

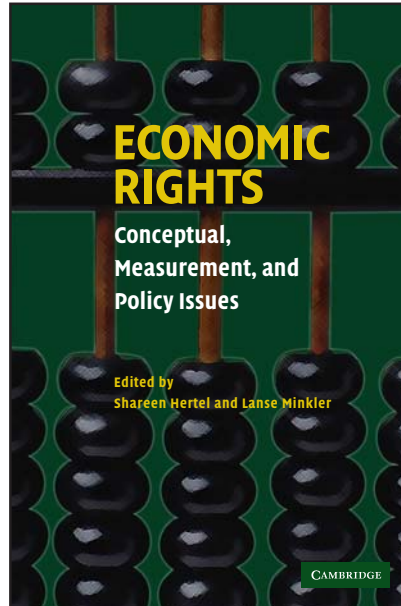
Thought for the week: "Treason is a matter of dates."

-- attributed to French statesman Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord

## Hertel Publishes Second Book and Continues to Draw Praise

**Shareen Hertel** has co-edited a book with Lanse Minkler (Department of Economics) *Economic Rights: Conceptual, Measurement, and Policy Issues* with Cambridge University Press.

The book is the outgrowth of a 2005 international conference hosted jointly by the UConn Human Rights Institute and the Dodd Center and includes contributions from a diverse group of scholars: economists, legal scholars, sociologists, and political scientists – including Jack Donnelly, David Forsythe, Michael Goodhart, Clair Apodaca, David Richards and David Cingranelli. Divided into three sections, it explores the conceptual and historical evolution of economic rights; introduces new measures of economic rights performance (including several innovative country ranks, drawing on original datasets); and addresses the challenge of economic rights



implementation.

Hertel and Minkler's own chapter provides a new conceptualization of economic rights based on a three-pronged definition: the right to a decent standard of living, the right to work, and the right to basic income support for people who cannot work. Subsequent chapters in the volume engage and expand upon each element of this definition.

*Economic Rights: Conceptual,*

*Measurement, and Policy Issues* is Hertel's second book. Her first, *Unexpected Power: Conflict and Change Among Transnational Activists*, continues



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to draw praise. It was recently reviewed by *Human Rights Quarterly*. The reviewer, Mahmoud Monshipouri, avers that Shareen "challenges the standard explanations," that she "cogently and frontally addresses the issue of how ordinary people can affect social change," and concludes that the book is a "superb addition to a growing body of work."

## Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Grants Available to UConn Grads

The Fulbright-Hays-Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program provides grants to graduate students in doctoral programs in the fields of foreign languages and area studies. Projects that deepen research knowledge on and help the nation develop capability in areas of the world not generally included in U.S. curricula are highly encouraged.

Projects focusing on Western Europe are not supported. Fulbright-Hays DDR grants will fund research abroad for periods of 6 to 12 months.

The deadline for submission is **November 5, 2007**. Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically using the Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application) available

through the Department of Education's e-Grants system. Information about F-HDDR grants will be found at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/index.html>.

If you intend to apply for a Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Research grant, you must notify Elizabeth Mahan in the Office of International Affairs at [elizabeth.mahan@uconn.edu](mailto:elizabeth.mahan@uconn.edu).

## Religion and Human Security Conference Announced

The University of Washington's Center for Global Studies and Comparative Religion Program in association with the Jackson School of International Studies and the Henry R. Luce Initiative on Religion and International Affairs is sponsoring a conference on "Religion and Human Security: Negotiating the Power of Religious Non-State Actors."

The theme is based on the observation that religious non-state actors now often compete with states in their impact on human welfare. In some cases, the effect is benign. Religious groups provide essential services that corrupt and

undemocratic states are unwilling or unable to provide. In other cases, the effect is detrimental to states' capacity to exercise their legitimate powers. States, in effect, become hostage to grassroots movements and their priorities. The sponsors argue that in the contemporary world, one cannot effectively engage in humanitarian actions unless one understands the role that religious non-state actors provide in supplanting, supplementing, or contesting how states negotiate the welfare of their populations.

The conference will be a two-part symposium, meeting in spring of 2008 and 2009. The first

symposium will provide feedback on initial projects; the second will be a public forum to showcase the finished essays. The sponsors of the conference expect original research that contributes to public policy.

Paper proposal abstracts should be two pages or less, stating the research question and chosen methodology. Please include a two-page CV. Proposals should be emailed to Loryn Paxton at [lpaxton@u.washington.edu](mailto:lpaxton@u.washington.edu) by **December 1, 2007**. Chosen applications will receive a \$500 honorarium if their paper is included in the edited volume.

## Millennium Conference Seeks Paper Proposals

The Eighth International Millennium conference is seeking papers centered on the theme of "Global Conflict, Cooperation and Integration." The meeting will be held from June 14-16, 2008 in Paris, France. The deadline for proposals is **December 1, 2007**.

The Millennium conference hopes to enhance our collective understanding and appreciation for both the realities and the promise of the 21st century. In addition, the conference seeks to explore the

various ways that mankind can cooperate to successfully create a safer, more prosperous, and more equitable world, while simultaneously celebrating the rich and diverse heritage of all peoples. Proposals for papers, panels, and roundtables are invited from scholars, policy makers, members of the military and business communities, and from non-governmental organizations.

The conference aims to examine and assess the responses by the

members of the international community. While many of these responses have been framed within the traditional Westphalian system, many cooperative and innovative initiatives appear to challenge and transcend the state system. Hence, the conference will address the future direction of the international system itself. More information is available online at <http://isanet.ccit.arizona.edu/CISS-Section/Conference2008/CallForPapers.htm>.

## Roper Center Announces Summer Fellowship

UConn graduate students in every department and college are eligible to apply for one of the Warren Jay Mitofsky Graduate Fellowships to be awarded for the summer of 2008. The fellowships pay a stipend of \$1200.

Students should submit a brief proposal (two pages is strongly recommended) describing an original research project that they will carry out utilizing or/and

expanding upon the data files in the Roper Center. Data in the Roper archives must be central to the proposed research.

As part of the application, a University of Connecticut faculty advisor must also submit a cover letter (two paragraphs are strongly recommended) noting the theoretical and/or methodological contribution the proposed study is expected to make. It does not

matter if the proposed research is related to a student's course work, thesis or dissertation.

Applications should be submitted by **March 14, 2008**. Applications received by that date are assured of full consideration.

Send the student proposal and faculty cover letter to: Mark Abrahamson, Unit 1164. For more information, contact the Roper Center: 486-4440.