

## Doubling time

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**T**his is the first of two Calendar Year 2006 double issues that will at long last reconcile our print-cover dates and our paper-by-paper online-publication dates. Our 2007 print issues should thus contain 2007 papers, most first seen earlier — but only in the conventional meaning of that adverb — online.

Just in time for Nepal's quasi-republican revolution, Nabin Baral and Joel T. Heinen submit "The Maoist people's war and conservation in Nepal," in which the conflict now precipitously and *supposedly* coming to an end is assessed as an influence in biodiversity preservation; the news is not good.

Robert H. Blank considers the political implications of advanced neural imaging and neurobehavioral intervention in "The brain, aggression, and public policy." Here the news is better but not soothing. Criminal justice, jurisprudence, and popular psychology are certainly in for a complex time and are not likely to adjust gracefully.

Christina M. L. Kelton, Miriam Levitt, and Margaret K. Pasquale contribute "Barriers to SCHIP enrollment: A cross-county study of the State Children's Health Insurance Program in Pennsylvania." In a politely delivered indignity for social engineering and a calmly empirical indictment of income disparity *per se*, the authors conclude: "The most formidable barriers to

SCHIP enrollment success in Pennsylvania were not programmatic; they were correlates of poverty itself."

Christian Enemark, an Australian international lawyer, political scientist, and security scholar, writes a letter-and-spirit analysis of "United States biodefense, international law, and the problem of intent," finding much bad thinking and more than trivial wrong doing. The result, he argues, is likely to be a more dangerous world.

Eileen Burgin reports the results of an investigation into politics *within* the largest of all life-sciences research-producing and grant-making agencies. Her paper is "Dollars, disease, and democracy: Has the Director's Council of Public Representatives improved the National Institutes of Health?" She thinks this council, COPR, has not accomplished its mission, an important one in her judgment, but not for want of wishing otherwise. She specifies step-by-step remedies.

Mircea Boari, a physician and political scientist, offers "Fitness extraction and the conceptual foundations of political biology," a major transdisciplinary philosophical essay.

Nine book reviews round out our journal for what nominally is still 2005.

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