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EPS News

This year our print newsletter has gone quarterly; in addition to the usual March and November issues, we have added two shorter summer issues, to come out in June and September. The first **June issue of EPS Quarterly** will be in the mail soon. Since the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty Review conference (NPT) was in session as we composed this issue, we decided to concentrate on nuclear weapons and proliferation concerns. The June issue features these articles: *Avoiding the Apocalypse* – Robert McNamara – <http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/june2005/mcnamara.htm>
To see a **video clip** of the presentation of this speech to the NPT conference, go to: <http://www.un.org/unifeed/index.asp?webDate=5/25/2005> then scroll down to about the middle of the page. *Missile Defense, Weapons in Space, and Nuclear Nonproliferation* – Richard F. Kaufman – <http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/june2005/kaufman.htm> *Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction* – Michael D. Intriligator -- <http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/june2005/intriligator.htm> *Al-Qaeda's Nuclear Ambitions* -- a timeline <http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/june2005/alqaeda.htm> *EPS at the UN* -- <http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/june2005/epsun.htm>

There is also a survey, asking your opinion on the nuclear state of the world. The survey can be filled out online at: <http://www.epsusa.org/nuclearopinion.htm>, or you can print and mail it, or wait for your newsletter to come in the mail and fill out the back page.



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The **9th Annual Conference on Economics and Security**, sponsored by EPS-UK, the Arms Production and Trade Group, the University of the West of England and University of Bristol will be June 23 - 25, 2005. Session topics include:

- European Security
- Economics of the Revolution in Military Affairs
- Globalization and the restructuring of the MIC
- Militarism and development
- Economics of conflict and post-conflict reconstruction

Registration information is now available at <http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2005/CONF2005.html>

Spurred by the release of the last of the Star Wars movies, EPS member Ahmad Faruqui asks, "**Star Wars or Earth Wars?**"

"[I]f you strip the exotic location and the stunning special effects, the film is a gripping portrayal of the arrogance, anger and hostility that drive people to make war on planet Earth. By not calling it "Earth Wars", Lucas ensured that millions of people seeking to escape the real wars going on around them would become moviegoers.

"Addressing the Asian defense ministers in Singapore earlier this month, an indignant US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld asked why China — which faced no immediate threat — was increasing its defense spending in consecutive years by double-digit percentages. Such high spending rates, he said, could destabilize the Asian military balance. One may, of course, ask the same question of Rumsfeld. The only known enemies of the US are non-state actors that hardly justify the type and level of military spending that it is engaged in."

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=story_12-6-2005_pg3_2

EPS member Neva Goodwin was recently interviewed by Grist magazine. In the interview she talks about her work as co-director of the Global Development And Environment Institute (<http://ase.tufts.edu/gdae/>), attempting to comprehend both the limitations of the mainstream economic paradigm, and also the wide range of creative efforts that have been and are being made to extend our economic understanding.

"Reaching out to researchers and other readers, in academia and elsewhere, I have edited two book series. One, "Evolving Values for a Capitalist World," deals with questions like how to

steer different elements in a society toward a more long-run vision of what matters; various approaches toward corporate responsibility and irresponsibility; or how to understand the relationship between rich and poor, in terms of what kinds of assistance are and are not useful. The other book series, "Frontier Issues in Economic Thought," is designed to lure researchers, through irresistibly convenient summaries of fascinating articles, into areas such as ecological economics; the consumer society; the difference between economic goals and normal human conceptions of well-being; the changing nature of work; inequality; and the social and environmental sustainability of economic development."

<http://www.grist.org/comments/interactivist/2005/05/16/goodwin/>

EPS's Security Policy Working Group partner, the Arms Trade Resource Center, has released a new report, *US Weapons at War 2005: Promoting Freedom or Fueling Conflict? U.S. Military Aid and Arms Transfers Since September 11*. The report finds that the sale of military weapons to other countries, including many that were once barred from making such purchases, has increased sharply since the attacks on Sept. 11.

<http://www.worldpolicy.org/projects/arms/reports/wawjune2005.html>

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Links

The first issue of the Journal of Institutional Economics is now published. This issue is available online, free of charge, at http://journals.cambridge.org/jid_JOI

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In Other News

The G8's debt relief initiative is no substitute for the one western policy that would help Africans to liberate themselves from the shackles of the "genocide-state," writes Herbert Ekwe-Ekwe for [opendemocracy.net](http://www.opendemocracy.net). Mr. Ekwe-Ekwe says, "**Ban arms sales to Africa – nothing else required.**" http://www.opendemocracy.net/democracy-africa_democracy/arms_2602.jsp#

A growing number of **senior American military officers in Iraq have concluded that there is no long-term military solution** to an insurgency that has killed thousands of Iraqis and more than 1,700 US military personnel during the past two years." "I think the more accurate way to approach this right now is to concede that... this insurgency is not going to be settled, the terrorists and the terrorism in Iraq is not going to be settled, through military options or military operations," Brig. Gen. Donald Alston, the chief US military spokesman in Iraq, commented last week, echoing other senior officers. "It's going to be settled in the political process."

http://www.truthout.org/docs_2005/061405A.shtml

The chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee said Wednesday that technology developed for the **war on terrorism could also benefit the US economy**.

Representative Christopher Cox (R-Calif.) said the war on terrorism will be “an indefinite struggle,” and he challenged private companies to develop technology that enhances security and makes the US economy stronger.

“Our job is to sustain this war on terror by making investments in security that actually improve America’s economy,” Cox said during a keynote speech at the 2005 Government Security Conference in Washington. “Can we, as we introduce new security technology into some productive process, make that production process simultaneously more efficient?”

http://www.nti.org/d_newswire/issues/2005_5_27.html#0CCCA359

Add gold to the list of "conflict commodities." The lure of gold has fuelled massive human rights atrocities in the northeastern region of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Local warlords and international companies are among those benefiting from access to gold rich areas while local people suffer from ethnic slaughter, torture and rape.

<http://humanrightswatch.org/reports/2005/drc0505/>

Experts said the **world is not addressing the dangers of Russia's loose "nuclear stash"** at a conference in Tokyo June 8th. Their conclusion: "Nuclear weapons are the greatest danger to the world, with the slow pace of dismantling Russia's arsenal [is] of particular concern as terrorists seek out nuclear material."

"The gravest danger in the world today is the threat of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction," said former US senator Sam Nunn, who heads the Nuclear Threat Initiative set up in 2001 by governments and international groups. Faced with the threat, "our responses are changing very slowly - far too slowly," Nunn told a conference in Tokyo. He said the failure to secure nuclear materials would make it easier for a group of terrorists or a non-nuclear state to acquire nuclear weapons.

http://www.defencetalk.com/news/publish/article_002515.shtml

Japan will move its **sea-based missile defense research project to the development stage** in the next fiscal year, Defense Agency chief Yoshinori Ono said June 5th. "The time has come to move to the development phase," Ono, who was in Singapore for the Asia Security Conference, told reporters. "I would like to have arrangements made within the government swiftly and submit the budget request for fiscal 2006."

The project is being undertaken jointly with the US. The cost for the first fiscal year, which begins next April 1, is expected to amount to several billion yen, he said.

Ono confirmed reports that Japan and the US will jointly carry out the first missile interception test for the sea-based Standard Missile 3 interceptor next March in Hawaii.

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/getarticle.pl5?nn20050606a1.htm>

A California engineering firm has agreed to pay \$700,000 for violating US export rules by **selling equipment to nations of proliferation concern without a license**, the San Bernardino (Calif.) Business Press reported recently.

The US Commerce Department determined that Wilden Pump and Engineering Co. shipped special pumps to Iran, China, Israel, Syria and the United Arab Emirates. The machinery, designed for use in the chemical and pharmaceutical industries, could be used to create biological or chemical weapons. The department requires companies to receive an export license before shipping such equipment to those countries.

“The size of the penalty assessed to Wilden is due to the significant number of violations, many of them with knowledge that the shipments were destined to an embargoed country,” said the Commerce Department in a statement.

The department said Wilden committed 71 Export Administrative Regulation violations between 2000 and 2003. Wilden shipped pumps 26 times without the required license, according to the department, and on 22 of those occasions Wilden shipped the pumps knowing a violation would occur. The department also said Wilden made false statements on export documents 23 times.

<http://www.sbsun.com/Stories/0,1413,208~12588~2909283,00.html>

The US decision to sell F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan came under sustained attack at a Congressional hearing on Tuesday with members fearing that the move could trigger an **arms race in the subcontinent** and derail the current peace process.

"The F-16 is for fighting India, not terrorists. How can we in good conscience permit such a poor country that is without a healthcare or education system for its people spend money on a blue ribbon show-off weapon system like the F-16?" asked Republican Dana Rohrabacher.

Assistant Secretary of State Christina Rocca's explanation that India has also been offered the fighter jets with possible co-production arrangement prompted criticism that the move was certain to fuel an arms race between the two neighbors.

http://www.hindustantimes.com/news/181_1400230,00050001.htm

Canada is spending hundreds of millions of dollars to secure nuclear reactors, as well as mines and research facilities that handle radiological material, in the face of a potential terrorist attack. About \$240 million was appropriated as a one-time allocation to secure the sites, and continuing annual expenses are estimated to be around \$48 million, according to a newly published handbook of regulations proposed by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. Proposed new regulations include a permanent armed presence at all nuclear plants.

http://www.nti.org/d_newswire/issues/2005_6_10.html#A1EFF48A

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Funding Opportunities

Global Development Network (GDN) is currently accepting submissions for the **Sixth Annual Awards Competition**, the theme for which is Institutions and Development: At the Nexus of Global Change. The competition carries prizes in cash and travel of over \$300,000. http://www.gdnet.org/activities/gdn_competitions/global_development_awards/2005_awards/

United for Peace and Justice, the largest antiwar coalition in the US, seeks **summer interns** for organizing, outreach, research, and more.


UFPJ seeks articulate, politically aware individuals with good critical thinking skills and a demonstrable commitment to peace and justice. Prior organizing experience, multilingualism, and/or computer skills are preferred, but not required. Candidates should support UFPJ's campaign goals. People of color, women and lgbt people are strongly encouraged to apply, especially those with local organizing experience. Unfortunately, it is not financially viable for UFPJ to pay summer interns.


Please submit a resume and cover letter to interns@unitedforpeace.org, with the subject line "Summer Internship Application from E-Mail." Be sure to include why you are interested specifically in UFPJ, and briefly describe any relevant experience. Applicants are encouraged to peruse the campaigns section of the web site (<http://www.unitedforpeace.org/article.php?id=2495>) before applying.

Please apply as soon as possible, as candidates are already being considered. The dates of the position are flexible.

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EPS Publications

 **Military vs. Social Spending: Warfare or Human Welfare.** This two-sided fact sheet compares US and global military spending with the costs of achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals in an accessible, graphic format. The fact sheet, which was compiled and designed by former Project Manager, Paul Burkholder, is available in PDF format at <http://www.epsusa.org/publications/factsheets/milexMDG.pdf>.

 **The ECAAR Review 2003: Conflict or Development?** This edition has a regional focus on Africa, the site of most of the world's current armed conflicts. In its pages some of the leading economists of the day analyze and reflect on the relationships among military spending, domestic and foreign policy, security, and human welfare. Features include country studies, sections on business and conflict, and "Trends in World Military Expenditure." Written in clear English, with informative maps, tables, and graphs, the series is designed to inform the debate among policymakers, activists, journalists, academics, students, and citizens worldwide.


You can order the Review by emailing theaharvey@epsusa.org.

We believe the Review can be a valuable teaching tool in economics, political science, and international relations courses. If you are interested in teaching this book, please contact Thea Harvey (theaharvey@epsusa.org) for a copy to review.

 **The Full Cost of Ballistic Missile Defense.** The study estimates that the total life cycle cost for a layered missile defense system could reach \$1.2 trillion through 2035. You can download the PDF file from <http://www.epsusa.org/publications/papers/bmd/bmd.pdf>, or order a copy of the report from the cosponsor of the study at <http://www.armscontrolcenter.org/nmd/fullcost.html>.

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Action Corner

 One of the important tenets of EPS's mission statement is "to promote collective approaches to conflict and security problems; to encourage the submission of international disputes to negotiation, arbitration, or judicial settlement, through the United Nations or other

multinational institutions for the settlement of controversies." President Bush's nominee for US Ambassador to the UN appears not to support these same goals. John Bolton has consistently shown contempt for international cooperation.

An open letter from 67 former US diplomats, State Department officials or officials of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency states, "John Bolton has the professional background needed for this position. But his past activities and statements indicate conclusively that he is the wrong man for this position... John Bolton has an exceptional record of opposition to efforts to enhance US security through arms control. He led a campaign against ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty... John Bolton's insistence that the UN is valuable only when it directly serves the United States, and that the most effective Security Council would be one where the US is the only permanent member, will not help him to negotiate with representatives of the remaining 96% of humanity at a time when the UN is actively considering enlargement of the Security Council and steps to deal more effectively with failed states and to enhance the UN's peacekeeping capability." See the entire text of the letter at <http://diplomatsagainstbolton.com/>

The Bolton nomination is being discussed this week on the Senate floor. If you are convinced that the confirmation of Mr. Bolton would be disastrous for US security and international cooperation efforts, please contact your Senators and tell them so. More information is available at <http://www.stopbolton.org/index.html>. You can contact your Senator through Congress.org at <http://www.congress.org/congressorg/dbq/officials/directory/directory.dbq?command=conmdir>

Anyone who would be willing to put an EPS flyer up on a departmental bulletin board or similar venue, please contact Thea Harvey at theaharvey@epsusa.org.

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Upcoming Events

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- Economics of Conflict and Post-conflict Reconstruction

For more information, see <http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2005/CONF2005.html>

June 24, 2005. Briefing of a new RAND study, **Diversion of NBC Expertise from the Former Soviet Union: Understanding an Evolving Problem**. The RAND study was performed for the U.S. Department of Energy, and offers an assessment of each of the key components involved in the diversion of expertise from the former Soviet nuclear, biological and chemical weapon programs. Two of the study's authors, David Mosher and John Baker, will present the key conclusions, which consider the threat - does it go beyond top scientists and technicians? - as well as special tools for analyzing the problem. The briefing will take place on Friday, June 24 from 12:15 to 2:00pm, at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1779 Massachusetts Ave., NW. A light lunch will be served.

If you are interested in attending, please respond by noon on Thursday, June 23, by calling Marina Barnett at (202) 939-2283 or by e-mail to mbarnett@ceip.org.

June 27 - July 1, 2005. **Week I of the Peacebuilding and Development Summer Institute 2005** at American University, Washington, DC. Course 1: Religion & Culture in Conflict Resolution; Course 2: Applied Conflict Analysis and Resolution; Course 3: Political Negotiation in Latin America. The Peacebuilding and Development Institute provides knowledge, practical experience and skills for scholars and practitioners involved in conflict resolution, peacebuilding, humanitarian assistance and development.
<http://www.american.edu/sis/peace/summer/>.

July 5 - July 9, 2005. **Week II of the Peacebuilding and Development Summer Institute 2005** at American University, Washington, DC. Course 1: Training for Trainers in Peacebuilding & Development; Course 2: Development in Conflict: Practical Approaches to Recovery; Course 3: Bridging Human Rights with Conflict Resolution & Development; Course 4: Media and Peacebuilding: Concepts, Actors and Challenges. The Peacebuilding and Development Institute provides knowledge, practical experience and skills for scholars and practitioners involved in conflict resolution, peacebuilding, humanitarian assistance and development. <http://www.american.edu/sis/peace/summer/>.

July 11 - July 15, 2005. **Week III of the Peacebuilding and Development Summer Institute 2005** at American University, Washington, DC. Course 1: Arts Approaches to Peacebuilding & Development; Course 2: Positive Approaches to Peacebuilding & Development; Course 3: Islam and the West: Strategies for Peace; Course 4: Design, Monitoring and Evaluation for Peacebuilding and Conflict Sensitive Development. The Peacebuilding and Development Institute provides knowledge, practical experience and skills for scholars and practitioners involved in conflict resolution, peacebuilding, humanitarian assistance and development.
<http://www.american.edu/sis/peace/summer/>.

July 16 - August 6, 2005. The Alliance for Conflict Transformation (ACT) **Summer Institute on Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution** in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Applications now being accepted for this 3-week intensive course for English speaking professionals, graduate and upper-level undergraduate students. College credits are available.
<http://conflicttransformation.org/Home/OverviewSummerInstitute2005/tabid/100/Default.aspx>

August 15-21, 2005. **Think Outside the Bomb**, a national youth conference on nuclear issues presented by the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation in Santa Barbara, California. More info at:
<http://www.wagingpeace.org/menu/programs/youth-outreach/youth-conference/index.htm>

October 28-30, 2005. **International Interfaith Youth Conference on Peace 2005**. Africa Christian Youths Development Forum, in Plateau State, Nigeria.
<http://www.acydforum.faithweb.com/photo.html>

November 7- 8, 2005. The Carnegie International Non-Proliferation Conference, "**Sixty Years Later**," will be held in Washington, DC.
http://www.carnegieendowment.org/static/npp/2005_carnegie_conference.cfm

November 10 - 12, 2005. European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) presents its annual conference in Bremen, Germany. The theme of the conference is **A New Deal for the New Economy? Global and Local Developments, and New Institutional Arrangements**. The conference will include a joint EAEPE-ECAAR Session entitled *The Economics of War and Peace, (Dis-)Armament, and Arms Conversion*, organized by the European ECAAR/EPS affiliates, in conjunction with EPS-US and EAEPE. For further information please visit the EAEPE website (<http://www.eaepe.org/>) or <http://www.iiso.uni-bremen.de/elsner> or contact the local organizers: Wolfram Elsner at welsner@uni-bremen.de and Rebecca Schmitt at rschmitt@uni-bremen.de

November 11 - 12, 2005. **International Conference on Conflict and Sustainable Peace in East and Southeast Asia**, University of Western Sydney, Australia. For details, contact Professor Manas Chatterji by phone (607) 777-2475 or e-mail mchatter@binghamton.edu.

December 9-10, 2005. ***Guns and Butter – The Economic Causes and Consequences of Conflict*** conference in Munich, Germany presented by The CESifo Group, consisting of the Center for Economic Studies (CES), the Ifo Institute for Economic Research.

Call for Papers at: http://www.cesifo-group.de/pls/portal/docs/PAGE/IFOCONTENT/BISHERIGESEITEN/CESIFO_INHALTE/EVENTS/CONFERENCES/ECC05/ECC05-CFP.PDF

More conference information at: http://www.cesifo-group.de/portal/page?_pageid=36,34737&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL To see the information for this conference, scroll down through the page's listings.

December 28 - 30, 2005. **Second International Conference on Conflict and Peace in South Asia**, Jaipur, India. For details, contact Professor Manas Chatterji by phone (607) 777-2475 or e-mail mchatter@binghamton.edu.

January 6-8, 2005. The Annual meetings of the Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) and the American Economic Association (AEA) in Boston, Massachusetts. <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/anmt.htm>. EPS events will include a roundtable on addressing world poverty with Amartya Sen, Sir Richard Jolly and Joseph Stiglitz, and our annual dinner, this year in honor of Amartya Sen.

January 12 - 14, 2006. **Second International Meeting on Disaster Management**, Colombo, Sri Lanka. For details, contact Professor Manas Chatterji by phone (607) 777-2475 or e-mail mchatter@binghamton.edu.

February 24-26, 2006. The **Eastern Economic Association annual meetings** in Philadelphia, PA. Deadline for submission of papers is November 4, 2005. Submission forms and other conference information is at <http://www.iona.edu/eea>

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