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FROM THE CHAIR:
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I realized several years after joining the Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict that the military sociologists and peace studies sociologists among us seem not to connect very much in their work and in their discourse.

My plan for next summers section sessions are for the two parts of our section the military sociology part and the peace studies part to talk rather fully and openly to and with each other. It seems to me that we have a cordial modus vivendi but that each of the two groups seems to go its own way, solid ships passing in the night. A brief set of non-random inquiries at last summer’s meetings led me to realize that many peace studies sociologists in our section have but a faint or non-existent idea about what military sociologists do, and vice versa. Do we have conflicting agendas, priorities, political assumptions and directions? Similar or diverging or overlapping purposes and goals? I expect there are unspoken assumptions and suspicions and maybe even stereotypes in both directions and am convinced that airing all this, in the spirit of inquiry, learning, and potential revisions in how we view each others work and do our own could make our Anaheim sessions exciting and provocative. This could also make us more vital and exciting as a Section and as participants in the two parts of our section.

We have room, still, for more submissions. I have two presenters lined up to explain and discuss military sociology and two for peace studies. What I would like now is good examples of both, for roundtable presentations. I have several already and eagerly await more.
I look forward to a few more fine paper submissions. My e-mail address is Fellman@Brandeis.edu. Mail address for hard copy is Department of Sociology, MS 071, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 02454-9110.

Thank you.

**PWSC SECTIONS AT THE 2001 ASA MEETINGS**

*Regular Session (co-sponsored by the Section on Race, Gender, and Class):*

"Asking and Telling: Race, Gender, Class, and Sexuality in the Military"

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*Roundtables:*

**ROUNDTABLE ONE: NATIONAL ISSUES**

Jieli Li, “How And Why Does Fa Lun Kong Scare the Chinese Government?”

Amandeep Sandhu, “Algerian Conflict: An Exercise in State Terrorism”

Edward A. Tiryakian, “The Kosovo War: Epilogue or Prologue?”

**ROUNDTABLE TWO: GENDER AND SEXUALITY**

Juanita Firestone, “Dont Ask, Dont Tell: A Preliminary Analysis of the DoDs Survey Data”

Darlene Iskra, “The Case Against Women in Submarines: Is it Deja Vu all over again?”

Yuko Kurashina, “The Role of Self-Disclosure and Identity Formation in an Online Military Spouse Support Group”

**ROUNDTABLE THREE: POTPOURRI**

Emanuel Boussios, “War Casualties, Wartime Opinion and Presidential Public Opinion”

E.C. Ejiogu, “Projecting the Future Consequences of High Minority Representation in the US Military”

**ROUNDTABLE FOUR: CONFLICT--THE MACRO AND THE MICRO**

Roslyn Bologh, “Global Capital and Social Conflict”

Stephen Poulson, “Experience with Conflict and the Willingness to Mediate”

**SECTION DAY!**

*Tuesday, August 21*

**SECTION WEBSITE AND EMAIL LISTS**

**WEBSITE**

Many of you are aware of our section's website. If not, please visit it and see the new layout by pointing your web browser to http://www.la.utexas.edu/research/pwasa/index.htm. The website continues to evolve and improve, including information such as:

- section newsletters
- annual reports
- tables of contents for Peace and Change and the Journal of Conflict Resolution
- calls for papers
- links to other web sites addressing peace, war, and social conflict issues
- special features including reflections on the history of the section and curriculum guides
- and more!

One year ago, a counter was placed on the website, and in just under twelve months, the site has accumulated 1635 hits. Hopefully, this indicates that the site is proving useful to section members and others who are interested in peace, war, and social conflict. Our collection of links to other relevant web sites has been growing, and members are still welcome to submit their favorite links. Also, please let me know if you could help with the "Journals" section of the website. We primarily need Peace Review tables of contents.

If you have announcements or suggestions for the website (especially with regard to military interests), please email them to Lee Smithey (smithey@soc.utexas.edu).

**EMAIL LISTS**

Up until the past year, sections had to find their own facilities for email lists, and thanks
to Morten Ender's efforts, our section has enjoyed an automated email list for several years. However, the ASA now provides automated email lists compiled from the association's membership rolls. One list (peace_war-announce) is designed for disseminating announcements to section members, and any postings must first be mailed to Lee Smithey (smitheysoc.utexas.edu) or Morten Ender (lm2643@trotter.usma.edu). The other list, peace_war, is available to section members for open discussion. Any message sent to peace_war@listserv.asanet.org by a subscriber to the list will be distributed to those section members who have also subscribed to the list. (Previously, the section's list at peace-and-war@listserv.nodak.edu served this purpose.) You can find directions for subscribing to peace_war in the Special Features section on the front page of the section website.

~Lee Smithey

BOOK REVIEW


Reviewed by: Jackie Smith

Whose World is it Anyway is an important and very timely resource book on multilateral politics and the role of citizens' organizations in the United Nations system and in global financial institutions. Its more than 500 pages and appendices contain a wealth of information for those working in or analyzing contemporary global politics. Contributions by experienced advocates and scholars provide historical analyses of the ways citizens' organizations have sought to influence the United Nations system, guides to help NGOs navigate multilateral institutions, and analyses of contemporary debates about how the global political economy might better meet the needs of the world's people. Several chapters also engage questions about organizing strategies for contemporary global action. My particular favorite is an excellent analysis by Roberto Bissio of the evolution of transnational NGOs' uses of the Internet and future prospects for increasing access to and effectiveness of this medium.

The editors have done a commendable job at providing a clear, historically-informed road map to multilateral institutions that can help practitioners as they seek effective ways to promote humanitarian values within global institutions for security, trade, and development. They also outline some of the major challenges to promoting greater equity and representation in the global political economy and to effective international cooperation for a more humane and just international system. The book will be of interest to activists and practitioners especially, and also for students and scholars of contemporary multilateral politics. Researchers investigating the work of civil society agents and contemporary global institutions will find a wealth of both primary and secondary resources in the book's bibliography.

Readers concerned with institutional questions (including "how to" questions) will appreciate chapters by Peter Willetts and Michael Oliver, which present extremely helpful summaries of the current state of affairs regarding formal accreditation status and informal relations between the UN system and NGOs. Because NGO relations are regulated differently across different multilateral agencies and because of the lengthy process surrounding the most recent attempts to reform the general NGO accreditation mechanism under the UN's Economic and Social Council, even the most attentive analysts follow these negotiations with difficulty. But Willetts and Oliver provide readable overviews that will help NGOs navigate the complexities of the international system while aiding students of institutions with their analyses and bibliographies.

Another aspect of the book that this reader appreciated is its focus on questions of global governance that is not limited to a particular set of organizations within the global system. The attention to global governance is crucial, because many NGOs focus on single-issues such as human rights, losing sight of the broader question of how an issue campaign fits within a broader institutional context. As a result, the strategic decisions of NGOs often advance particular issues without considering implications for multilateralism. At the same time, one cannot limit a discussion of global institutional change to the United Nations or to the global financial institutions. NGOs' consideration of particular issues makes them important promoters of greater institutional
coordination. But deliberate efforts must be made to find ways to make connections between different international institutions. For instance, human rights advocates have brought the attention of the UN Human Rights Commission to the trade negotiations within the OECD and the WTO. Whose World portrays the United Nations System as the broad umbrella under which other multilateral organizations operate. A consistent theme in the book is that greater attempts must be made to better integrate the various institutions of global governance so that the overarching goal of environmentally sustainable and equitable human betterment might be achieved. The separate operating structures of the Bretton Woods Institutions (e.g., the World Bank, IMF, and World Trade Organization) have prevented the emergence of a coherent multilateral system, but the contributors to this volume offer ways to try to overcome these institutional differences. Their suggestions bring together many different proposals that have grown out of UN Commissions like the Commissions on Sustainable Development or on Global Governance (such as the Tobin Tax), as well as a few less familiar proposals for concrete institutional reforms. Many of these proposals provide both the tools and hope for future efforts to strengthen multilateralism.

Whose World is it Anyway was published prior to the protests in Seattle, but its authors clearly anticipated (indeed, many were part of!) this mobilization of popular resistance to global trade institutions. In fact, the book provides important background to the protests of 1999 and 2000. Chapters on the World Bank and IMF as well as overviews of various aspects of civil society’s work in multilateral “theatres” demonstrate the ways that the global civil society agenda expressed in Seattle was shaped by the transnational NGO activism of the 1980s and 1990s. The only aspect of the book's discussion of the tensions between the capitalist economic order and global governance system that requires some updating by readers relates to Kofi Annan’s “Global Compact,” which was formally initiated since the book’s publication. The Global Compact has drawn extensive criticism from NGOs for creating opportunities for companies that consistently violate United Nations humanitarian, labor, and environmental norms to “blue-wash” their images by becoming “partners” in the UN Compact.

The analyses of the book’s contributors are informed by many years of experience working in civil society, and they demonstrate great familiarity with very complex and changing institutional arrangements. They also convey a deep conviction that multilateral institutions can be transformed to become more effective tools for human betterment. Indeed, the purpose of these authors is explicitly to advocate for new ideas and efforts to re-think and re-build the “architecture” of the global political and economic order. I highly recommend this book for all those who are concerned with such questions. Educators may find in the book a refreshing opportunity to engage students in thinking about the international system from the perspective of people rather than governments or international bureaucrats. Organizers might encourage their staff and interns to read the book in order to gain a broader perspective on how their own work fits into a global movement. Indeed, the book would provide a helpful structure around which practitioners could design retreats or staff discussions focusing on broad questions of institutional reform and global governance.

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As a result of these editorial changes, we hope to publish more than our fair share of the best contemporary work on peace, war, and social conflict. We therefore strongly encourage Section members to submit their manuscripts to the American Sociological Review.

Charles Camic and Franklin Wilson, Editors

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~Steph Lambert

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