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### YCIAS Director Appointed to 2004 Class of Carnegie Scholars

May 26, 2004. New Haven, CT ◆ Gustav Ranis, Henry R. Luce Director of the Yale Center for International and Area Studies (YCIAS), is among the 15 new Carnegie Scholars recently appointed by the [Carnegie Corporation of New York](#).

Carnegie Scholars each receive up to \$100,000 for a period of up to two years to pursue research in the four areas of strategic importance to the Corporation: education, international development, strengthening U.S. democracy and international peace and security. The 15 new Scholars, selected from 144 nominees, join 52 others awarded fellowships since Vartan Gregorian, president of Carnegie Corporation of New York, inaugurated the program in 1999.

Ranis, the Frank Altschul Professor of International Economics, has been director of the Yale Center for International and Area Studies since 1996. He is a leading expert on theoretical and policy-related issues of economic development and has served as a consultant to several international organizations and developing countries. He has been chief economist of the U.S. Agency for International Development and the director of the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics. He has also served as director of the Economic Growth Center at Yale. He has worked extensively in Colombia, Ghana, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the Philippines and Taiwan and is considered a leading authority on the economies of those countries. Ranis has written more than 200 articles, as well as authored or co-authored several major books, among them: "Development of the Labor Surplus Economy"; "En Route to Modern Economic Growth: Latin America in the 1990s"; "Growth and Development from an Evolutionary Perspective"; and "Japan and the U.S. in the Developing World."

Ranis has held fellowships and visiting professorships at universities throughout the world. He earned his bachelor's degree summa cum laude at Brandeis University and received an honorary degree from Brandeis in 1982. He earned his Ph.D. from Yale in 1956.

"My work under the Carnegie Scholar grant will focus on the two-way relationship between economic growth and improvements in the underlying human condition," Ranis explains. "I am especially interested in understanding why many countries manage to move from a relatively good human development and poor growth situation to a virtuous cycle, while the reverse never holds. I would also like to determine whether there is a minimum threshold for human development that permits sustained growth to occur."

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