

JOHAN GALTUNG OFFERING ONE-DAY WORKSHOP AT ICAR!

On Sunday, November 5, Johan Galtung, a founder of peace research and director of TRANSCEND, will offer his famous workshop on the TRANSCEND 9-stage approach to conflict and peace. Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Place: ICAR Room 555. Participants will be divided into dialogue groups of 6 to solve exercise problems. Basic text for the workshop is Johan Galtung, *Transcend @ Transform*, Boulder CO: Paradigm, 2004. For TRANSCEND see www.transcend.org. The workshop is free to all ICAR students. If you have never seen Johan in action, now is your chance.

AN INTRODUCTION TO DR. JOHAN GALTUNG

Johan Galtung is one of those rare individuals who manages to integrate rigorous scholarship and research, the development of innovative educational programs around the world, social activism, and high level consultation/mediation in many of the world's major trouble spots. He is generally regarded as the father of modern peace research and education, having founded the world's first Peace Research Institute in Oslo in 1959, which remains one of the leading institutes of its kind. Over the past 40 years his bibliography requires a book in itself, identifying 95 books and over 1000 articles. One of the many innovative concepts and terms developed by Professor Galtung that has become widely known is that of structural violence, first articulated in his book by that title. His writings reflect original thinking across an incredibly broad range of issues - the European Community as an emerging superpower, violence and imperialism, terrorism, non-violent defence, Gandhi, alternatives to NATO, the SALT Negotiations, methodology in sociology, economic sanctions, peace culture, and the role of the media in peace and conflict situations - to name but a few.

His scholarship and personal support have led to the development of many university based peace study programmes around the world. He currently holds academic positions in Germany, Japan, Italy, China, Sweden and Norway. His training programmes have been provided to various UN missions, as well as government officials, NGOs, and journalists around the world. However, Professor Galtung is no armchair academic. His involvement in advising governments and conflict protagonists span four decades, and inform his conceptual works. Professor Galtung understands the real life practical aspects of deadly conflicts, and the difficulties of both preventing violence from occurring, as well as attempting to return to normalcy after violence has erupted.

He has acted as an expert consultant in such diverse conflict situations as Somalia, Yugoslavia, Northern Ireland, South Caucasus, the Basque area in Spain and France, Lebanon, Sri Lanka, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and those dealing with China, Tibet and Taiwan. He has been involved in over 20 visits to both North and South Korea since 1972. His last two visits were with Kim Dae Jung as President of South Korea, where issues of reconciliation were discussed. (In August, Professor Galtung is scheduled to conduct training sessions in Pyongyang and on the PeaceBoat during a cruise from Japan to North Korea and back-on conflict transformation and reconciliation).

Professor Galtung was also instrumental in helping to bring a peaceful end to the series of four border wars between Peru and Ecuador – his suggestion of transforming the disputed territory into a jointly administered nature park was written into a treaty between the two countries in 1999. In addition to being recognized with various honorary degrees, Professor Galtung is also the recipient of the Right Livelihood Award (aka the Alternative Nobel Peace Prize) in 1987, the Norwegian Humanist Prize in 1988, the Socrates Prize for Adult Education in 1990, the Bajaj International Award for Promoting Gandhian Values in 1993, the Alo'ha International Award in 1995, and ten honorary doctorates. Early in his career, Professor Galtung was an active journalist, and has since collaborated with the BBC World Service.

He is currently the Director of TRANSCEND, an international Peace and Development Network. The website for TRANSCEND is located at www.transcend.org. TRANSCEND Approach manuals: