Derek Summerfield (Medical Foundation for the Victims of Torture).

Dr. Sergei Panarin, coordinator of the CSF project on youth, nationalism and security has continued to focus his research on the impact of nationalism on public opinions among

younger generations in the CIS. Following on from the meeting held on youth culture and nationalism in February 1997, Dr. Panarin's team will be extending their research into four or five case studies looking at nation-state building versus human security: the case of Kazakhstan; the image of the 'other' by different ethnic groups of the post-Soviet Youth (with Irina Soya Serko); an alignment of cultural revivalism and political nationalism: the experience of Buryatia against Russia (with Elena Stroganova) and the impact of historical legacy on contemporary political developments in Central Asia. Dr. Panarin's report on Youth, Nationalism and Security in Russia and Kazak will be completed in September 1998.

South Asia

An offshoot of the earlier Economic Security programme at the Centre for Development Economics (Delhi School of Economics) is a major survey of schooling in rural India, organised by Jean Drèze and Shiva Kumar (UNICEF) with a team of researchers based at the Centre for Development Economics and elsewhere. The PROBE (Public Report on Basic Education) survey was carried out in late 1996 in 188 villages of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh. In each village, all the schooling facilities were surveyed, and a random sample of twelve households were interviewed. The survey focused primarily on the causes of educational deprivation in rural India. Preliminary results of the survey were published in India Today in October 1997. The article focused inter alia on the respective roles of parental indifference, child labour and low schooling quality as causes of educational deprivation in rural India. In November 1997, and again in June 1998, Dr. Drèze was a visiting fellow at the Centre for History and Economics. The PROBE survey will be discussed at the basic education meeting to be held at the Centre in July 1998.

A research associate of Jean Drèze in the Economic Security programme, Mamtha Murthi, has been appointed as a research fellow at the Centre, to start in September 1998. She will cooperate with Professor Amartya Sen in the MacArthur Programme on Poverty and Inequality in Broader Perspective, and will also participate in CSF activities. The Centre plans in 1998-1999 to develop comparative work on India and China (in conjunction with Caroline Humphrey) and on India and Africa. A planning meeting was held on February 27 1998, with participants who included Lincoln Chen (Rockefeller Foundation), Börje

Ljunggren (Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Thant Myint-U (Trinity College, former UN spokesman in Cambodia and Bosnia), Susan Bayly (Christ's College) Catherine Merridale, Caroline Humphrey, and Noala Skinner.

Children and Security

Jean Drèze and Noala Skinner will also initiate work on children and security. This will draw on Noala Skinner's work at the World Congress Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in 1996, and at UNICEF in July and August 1997 and February 1998. Based mainly at the UNICEF Geneva Regional Office, Noala Skinner focused her research on an initiative undertaken in the move towards the eventual elimination of child labour, looking in particular on the adoption of a corporate code of conduct. She drafted a report *The Ten Pledges to End Exploitative Child Labour* to be used by the UNICEF National Committees giving an ethical and conceptual framework for codes of conduct to be developed by industries.

Noala Skinner has organised a meeting in collaboration with the Geneva office of UNICEF on Basic Education As A Political Issue, which will be held in Cambridge on 13 July 1998. The meeting will discuss what could be learnt from the historical examples of child labour in European countries with presentations from Jane Humphries (Newnham College, Cambridge), Emma Rothschild (Centre for History and Economics), and UNICEF and other participants will put forward strategies to make basic education a reality for all children. The findings of the meeting will also be reflected in the 1999 *State of the World's Children* report. Jean Drèze will present the findings of the PROBE survey and will argue that parental indifference to education and child labour in India are not the primary causes of children not attending school. Amartya Sen will discuss the importance of education as a political issue and present the obstacles to universal primary education, and V.K. Ramachandran will present the debate around compulsory education in India. Madhura Swaminathan will give a financial estimate of educating all children in India and Reinhard Schlagintweit (German Committee for UNICEF) and Robert Smith (UK Committee for UNICEF) will advocate a stronger political and fundraising role for UNICEF National Committees in the drive for universalising education. The meeting will be chaired the by the

Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF, Stephen Lewis, and confirmed participants include Robin Alexander (Centre for Research in Primary Education, University of Warwick), Bilge Oğün Bassani (UNICEF), José Jean Ortiz Brú (Spanish Committee for UNICEF), Robert Cassen (London School of Economics), Jean Drèze (Delhi School of Economics), Fiona Edwards (UK Department for International Development), Haris Gazdar (London School of Economics), Ingvar Hjærtsjo (Swedish Committee for UNICEF), Rachel Hodgkin (Board Member, UK Committee for UNICEF), Jane Humphries (Newnham College, Cambridge), Naila Kabeer (Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex), Geeta Kingdon (Institute of Economics and Statistics, University of Oxford), Jennifer Leaning (Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies), Stephen Lewis (UNICEF), Corina Luputiu (UNICEF), Alastair Newton (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Carin Norberg (Stockholm, Sweden), Lutfun Osmani (Queen's University, Belfast), Siddiq Osmani (University of Ulster), Ying Qian (Trinity College, Cambridge), V.K. Ramachandran (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Bombay), Adam Roberts (*The Economist*), Reinhard Schlagintweit (German Committee for UNICEF), Amartya Sen (Trinity College, Cambridge), Noala Skinner (Common Security Forum), Robert Smith (UK Committee for UNICEF), Gareth Stedman Jones (Centre for History and Economics), Madhura Swaminathan (London School of Economics) and Carl Tham (Ministry of Education, Stockholm).

Demilitarisation

As part of the demilitarisation project, a meeting on the International Criminalization of Biological and Chemical Weapons was held under the auspices of the Lauterpacht Research Centre for International Law at the University of Cambridge on 1-2 May 1998. The meeting was organised in association with Professor Matthew Meselson and Professor Julian Perry Robinson, Directors of the Harvard Sussex Programme on CBW Armament and Arms Limitation, and with Professor James Crawford, Director of the Lauterpacht Centre. The aim of the meeting was to assemble a diverse group of experts in international criminal law, arms control and biotechnology to consider the possible creation of an international convention making it an offence for any person to order, direct or knowingly to participate or render substantial assistance in the development, production, acquisition, stockpiling, retention,

transfer or use of biological and chemical weapons. Participants included: Awn Al-Khasawneh (Member, International Law Commission, Jordan), Igor Blichchenko (People's Friendship University of Russia, Moscow), Kathleen Corken (Justice Department, USA), James Crawford (Lauterpacht Research Centre for International Law), Rajesh De (Harvard Law School), John Dugard (University of Witwatersrand), Rolf Ekeus (Ambassador of Sweden to the US), Philip Heymann (Harvard Law School), Marie Jacobsson (Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden), Stuart Maslen (International Committee of the Red Cross), Anne McLaren (Wellcome/CRC Institute of Cancer and Development Biology), Matthew Meselson (Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, Harvard University), Paul O'Sullivan (Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Australia, USA), Graham Pearson (Harvard Sussex Program Advisory Committee), J.P. Pretorius (Deputy Attorney General, South Africa), Julian Robinson (Science Policy Research Unit, University of Sussex), Valentin Romanov (Moscow Institute of International Relations), Emma Rothschild (Centre for History and Economics), Rémi Russbach (Geneva Foundation), Paul Schulte (Ministry of Defence), Noala Skinner (Common Security Forum), Justin Smith (US Courthouse, Washington D.C.), and John Walker (Foreign and Commonwealth Office)

Following on from the work she initiated in 1995, Noala Skinner was appointed Project Director of a landmines project in collaboration with the Geneva Foundation and the Harvard Program on Complex Humanitarian Emergencies to look at the long-term social and economic impact of landmines on victims and communities. Fieldwork will be carried out in Mozambique, Nicaragua and Zimbabwe. She worked with Jennifer Leaning of the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies and Remi Russbach of the Geneva Foundation from March to June 1998, and was a visiting researcher at the Harvard Center from March-April 1998 in connection with the project. The project has been partially funded by the Geneva Foundation and the coordinators will collaborate with the International Committee for the Red Cross.

In February 1998, Noala Skinner worked as a consultant for the Geneva regional office of UNICEF preparing a report on the European Ratification of the Ottawa Landmines Convention for the Planning and Programme Section. She prepared a review of the ratification process of the Ottawa Treaty on Landmines in all countries in which UNICEF has national committees (37) which was circulated among the national committees and the

headquarters in New York. She will organise a meeting on landmines in Delhi in December 1998, in connection with the project on militarism and development initiated by Jean Drèze and Amartya Sen.

Melissa Lane, coordinator of the demilitarisation programme was a visiting fellow at the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies in August and September 1997. She participated in many of the Center activities and was a participant in the Rule of Law meeting held in September 1997.

Church and State

This research, to be coordinated by Gareth Stedman Jones, Co-Director of the Centre for History and Economics and Professor of Political Science in the History Faculty, will be concerned with the historical and comparative perspectives on fundamentalist religious groups which have posed political problems in many different kinds of states. In October-November 1997 Professor Stedman Jones gave a series of lectures entitled *Before God Died: Enlightenment, Revolution and the Genesis of the Socialist Utopia* at Oxford University. The following lectures were presented: *1889-1789: A new history of the rise and fall of the socialist utopia* (13 October 1997), *How to end the revolution?: dechristianisation, the search for a new 'spiritual power' and the genesis of 'socialism' in France* (20 October 1997), *Millennium and Enlightenment: Robert Owen's 'Second Coming of the Truth'* (27 October 1997), *Science and providence: the cosmology of socialism from Fourier to Engels* (3 November 1997), *'All shall work': St. Simon and the critique of political economy* (10 November 1997) and *The invention of socialist politics: the strange marriage of 'spiritual power' and the ancient republicanism* (17 November 1997). The lectures will be published in an edited volume, and discussed in a series of CSF meetings.