ECAAR at the 1999 AEA/ASSA Meetings

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ECAAR and ECAAR leaders are scheduled to play an active role in the January 1999 Meetings of the American Economic Association and the Allied Social Science Association. Among the panels at which ECAAR members and supporters will speak are the following:

A panel on “Economic Inequality, Militarization and Democracy” will have the following papers: Lloyd J. Dumas on “Economic Inequality and Democracy: The Cross-Connections”; James K. Galbraith on “Militarization and Inequality Around the World: An Empirical Analysis”; Aedil Suarez on “The Economic and Social Implications of the Armed Forces in Chile”; and Alexei Izyumov on “The Economic and Social Implication of Defense Industry Transformation in Russia” (on behalf of himself and Leonid Kosals and Rosalyn Ryvkina.) Dietrich Fischer and John Tepper Marlin are the discussants for this panel, which was organized by Lloyd J. Dumas.


In addition, ECAAR Vice Chair, Ann Markusen will present a paper on “American, European and Russian Post-Cold War Downsizing” in a session on conversion. Greg Bischak will speak in the same session on U.S. defense conversion programs. Also, Manas Chatterji, Dietrich Fischer and Akira Hattori are members of a panel on “Coping with Ethnic Conflict: The Potential of Peace Economics.”

A panel on the natural rate of unemployment or the nonaccelerating inflation rate of unemployment (NAIRU) had been organized with the active leadership of Robert Eisner. This panel, entitled, “The ‘Natural Rate’ and the NAIRU After Four Years of Low Inflation,” is being chaired by James Tobin. One of the papers is being presented by ECAAR Treasurer, John Tepper Marlin and by Robert Coen of Northwestern, on “The NAIRU and Wages in Local Labor Markets.” Discussants include James K. Galbraith as well as James Tobin.

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