

Foreword

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What are the linkages among environment, population, and security? The question presupposes clear definitions of each term, something that has proven elusive in our discussions at the Wilson Center. Defining these terms and articulating their linkages often depend on one's particular perspective. Not surprisingly, where one sits frames and shapes one's understanding and response to these complex global issues. Yet taken separately or together, environment, population, and security are widely recognized as posing fundamental challenges to all levels of social, economic, and political organization.

As an information clearinghouse on these critical topics and their interconnections, the Environmental Change and Security Project (ECSP) fosters dialogue among the many interested parties in the practitioner and scholarly communities. This annual journal seeks to bring together and highlight important research, policy developments, and ongoing debates. In addition to the *Report*, ECSP maintains an active website at <http://ecsp.si.edu> that has undergone several changes over the past year. A new section has been added entitled "ECSP Current Events." All ECSP sponsored events and new publications are summarized and posted to our site along with photographs and often transcripts and working papers. ECSP has also started the ECSP-FORUM, a listserv (an email discussion group). This electronic discussion forum, which operates via e-mail, serves as a means for practitioners, scholars, and policymakers to discuss relevant issues and research, post current policy questions, and list relevant policy, scholarly, and teaching resources. Discussions are archived and fully searchable through the ECSP Web site, providing a convenient tool for researching information at a later date. We hope you find these resources useful and welcome your feedback as we strive toward making our activities more helpful for a wide range of purposes.

Much of the work in this field has focused on environment, population, and security connections in rural areas of the developing world. By contrast, in the first article featured here, Ellen Brennan of the United Nations Population Division examines population, environment, and personal security in the world's urban areas. Addressing another neglected area of inquiry, Nils Petter Gleditsch and Indra de Soysa, from the International Peace Research Institute, Oslo, investigate linkages between food and violent conflict. Alexander López of the National University of Costa Rica explains how the Brazilian state frames environmental concerns as central to state security and state sovereignty.

In our special reports section, NATO's Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society has just completed an international, multi-year effort to specify environmental security in an international context. Co-chaired by Gary D. Vest of the U.S. Department of Defense and Kurt M. Lietzmann of the German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety, this pilot study will be influential in shaping NATO's future approaches to environmental security. The Phase II results of the U.S. State Failure Task Force provide insights into the most extensive quantitative investigation of what causes "state failure." Requested in 1994 by Vice President Al Gore, this ongoing research effort, overseen by the U.S. intelligence community, has consistently examined environmental, demographic, and health variables, developing a mediated model of the environment's contributions to state failure. And finally, a report from the University of Michigan Population Fellows Programs provides examples of the on-the-ground struggles to answer the question posed at the start of this foreword. Experiences from population-environment field placements provide clear evidence for the multiple linkages as well as some grassroots approaches to meeting the challenges they pose.

These articles accompany reviews of 14 new books or reports in the field and 30 ECSP meeting summaries that feature comments by Gro Harlem Brundtland, Daniel Glickman, J. Brian Atwood, Richard Lugar, Frank E. Loy and Jacques Diouf among others. Other regular features include update sections on Internet sites, bibliographic citations, official statements, and nongovernmental, intergovernmental, and academic activities.

Finally, in the last year, the Environmental Change and Security Project has greatly benefited from two fundamental changes at the Wilson Center. Lee H. Hamilton assumed directorship of the Wilson Center in January 1999 after 34 years of distinguished service in the U.S. Congress. His energetic and demanding leadership has renewed the Center's efforts to provide "knowledge in the public service." His insight as a senior statesman dramatically enhances ECSP's ability to provide policy-relevant programming and publications. Secondly, the Wilson Center moved into its own space for the first time in its 30-year history. We miss the charm of the Smithsonian Castle, but our new home in the Ronald Reagan Building on Pennsylvania Avenue provides ECSP with a state-of-the-art facility. We hope you find our activities and this publication useful, and urge you to visit us in Washington or on-line at <http://ecsp.si.edu>.

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