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EPS News

*You are cordially invited to join us
for our Annual dinner
in honor of
Amartya Sen
Saturday, January 7, 2006
At the Sheraton Boston Hotel
6:30pm - 10:00pm*

\$100 per person. (\$75 for EPS members who register before December 16; \$25 for students)

Reservations are required. Please email [Thea Harvey](#) to register.

The **November issue of EPS Quarterly** is out. In this issue we focus on Modern Conflict. Features include:

- *Conflict or Co-existence?* Gareth Evans
<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/nov2005/evans.htm>
- *Is Terrorism World War III?* Philip Ball
<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/nov2005/ball.htm>
- *Letter from the Director: Plus ça change?* Thea Harvey
<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/nov2005/harvey.htm>
- *Is There a New Warfare?* Carl Conetta
<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/nov2005/conetta.htm>
- *FAST Update: Democratic Republic of the Congo/Kivu* Swisspeace
<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/nov2005/drc.htm>
- *War and Famine: Food Security in the Sudan* UN World Food Programme
<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/nov2005/sudan.htm>

EPS members have helped contribute to several **successes in the US Congress** lately: overwhelming passage of the anti-torture amendment to the Defense spending authorization by the Senate, and the defeat of funding for the NREP (Nuclear Robust Earth Penetrator, or bunker buster) new nuclear weapons program among them. Thanks to all who participate in our [action corner](#) our voices, combined with many others, are being heard.

Oscar Arias Sanchez, EPS Trustee, is running for a second term as President of Costa Rica. He led the country from 1986 - 1990. According to a recent poll, Dr. Arias is leading the pack, with 28.3 percent of respondents saying they would vote for him if the election was held today. We wish him luck. <http://www.angus-reid.com/polls/index.cfm/fuseaction/viewItem/itemID/9945>

EPS is looking forward to the **ASSA/AEA meetings** in January. This new posting includes **times and locations**.

We will be hosting three sessions again this year:

- Saturday, January 7, 10:15am, Sheraton Boston, Room Constitution B. A roundtable on ***Grand Strategies against Global Poverty***, chaired by James Galbraith, with Joseph Stiglitz, Amartya Sen, Sir Richard Jolly.
- Sunday, January 8, 8:00am, Sheraton Boston, Room Republic B. A session organized for the AEA on ***The Costs of War***, chaired by James Galbraith, with Joseph Stiglitz, William Nordhaus, Steve Kosiak, Allen Sinai, and Bassam Yousif.
- Sunday, January 8, 1:00pm, Hynes Convention Center, Room 210. A joint session with the AEA on ***Economics and National Security***, a roundtable chaired by Michael Intriligator, with Peter Galbraith, Carl Kaysen, Richard Kaufman, Lawrence Korb, Gareth Porter and Robert Solow.

Other EPS events include:

- Saturday, January 7th, 5:30 - 6:30pm, Sheraton Boston, Dalton Room. **Annual Membership Meeting**. The meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more about EPS.
- Saturday, January 7th, 6:30pm, Sheraton Boston, Room Constitution B. **Annual Dinner**, in honor of Amartya Sen. Reservations are required. The cost is \$100; \$25 for students; \$75 for current EPS members who register before Dec. 16. Please email Thea Harvey at theaharvey@epsusa.org for more information.

- Sunday, January 8th, 10:00am - 12:30pm, Sheraton Boston, Fairfax B. **Annual Fellows Meeting, and Quarterly Board of Directors meeting**

We hope you plan to join us at these events. Our booth will be in the exhibit hall again this year, in the last row to the right as you enter the exhibit hall. Please stop by and say hello.

Call for Papers: Tenth Annual Conference on Economics and Security. Thessaloniki, Greece, June 22 - 24, 2006.

Offers of papers are invited for a conference sponsored by Economists for Peace and Security (EPS-UK), the Arms Production and Trade Group, the University of the West of England, CITY Liberal Studies - Affiliated Institution of the University of Sheffield, and SEERC (South East European Research Center), Thessaloniki, Greece. The conference will have plenary sessions with keynote speakers plus specialist workshop streams.

Proposed topics include:

- Security in the Balkan Region
- European Security
- Globalization and the Restructuring of the MIC
- Militarism and Development
- Economics of Conflict and Post-conflict Reconstruction
- Economics of the Arms Trade
- Procurement and Offsets
- Arms Races, Offsets and Alliances
- Peace Science
- Conversion and Demilitarization
- Terrorism

Offers of papers on other related topics are welcome.

Please send a title and abstract as soon as possible and **before March 15, 2006** to:
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Tel. (+30) 2310 224026; Fax. (+30) 2310 22406; email: enikolaidou@city.academic.gr

To keep up with developments see: <http://carecon.org.uk/EPS/index.htm> or <http://www.city.academic.gr>

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Links

The first **Human Security Report** documents a dramatic, but largely unknown, decline in the number of wars, genocides and human rights abuse over the past decade. Published by Oxford University Press, the Report argues that the single most compelling explanation for these changes is found in the unprecedented upsurge of international activism, spearheaded by the UN, which took place in the wake of the Cold War.

<http://www.humansecurityreport.info/>

The Human Security Centre, sponsor of the report, offers several email update subscriptions. http://www.humansecuritycentre.org/index.php?option=com_newsletter

The White House Project (<http://www.thewhitehouseproject.org/v2/about/index.html>) aims to advance women's leadership in all sectors, up to and including the US presidency. On a local level, The White House Project mobilizes women to vote and trains women to run for political office, thus channeling a richly diverse, critical mass of women into the leadership pipeline. On a broader scale, The White House Project works to enhance the perception of women as leaders, change notions about women in our culture, and honor those who take steps to advance the way women are perceived in media.

On October 11 the White House Project debuted Shesource, a **database that captures women experts on economics, national security, military spending, and international issues** (among other issues). Despite their growing ranks as experts in fields ranging from national security and military spending to technology and health care, women continue to be drastically underrepresented in the news media as shapers of policy and leading voices of experience and authority on critical issues.

Too many journalists do not quote women as experts simply because they do not know any women who are experts in the fields that they cover. SheSource.org closes the gender gap in news coverage by making it easy for journalists to connect with women experts to quote and voice their opinions on topics of interest. And there is clearly a demand for the resource; since its official release, it has received over 80,000 hits!

They are **searching for more women to join the database**. If you or anyone you know qualifies, please click on the link below to ensure the media know about you or her!

<http://www.shesource.org/>

The UN Department for Disarmament Affairs invites you to visit the DDA Reference Library online <http://disarmament.un.org/library.nsf> The electronic version of the DDA Reference Library offers a collection of disarmament-related UN documentation in full text format, which include documents from:

- General Assembly
- First Committee
- Disarmament Commission
- Conference on Disarmament
- Review conferences
- Expert groups

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In Other News

Writing in the Boston Globe on November 15, Lawrence Korb and Arnold Kohen propose a **Marshall Plan for the Third World** and assert that world security depends upon a creative reordering of spending priorities. "The disparity between the costs of the war in Iraq and spending on child survival in countries such as Yemen [the ancestral homeland of Osama bin Laden and the locale of the terrorist attack on the USS Cole in 2000] is stark. Beyond its inherent value in moral and human terms, the message sent by a significant adjustment of these priorities could have a powerful impact over time.

"[F]inding ways to eradicate malnutrition and conduct public health campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan could bolster successful transitions to democracy. Afghanistan has maternal mortality rates about 60 times the rate in industrialized nations. One-fifth of all children die before age 5, 80 percent from preventable diseases. Similar conditions exist in Sudan, Bangladesh, and other Muslim countries (including Pakistan), linchpins in the struggle against terror, where the United States needs all the goodwill it can muster."

http://www.boston.com/news/globe/editorial_opinion/oped/articles/2005/11/15/a_marshall_plan_for_the_third_world/

Frida Berrigan discusses **Free Trade, Free Guns** in this tompaine.com commentary. President George W. Bush's foiled trip to Mar del Plata to attend the Summit of the Americas put Latin America in the spotlight. Bush was hoping to push his controversial free trade agenda, but the trade talks failed and the president was met with violent and widespread protest. The article underlines that Bush's free trade policy has gone hand in hand with rising US military aid, training and arms sales to the region.

US military aid, training and arms sales to the region have all increased sharply since the beginning of the war on terrorism and threaten to exacerbate conflict, empty national coffers and sidetrack development programs.

http://www.tompaine.com/print/free_trade_free_guns.php

The Iraq Quagmire: The Mounting Costs of War and the Case for Bringing Home the Troops, a study recently released by Phyllis Bennis, Erik Leaver and the Institute for Policy Studies Iraq Task Force, is the most comprehensive accounting of the mounting costs and consequences of the Iraq War on the United States, Iraq, and the world. Among its major findings are stark figures that quantify the continuing of costs since the Iraqi elections, a period that the Bush administration claimed would be characterized by a reduction in the human and economic costs.

The report shows lists the human costs, security costs, monetary, social, human rights, sovereignty, and rule of law costs to the US, Iraq and the global community.

<http://www.fpif.org/fpifxt/467>

Wounded Soldiers' Pay: A Financial Management Horror Story. For years the Government Accountability Office and the Department of Defense Inspector General have attempted, and failed, to audit the Pentagon's books. The reports, while substantively horrifying, usually make dry, slow reading – with only the occasional scintillating example of the consequences, such as lost air defense missiles, tug boats, and billions of dollars.

No more. A conscientious member of the 106th Finance Battalion of the 1st Infantry Division, Captain Michael J. Hurst, wrote a report in March 2005 that explains in dramatic terms some of the consequences of the Pentagon's gross financial management incompetence. In today's Pentagon it is not enough that soldiers are injured in operations in Iraq and Afghanistan; the Army has taken it upon itself to further torment wounded soldiers by declaring them AWOL and/or putting them in debt.

A new report, summarized and made available by Winslow T. Wheeler of the Straus Military Reform Project, explains. <http://www.cdi.org/smrp>

For the first time in history, **organized labor has taken a stance against a military conflict.** At its recent convention, the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) voted to support an immediate end to the Iraq War. "I think this indicates a change in the way labor conducts its business," said Andy Zipser, editor of the Guild Reporter, official publication of the Newspaper Guild-Communications Workers of America.

What caused such a dramatic change? "Historically, the labor movement has been very patriotic on this and generally hasn't taken up foreign policy issues," said Gene Bruskin, spokesman for US Labor Against the War, a group that has been instrumental in building an anti-war coalition within the labor community. Many union members have strong military ties, he added, noting that many are veterans, National Guard members, or have family serving in the armed forces.

Outspoken opposition to the Iraq War from veterans groups and military families has also helped dispel the notion that supporting peace is unpatriotic.

For the full article by Miraim Raftery in rawstory.com go to http://rawstory.com/news/2005/Anatomy_of_peace_movement_part_two_1101.html

Raul Caruso, of the Catholic University of Milan, recently published an article called *To Lift or Not to Lift? A Few Notes on the Lifting of the European Arms Embargo on China*. The article looks at the history of the European arms embargo, the economics of the foregone arms sales, and challenges the need to lift the embargo.

http://www.webasa.org/Pubblicazioni/Caruso_2005_2.pdf

The First Committee of the UN General Assembly, which is responsible for disarmament, ended November 4. Thanks to the work of the First Committee and several NGO organizations like IANSA (the International Action Network on Small Arms) **six resolutions were adopted** by the UN General Assembly, addressing a number of important areas:

- Arms brokering - a Group of Governmental Experts created
- Marking & Tracing - enables states to identify and trace illicit small arms
- Regulating MANPADS (shoulder mounted rocket launchers)
- Assistance to states to collect and destroy small arms
- Regulating ammunition stockpiles
- Humanitarian and development impacts of the manufacture, transfer and circulation of small arms and light weapons.

See <http://www.iansa.org/un/index.htm> for the complete text of the resolutions. See <http://disarmament.un.org/vote.nsf> for a list of all disarmament related resolutions and decisions taken by the General Assembly in this session.

Colombian radio thrives in armed conflict. Tiny radio stations and other media initiatives managed by citizens' groups are operating successfully in regions where leftist guerrilla organizations, right-wing paramilitary groups, drug traffickers and the Colombian army have a strong presence. The University of Oklahoma in the USA, Magdalena Medio Community Radio Stations Association (AREDMAG), Universidad Javeriana and Universidad del Norte in Colombia have examined citizens' media in areas of armed conflict. Initiatives are achieving significant results and transforming communities living in difficult circumstances.

<http://www.id21.org/insights/insights58/art05.html>

Multinational oil companies were ordered by Nigeria's highest court November 14th to stop engaging in a decades-old process that indigenous and environmental rights groups say has been poisoning the oil-rich area where Africa's Niger River meets the Atlantic Ocean. A judge ruled that **the damaging and wasteful practice of flaring natural gas (burning off natural gas which is a by-product of oil wells) by all the major companies operating in the region cannot lawfully continue.** The decision was made as the result of a suit brought by the indigenous Iwerekani community in Delta State against Shell Oil Company. Shell has previously admitted to inadvertently feeding conflict, poverty, and corruption. Other multinational oil giants affected include ChevronTexaco and ExxonMobil.

This article from One World includes videos of the affected areas.

<http://us.oneworld.net/article/view/122172/1/4536>

In this Los Angeles Times article from October 21, 2005, **human rights activists seek a nonmilitary response to restore democracy.** Branding Myanmar's military regime a "threat to the peace," a global coalition of human rights advocates is urging the United Nations to intervene in the Southeast Asian nation to restore democracy, deliver humanitarian aid and win the release of political prisoners.

Led by retired Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa and former Czech President Vaclav Havel, activists are calling on the UN Security Council to adopt a resolution that would pave the way for nonmilitary intervention in Myanmar, also known as Burma.

In a 70-page report that accuses the regime of using forced labor, rape, "ethnic cleansing" and child soldiers to control its population, Tutu and Havel make the case that abuses by Myanmar are more egregious than in countries where the United Nations intervened during the 1990s, including Sierra Leone, Haiti and Cambodia.

"If a government violates the fundamental rights of its own people, that can't be left as a domestic issue," said Tutu in a telephone interview from his home in Cape Town, South Africa. "I believe that we have an almost open-and-shut case for the intervention of the United Nations."

http://www.latimes.com/news/printedition/asection/la-fg-myanmar21oct21,1,1298426.story?coll=la-news-a_section

The government of Myanmar categorically rejects the allegations. A statement of the Foreign Ministry, carried on New Light of Myanmar, charged the report with attempting again to discredit the government, saying that the report is based on misinformation by a few remaining insurgents and expatriates funded by some Western countries. In the political sector, it said, national unity and solidarity have been restored through confidence building measures initiated by the government, successfully bringing back 17 anti-government armed groups out of 18 to the legal fold. A seven-step political roadmap program to democracy is underway, it added.

http://english.people.com.cn/200509/30/eng20050930_211821.html

"The United States is now the third most unequal industrialized society after Russia and Mexico. In 2004, after three years of economic recovery, the US Census reports that poverty continues to grow, while the real median income for full-time workers has declined. Since

2001, when the economy hit bottom, the ranks of our nation's poor have grown by 4 million, and the number of people without health insurance has swelled by 4.6 million to over 45 million.

"Income inequality is now near all-time highs, with over 50 percent of 2004 income going to the top fifth of households, and the biggest gains going to the top 5 percent and 1 percent of households. The average CEO now takes home a paycheck 431 times that of their average worker. Wal-Mart's Walton family now has 771,287 times more money than the median US household.

"Does inequality matter? One problem is that concentrations of wealth and power pose a danger to our democratic system. The corruption of politics by big money might explain why for the last five years the President and Congress have been more interested in repealing the federal estate tax, paid only by multi-millionaires, than on reinforcing levees along the Gulf Coast.

"Now, to pay for hurricane reconstruction and the war in Iraq, Congress is considering cuts in programs that help poor people, such as Medicaid and Food Stamps. Public policies in trade, taxes, wages and social spending can make a difference in mitigating national and global trends toward prolonged inequality."

<http://www.alternet.org/walmart/27168/>

Turkmenistan's People's Council earlier this week **banned the transport of weapons of mass destruction and related materials through its airspace**, the newspaper Neytralnyy Turkmenistan reported (see GSN, October 6). The ban also covers missiles, missile technology, WMD delivery systems and any associated technologies. Turkmenistan also said it would work to implement international nonproliferation initiatives (Neytralnyy Turkmenistan/BBC Monitoring, October 28).

<http://www.newscentralasia.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1539>

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Food For Thought

Morris Miller, long-time EPS member, has published an article entitled *War, Terrorism and Poverty: A Questionable Linkage*. He begins, "There is a probable but undefined correlation between poverty and warfare. This link, however, belies conventional wisdom. The type of governance and the degree of social emancipation seem to be more determinant factors in the behavior of societies." Read the article at <http://www.management.uottawa.ca/miller/>

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Funding and Employment Opportunities

The **Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest** is an annual competition designed to challenge college students to analyze the urgent ethical issues confronting them in today's complex world. Students are encouraged to write thought-provoking personal essays that raise questions, single out issues and are rational arguments for ethical action.

First prize includes \$5000. The deadline for the 2006 Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest is Friday, December 9, 2005. More information and application forms are at <http://www.eliewieselfoundation.org/EthicsPrize/information.html>

The Ford Foundation is seeking a **Program Officer** to create the **Global Economic Governance, Peace and Social Justice, Governance and Civil Society program**. The new Program Officer will be responsible for developing and overseeing the Foundation's work designed to strengthen Global Economic Governance in the interests of all members of the world community. Building on prior Foundation-funded work to reform international markets and institutions in trade and finance, this portfolio will support new thinking and action designed to bring about a global institutional architecture that promotes economic security while addressing poverty in the developing world. The portfolio will also support work on global economic circuits as a cause of conflict, and how to govern them more effectively. Strengthening capacity in the Global South will be a priority throughout.

More information about the job and application process can be found at <http://www.fordfound.org/employment/jobdetail.cfm?id=72>

The Levy Economics Institute of Bard College invites applications for a **Research Scholar in the program on distribution of income and wealth**. The scholar will collaborate with a team of economists on updating and extending the Levy Institute Measure of Economic Well-Being (see www.levy.org/limew) and developing analyses of well-being using the measure and its components. Given the broad nature of our measure, a wide variety of research interests can be complementary to the project. Subject to approval, the Institute is planning to launch a Ph.D. program in economics by Fall 2007. They are, therefore, especially interested in candidates who are able to contribute to the Ph.D. program.

Requirements:

The successful candidate will have solid quantitative skills (including familiarity with analyzing survey data using SAS or Stata) and strong interest in policy issues. Special consideration will be given to applicants with a background in applied econometrics who are competent to teach graduate-level econometrics. A completed Ph.D. is required, but candidates expecting the degree in the immediate future will also be considered.

Minorities and women are encouraged to apply. Send letter of interest, current c.v., references, and sample papers to Deborah Treadway, Levy Economics Institute, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504. AA/EOE

The Economics Department of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst is inviting applications at the **assistant, associate or full professor** level for one or more positions starting in Fall 2006. They are particularly interested in the field of political economy but all fields will be considered. Rank and salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applicants should submit curriculum vitae, three letters of reference, a copy of a recent research paper and, if possible, evidence of teaching effectiveness. For full consideration, applications must be received by December 5, 2005. Candidates will be interviewed by invitation at the 2006 American Economics Association meetings in Boston, MA. The University of Massachusetts is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. Women and members of minority groups are encouraged to apply. Please send application materials to:

Chair, Hiring Committee
Economics Department
Thompson Hall
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, MA 01003

<http://www.umass.edu/economics/>

Peace and Security Funders Group seeks a new Director. The Peace and Security Funders Group (PSFG) is an affinity group of approximately 60 grantmakers who share a common interest in programs that address a wide range of activities that include, but are not limited to, control of nuclear weapons, conflict prevention and resolution, and peacebuilding and multilateral engagement.

The Director is tasked with coordinating all aspects of this growing organization and ensuring that the needs of its current members, particularly for professional development and education in the peace and security field, are met. The Director reports to a Steering Committee composed of member representatives. Qualifications sought include:

- An excellent understanding of the field of peace, security and conflict prevention, and being conversant about these issues as they affect the funding community.
- At least five years of relevant work in a foundation or an organization that works closely with the philanthropic community.
- An understanding of the broad philanthropic community that includes corporate philanthropies as well as individuals of high net worth.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Effective interpersonal skills that enable the Director to work comfortably with a wide variety of individuals.
- Computer literacy, including competency in Word, Excel, PowerPoint and basic website maintenance.
- The ability and skill to raise funds to cover the organization's annual budget.
- A solid understanding of and perspective on the different roles that a paid staff person and a volunteer Steering Committee play in leading and managing the organization.

The Director is an independent contractor, though employment is under discussion by the PSFG Steering Committee. The Director can work out of his/her home office, or at the offices of one of the PSFG member organizations. The position is demanding and generally requires 40-plus hours per week. Extensive travel may be required. Compensation is dependent upon qualifications and upon the contractor/employee work status and the office location.

To Apply: Submit a current resume including all professional positions and educational background along with a cover letter that describes your interest in the position and what you believe you would bring to the Peace and Security Funders Group. The documents should be emailed to: Connie Padre, cpadre@kirschfoundation.org.

Applications must be submitted by November 30, 2005.
Starting Date: Preferably no later than February 1, 2006

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EPS Publications and Resources

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>.

Data Resource webpage offers links to data sources for

- International military expenditure and conflict indicators
- US military expenditure and capabilities
- Western Europe
- Russia

<http://www.epsusa.org/network/data.htm>. If you know of a data source that you feel should be added to our list, please contact our webmaster, Kate Cell, at katecell@epsusa.org

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Action Corner

The Senate overwhelmingly passed an amendment to the Department of Defense Appropriations bill, put forth by Senator John McCain (R-AZ), spelling out that the United States and its soldiers will not subject prisoners to "cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment." Senator McCain, who was himself subjected to torture as a prisoner during the Vietnam War, is not alone. No fewer than twenty-five retired generals and admirals signed a letter supporting his stand.

In his remarks made when submitting the amendment, Senator McCain said he received a letter from "Captain Ian Fishback, a member of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, and a veteran of combat in Afghanistan and Iraq...[who] pleads with Congress, asking us to take action, to establish standards, to clear up the confusion [of standards for treatment of prisoners] – not for the good of the terrorists, but for the good of our soldiers and our country.

"What should also be obvious is that the intelligence we collect must be reliable and acquired humanely, under clear standards understood by all our fighting men and women. To do differently would not only offend our values as Americans, but undermine our war effort, because abuse of prisoners harms – not helps – us in the war on terror.

"Let us not forget that al-Qaeda sought not just to destroy American lives on September 11, but American values – our way of life and all we cherish. We fight not just to preserve our lives and liberties but also American values, and we will never allow the terrorists to take those away. In this war that we must win - that we will win - we must never simply fight evil with evil."

To read the complete text of Senator McCain's statement go to:

http://mccain.senate.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=NewsCenter.ViewPressRelease&Content_id=1611.

President Bush has threatened to veto the entire Defense Appropriations Bill in order to not allow this anti-torture amendment to go through. The stated policy of the Bush Administration, and all other US governments has been not to allow torture. Senator McCain's amendment simply spells out for the soldiers in the field what that means and how to accomplish it.

To sign a petition to be sent to President Bush, asking him not to veto the bill, go to

http://action.truemajority.org/campaign/torture_c4?

Another letter asking for signatures comes from the National Council of Churches, representing some 45 million Americans. The statement begins, "We are deeply disturbed that leaders within our nation's government oppose legislation which publicly disavows our nation's use of torture anytime, anywhere, under any circumstances." You can add your signature at <http://ga3.org/campaign/tortureagain/w3ugndb4q5t8ji7?>

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

December 1 - 12, 2005. ***"NATIONAL SECURITY" Goes Beyond Military Might.*** 15th International Seminar on National Security sponsored by the International Center for National Security (ICNSS), at Galilee College, Israel. For further information and registration form, please contact please contact the Director, Department of National Security Studies Mr. Mark Street mstreet@galilcol.ac.il

December 2 - 3, 2005. The Peacebuilding and Development Institute presents a two-day symposium on **International Conflict and Health** at American University, Washington, DC. This program is designed for professionals in the field of public health. The workshops aim to provide skills, general knowledge and practice for individuals who will be working in a conflict zones. Registration deadline is November 25.
<http://www.american.edu/sis/peace/summer/>

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 10 - 14, 2005. **Global Symposium: 'Towards a New World Order'** at Lucknow, India. For more details please visit: <http://www.cmseducation.org/symposium>. Topics discussed will include participatory global democracy, globalization, disarmament, spiritual well-being, meaningful education, sustainable development and civil society.

December 14 - 15, 2005. **The 36th IFPA-Fletcher Conference on National Security Strategy and Policy, Nuclear and Non-Nuclear Forces in 21st-Century Deterrence: Implementing the New Triad.** The Conference is organized by the Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis (IFPA), and The Fletcher School, Tufts University, with the cosponsorship of US Strategic Command, the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Policy), the National Nuclear Security Administration of the Department of Energy, and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. It will be held at the Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel, 1000 H Street, NW in Washington, DC. Speakers and participants include representatives from the executive branch, military services, combatant commands, Congress, academia, industry, the media, and from overseas. Early registration is recommended.
<http://www.ifpafletcherconference.com>

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, 2006. 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>. See [above](#) for list of EPS events.

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.

January 15 - 16, 2006. First Annual Workshop of **Households in Conflict Network (HiCN)**, studying empirical and theoretical micro-level research on the nature, causes and consequences of violent conflict. Berlin, Germany
<http://www.hicn.org/papers/callforpapersJan06.pdf>

January 18 - 19, 2006. **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.

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>

March 2006. **World Congress on Communication for Development (WCCD)** in Rome, Italy. <http://www.devcomm-congress.org/>

April 25 - 30, 2006. **The European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) presents Joint Sessions of Workshops**, in Nicosia, Cyprus. A list of the workshops can be found here:

http://www.essex.ac.uk/ecpr/events/jointsessions/nicosia/ws_list.aspx. Deadline for submitting a paper proposal is December 1.

April 26 - 29, 2006. **Workshop on Polarization and Conflict**. This workshop is held concurrently with (but independently of) the Joint Sessions of Workshops organized by the European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR), in Nicosia, Cyprus. It is sponsored by the Centre for the Study of Civil War (CSCW) at the International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO), the Polarization and Conflict Network (PAC), the Department of Political Science at the University of Iceland (HI), the Chair in International Relations at the University of Konstanz, the Department of Sociology and Political Science at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), and the Standing Group on Political Geography (SGPG) of the ECPR.

For more info about the workshop:

http://www.prio.no/page/Forsiden_detaljer/Front_news_short_list_cscw/9222/46676.htm

May 29-30, 2006. **Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics**, Tokyo, Japan. Conference theme: "Infrastructure for Development for the New Era." The conference will consist of several major topics relating to infrastructure and growth, climate change, energy efficiency, rural development, agriculture and the implications for regional cooperation. <http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTAMSTERDAM/0,,contentM>

June 19 - July 8, 2006. **Summer 2006 Peacebuilding & Development Institute**, Washington, DC. <http://www.american.edu/sis/peace/summer/>

June 22 - 24, 2006. **Tenth Annual Conference on Economics and Security**. Thessaloniki, Greece. Conference sponsored by Economists for Peace and Security (EPS-UK), the Arms Production and Trade Group, the University of the West of England, CITY Liberal Studies - Affiliated Institution of the University of Sheffield, and SEERC (South East European Research Center), Thessaloniki, Greece. See [above](#) for call for papers. To keep up with developments see: <http://carecon.org.uk/EPS/index.htm> or <http://www.city.academic.gr>

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