

Newsletter



March 2018

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Global Days of Action Against Military Spending (GDAMS) selfie campaign to create public awareness about what the money invested in increasing military spending could be used for instead has just started. We hope that as many as possible will join the selfie campaign and the actions from April 14th to May 3rd.

In our previous newsletter, we announced our events at the end of April in Geneva; in this issue, we provide a bit more information.

Also, we made huge progress regarding our international conference in New York on May 12th. We are proud to announce that Noam Chomsky will be giving the keynote speech and among the speakers, there will be Daniel Ellsberg, Tarja Cronberg and Sergio Duarte and many others.

This will give us the chance to hand over the MacBride Prize to Noam Chomsky – he is one of the laureates from 2017.

Our IPB Youth Network in Latin America is very active too. In this newsletter, you will find the first announcement of the two conferences, which will be held very soon. More information will be published on our website.

We hope you enjoy reading!

With our warmest regards,

Amela Skiljan

WHERE WOULD YOU MOVE 10% OF GLOBAL MILITARY SPENDING TO?

The IPB GDAMS team are launching this selfie campaign to create public awareness about what the money invested in increasing military spending could be used for instead.

Publish your selfie
on **Twitter** @DemilitarizeDay

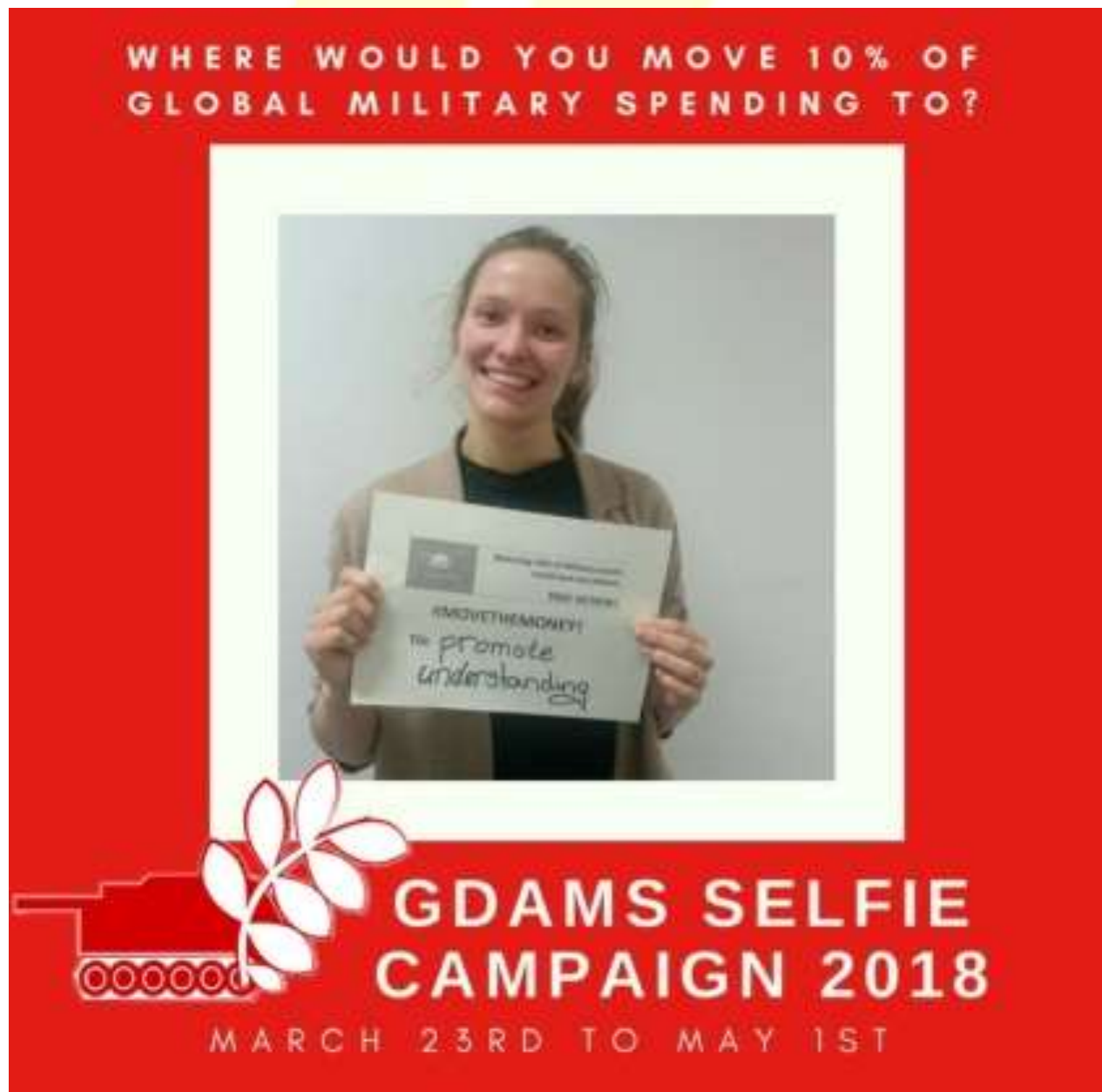
on **Facebook** @demilitarizeday
on **Instagram**
@Campaignonmilitaryspending

with hashtags
#MoveTheMoney
#SelfieCampaign2018 or

send us your selfie to
coordination@gcoms.ipb.org

Download the banner at:

[The GDAMS Banner](#)



IPB EVENTS

IN APRIL, 2018
GENEVA

IPB Board Meeting and Side Events for the NPT Preparatory Committee

While IPB will hold its Board Meeting in Geneva on April 22 and 23, we will be involved in the 2018 NPT Preparatory Committee, where we will be organising two side events.

Nuclear weapons in Europe: Friday 27 April 10:00 CET

The event “Nuclear weapons in Europe” will depict the status quo of nuclear weapons either held by European countries or stationed in Europe by foreign powers. In a time where nuclear weapons are modernised and renewed we need to take a closer look at their impact on the regions. Facing the rising tensions in the world we need to ask about the weapons on our doorsteps and how their modernisation has an impact on international dialogue and diplomacy. The speakers will be Dave Webb (CND), Daniel Högsta (ICAN), Arielle Denis (IPB) and Roland Nivet (Mouvement de la paix),

Nuclear weapon free zone or zone free from weapons of mass destruction?: Monday 30 April at 13:15 CET

For the second side event in cooperation with the

Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, IPB wants to shed a light on “Nuclear weapon free zone(s) or zone(s) free from weapons of mass destruction”. The focus will be on West Asia and North Africa.

Both of the events will be held at the UNO Palais des Nations in Geneva.

Just before the NPT Preparatory Committee and our Board meeting start, we will held a **campaigners meeting** together with ICAN.

April 21 and 22

Geneva Press Club, Route de Ferney 106, Geneva

Registration [here](#)

CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK

MAY 12, 2018

TWO MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT

How Do We Move from Geopolitical Conflict
to Nuclear Abolition?

Saturday, May 12

10am - 4pm

Judson Memorial Church

New York City

As a lead-up to the United Nations High Level Conference on Nuclear Disarmament (May 14-16), this conference is convened to analyse and warn about the current nuclear dangers, to raise the Ban Treaty and other disarmament initiatives, and to build the US and world movement for peace and complete nuclear disarmament. There will be 300 places to register for in advance at www.rosalux-nyc.org.

The registration will soon be open.

The program includes contributions and discussions with **Noam Chomsky**, **Sergio Duarte**, **Daniel Ellsberg**, **Tarja Cronberg** and many more.

The conference will address the topics "The Dangers of a Great Power War" and "Prospects for Nuclear Disarmament" and is only possible with the support of our partners. The programme will be published soon.



Location:

Assembly
Hall, Judson
Memorial
Church
229
Thompson St.
(South of
Washington
Square Park)
New York
City

This Is Not A Test:

Operational missile ranges of nuclear-armed states

This graph compares the maximum nuclear missile range for each country, as well as the missile class.

SLBM:
Submarine Launched
Ballistic Missile

ICBM:
Intercontinental
Ballistic Missile

SLV/ICBM:
Satellite Launch
Vehicle/
Intercontinental
Ballistic Missile

IRBM:
Intermediate-Range
Ballistic Missile

MRBM:
Medium-Range
Ballistic Missile

RUSSIA ICBM 16,000 km

UNITED STATES ICBM 13,000 km

CHINA ICBM 13,000 km +

UNITED KINGDOM SLBM 12,000 km

NORTH KOREA SLV/ICBM 10,000 km

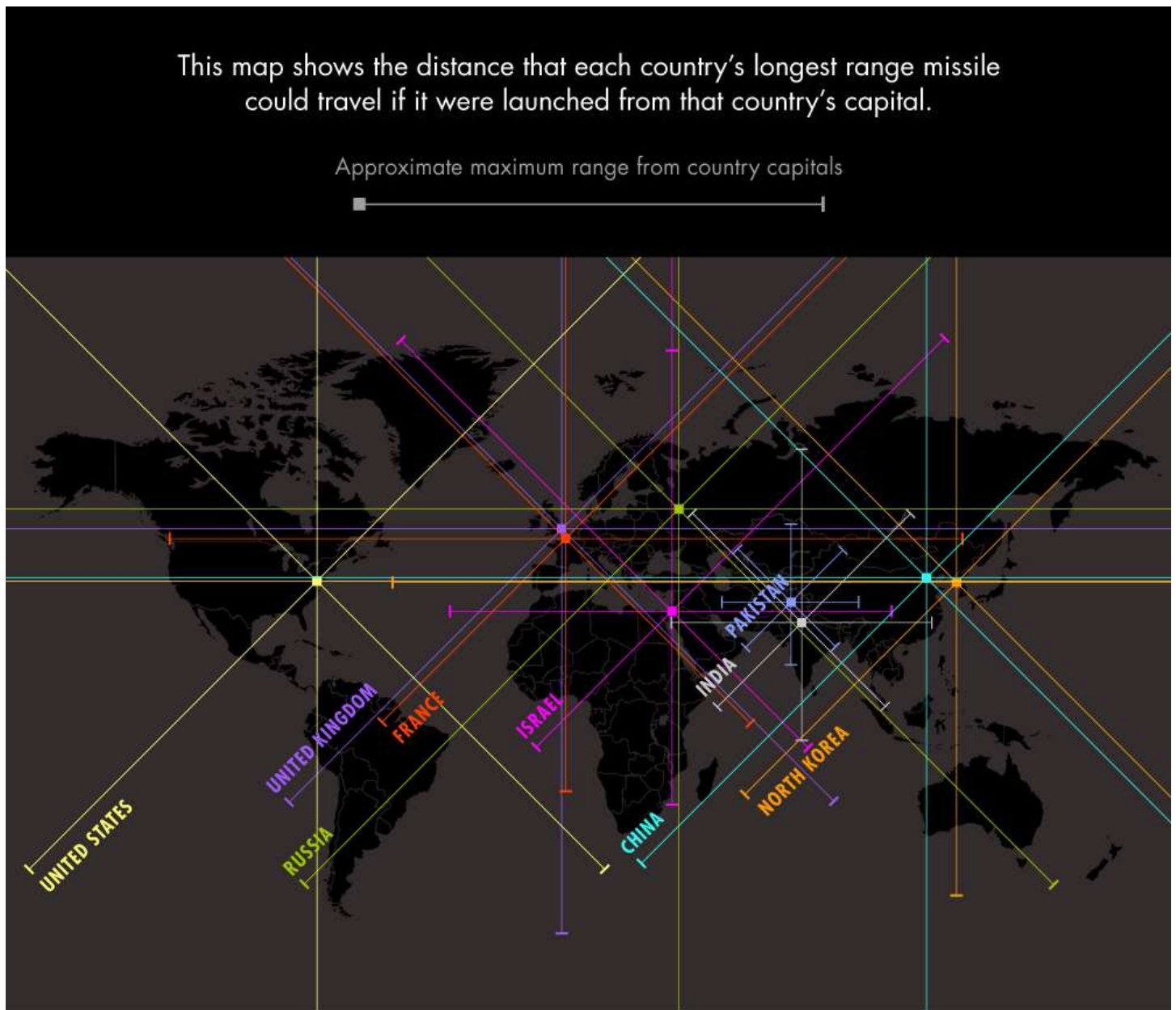
FRANCE SLBM 8,000 km

ISRAEL IRBM 6,500 km

INDIA IRBM 4,000 km

PAKISTAN MRBM 2,000 km

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Source: International Service American University – Washington, DC <https://missilethreat.csis.org/missile/>

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World Water Day

Nature for Water

For World Water Day the international not-for-profit organisation [WaterAid](#) published the report “The Water Gap – state of the world’s water in Water security, Equality and non-discrimination”.

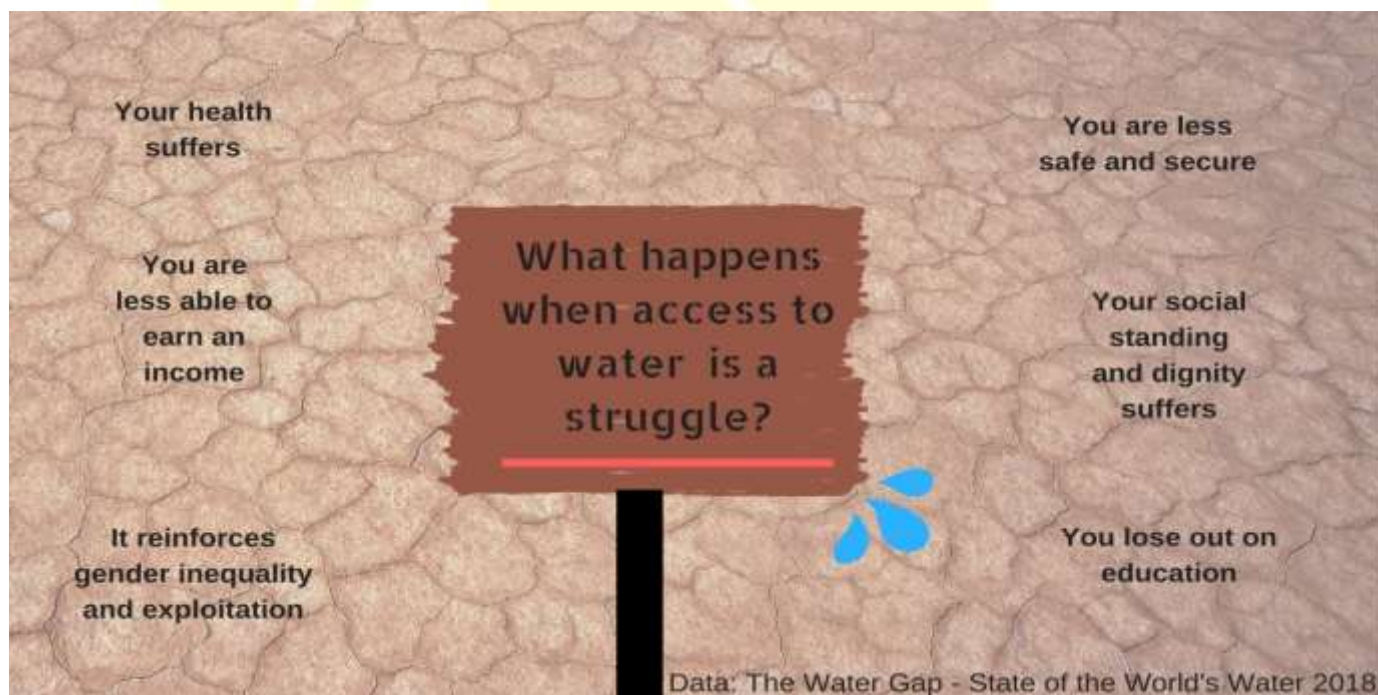
Despite its incorporation in the Global Goals for Sustainable Development as goal 6 to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all, it is the poorest and least powerful who are without water. While more than

60% of humanity already live in areas of water stress, we know how to deliver clean water. We have the skills and technology to prevent diseases and support sustainable development and community welfare. Today, it should not be a normality that around 289.000 children under five die each year of diarrhoeal illness directly linked to dirty water, poor hygiene and inadequate toilets.

The official UN theme for this year’s World Water Day is

“Nature for Water” and explores how nature can be used to tackle the water challenges of the 21st century. Climate change and therewith environmental damage enforces drought, floods and water pollution and makes it even harder to provide everyone with the water we need to survive.

Learn more on nature-based solutions to rebalance the water cycle [here](#).





Stop funding EU military research programmes

We invite all scientists, academics and researchers to [sign this pledge](#) and to call on the European Union to stop funding military research programmes.

The EU has set up a military research programme for the first time this year, with the objective

of helping to preserve the competitiveness of the arms industry. The so-called Preparatory Action on Defence Research (PADR) allocates a total sum of 90 million euros to military research projects over a three-year period up to 2020. We invite all scientists, academics and researchers to sign this pledge and to call on the European Union to stop funding military research programmes



IPB events in Latin America

2nd International Congress on Science and Education for Development and Peace

When?

April 25 -27

Where?

Medellín, Columbia

Congress on Science, Education and Human Security for Peace

When?

July 2 - 6

Where?

Buenos Aires, Argentina





SHADOW WORLD reveals the shocking realities of the global arms trade – the only business that counts its profits in billions and its losses in human lives.

Directed by Johan Grimonprez (“dial H-I-S-T-O-R-Y”) and in part based on **Corruption Watch UK** founder Andrew Feinstein’s globally acclaimed book [The Shadow World: Inside the Global Arms Trade](#), the film reveals how the international trade in weapons – with the complicity of governments and intelligence agencies, investigative and prosecutorial bodies, weapons manufacturers, dealers and agents – fosters corruption, determines economic and foreign policies, undermines democracy and creates widespread suffering.

The film unravels a number of the world’s largest and most corrupt arms deals through those involved in perpetrating and investigating them. It illustrates why this

trade accounts for almost 40% of all corruption in global trade, and how it operates in a parallel legal universe, in which the national security elite who drive it are seldom prosecuted for their often illegal actions. SHADOW WORLD posits alternatives through the experience of a peace activist and war correspondent, as well as through the voice of Eduardo Galeano who contributed selections from his stories for the film.

Ultimately SHADOW WORLD reveals the real costs of war, the way the arms trade drives it, how weapons of war are turned against citizens of liberal democracies and how the trade

decreases rather than enhances security for us all. In shedding light on how our realities are being constructed, the film offers a way for audiences to see through this horror, in the hopes of creating a better future.

