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▶ EPS News	<p>While our hearts go out to the victims of Hurricane Katrina and their families, we see the dry rotted infrastructure that was exposed by the storm and the incompetent response.</p> <p>We dedicate this issue of NewsNotes to coverage of the Hurricane response, and proposals for sane, humane ways to build the recovery.</p>
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EPS News

	<p>James K. Galbraith and Michael D. Intriligator (Chair and Vice-chair respectively of EPS) suggest in their article <i>The Floodgates Have Opened</i> that the tragedy in New Orleans clears the way for a better city -- and a better America. And they propose some specific policy adjustments for achieving that goal.</p> <p>"Hurricane Katrina and the death of New Orleans have changed everything, exposing the rot in government and the failures of the free-market world view that has dominated our politics and economic policy for more than 30 years. Once again, the country must take stock of a terrible failure; once again we must change direction.</p> <p>"It is becoming clear that the human and economic damage from Katrina will far exceed that from September 11. Katrina has killed many thousands and displaced more than a million people. Immediately they need shelter, food, clothing, medical care, and places in school; these are being provided. But very quickly they will also need housing, jobs, and health insurance. Later on they will need help to get back home, if they choose to return, as many will, when New Orleans and the Gulf Coast are rebuilt."</p> <p>http://www.prospect.org/web/page.wv?section=root&name=ViewWeb&articleId=10237</p>
	<p>EPS Fellow Lloyd J. Dumas and others, writing for the Institute for Public Accuracy, discuss <i>"The Neglected Levees of New Orleans: A Victim of Iraq War Spending"</i></p> <p>"It appears that the money has been moved in the president's budget to handle homeland</p>

security and the war in Iraq, and I suppose that's the price we pay. Nobody locally is happy that the levees can't be finished, and we are doing everything we can to make the case that this is a security issue for us."

-- Walter Maestri, emergency management chief for Jefferson Parish, Louisiana; New Orleans Times-Picayune, June 8, 2004.

"No one can say they didn't see it coming. For years before Hurricane Katrina roared ashore Monday morning, devastating the Gulf Coast, officials from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama have been warning about their vulnerability to the storms..."--Bill Walsh and Bruce Alpert; New Orleans Times-Picayune, August 31, 2005

<http://www.accuracy.org/newsrelease.php?articleId=1123>

Meanwhile, life goes on. EPS is looking forward to the **ASSA/AEA meetings** in January. We will be hosting three sessions again this year:

- Saturday, January 7, 10:15am. A roundtable on ***Grand Strategies against Global Poverty*** chaired by James Galbraith, with Joseph Stiglitz, Amartya Sen, Sir Richard Jolly, Jeff Sachs (invited).
- Sunday, January 8, 1:00pm. 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.
- Sunday, January 8, 8:00am. 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.

Other EPS events include:

- Saturday, January 7th, 5:30 - 6:30pm. **Annual membership meeting**
- Saturday, January 7th, 6:30pm, we will hold our **annual dinner**, this year will be in honor of Amartya Sen.
- Sunday, January 8th, 10:00am - 12:30pm. **Annual Fellows meeting**, and **quarterly Board of Directors meeting**

We hope you will make plans to join us at these events. We will have a booth in the exhibit hall again this year. 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), 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 Centre), 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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To keep up with developments see: <http://carecon.org.uk/EPS/index.htm> or
<http://www.city.academic.gr>

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In Other News

Gordon Adams, director of security policy studies at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University, was senior White House budget official for national security in the Clinton administration. In this article, originally published in the Baltimore Sun on September 8, he expresses the outrage that many of us share about the Katrina relief efforts.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/oped/bal-op.administration08sep08,1,1222575.story?ctrack=1&cset=true>

Al Gore, who was supposed to be in New Orleans speaking about global warming and hurricanes, offered these words in a speech before the Sierra Club's National Environmental Convention on September 9:

"We're told this is not a time to hold our national government accountable because there are more important matters that confront us. This is not an either/or choice. They are linked together. As our nation belatedly finds effective ways to help those who have been so hard hit by Hurricane Katrina, it is important that we learn the right lessons of what has happened, lest we are spoon-fed the wrong lessons from what happened. If we do not absorb the right lessons, we are, in the historian's phrase, doomed to repeat the mistakes that have already been made."

<http://www.alternet.org/katrina/25349>

Another Terrible Casualty of the Iraq War: How New Orleans was Lost by Paul Craig Roberts. "Chalk up the city of New Orleans as a cost of Bush's Iraq war. There were not enough helicopters to repair the breached levees and rescue people trapped by rising water. Nor are there enough Louisiana National Guards available to help with rescue efforts and to patrol against looting."

<http://www.counterpunch.org/roberts09012005.html>

Troops begin combat operations in New Orleans "While some fight the insurgency in the city, others carry on with rescue and evacuation operations." Said one National Guard General: "This place is going to look like Little Somalia." Joseph R. Chenelly, writing in the Army Times, describes the role the army played in "securing" New Orleans.

<http://rempost.blogspot.com/2005/09/troops-begin-combat-operations-in-new.html>

Included in the emergency supplemental appropriations act that has just passed is a provision that encourages federal agencies to **waive taxpayer protections on Katrina-related contracting**.

"The insertion of the provision is the result of callous contractors and their allies in Congress taking advantage of the country's desperate desire to help the survivors of Katrina. This provision opens up the possibility for much more waste, fraud and abuse and offers no improvement in the government's ability to quickly assist the people who need it," said Danielle Brian, Executive Director of the Project On Government (POGO). "You are likely to see the equivalent of war profiteering -- disaster profiteering

<http://www.pogo.org/p/contracts/ca-050902-katrina.html>

The National Guard is stretched so thin by simultaneous assignments in Iraq and the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast that leaders in statehouses and Congress say it is time to reconsider how the force is used.

Republicans and Democrats alike worry about the service's ability to balance its federal and state missions of fighting wars and responding to domestic crises. Since the storm devastated the deep South, Republicans and Democrats have praised the Guard for what may be the most massive US military response to a domestic natural disaster. But lawmakers also have questioned whether poor coordination between the federal government and the states — and the overseas deployments — kept the Guard from getting where it was needed quickly after the hurricane.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2005/09/10/katrina/main832586.shtml>

Will the Katrina reconstruction come to resemble the Coalition Provisional Authority? Many of the same contractors are already being awarded no-bid contracts. In *Winners and Losers: The Usual Suspects*, Stephen Pizzo looks at how the poor suffer and the rich get richer in most disasters. <http://www.alternet.org/katrina/25355/>

Lack of Emergency Planning Worries DC Officials. US Homeland Security Department and law enforcement officials said that Washington, DC, does not have a comprehensive plan to inform residents of what do to during a large-scale emergency, the Washington Post reported yesterday (see Global Security Network, August 24).

The region is particularly vulnerable to a surprise terrorist attack, according to officials.

"What we lack is a coordinated public information system in the event of a major incident," said David Snyder of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' homeland

security task force. "What we need is a system that will function instantaneously and automatically every time. ... That doesn't exist now."

http://www.nti.org/d_newswire/issues/2005_9_12.html#FA05D047

Call for Papers: World Congress on Communication for Development (WCCD) Rome, March 2006.

This WCCD will focus on demonstrating that communication for development is an essential ingredient for meeting today's most pressing development challenges and, as such, should be more fully integrated in development policy and practice. The WCCD aims to analyze and evaluate new developments in the field of Communication for Development and to develop recommendations for consideration by policy and decision-makers, practitioners and researchers on how to make communication for development recognized a central pillar of development.

The organizers encourage abstracts and proposals to consider innovative and creative ways to present information and share knowledge using different technologies that encourage dialogue and exchange, consistent with the spirit of the discipline. In order to support the goals of the Congress, submissions should do one or more of the following: demonstrate the value-added of Communication for Development; provide data and evidence of the impact of communication in development projects and programs; briefly discuss the theoretical foundation and methodological approach applied in practice; or reflect on how to incorporate communication into development policy and practice. Abstracts and proposals are invited on the following broad topic areas:

- Poverty Reduction
- Health
- Education
- Governance
- Security and Emergencies
- ICT, Communication and Media
- Marginalized and Vulnerable Groups
- Environment and Sustainable Development

For more information, please visit: <http://www.devcomm-congress.org/>

The deadline for the submission of abstracts and proposals is September 30, 2005. Early abstracts will be given priority.

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Food For Thought

In her article *A Flood of Bad Policies*, Molly Ivins writes: "[G]overnment policies have real consequences in people's lives. This is not 'just politics' or blaming for political advantage. This is about the real consequences of what governments do and do not do about their responsibilities. And about who winds up paying the price for those policies.

"This is a column for everyone... who ever said, 'I'm sorry, I'm just not interested in politics,' or, 'There's nothing I can do about it,' or, 'Eh, they're all crooks anyway.' Nothing to do with me, nothing to do with my life, nothing I can do about any of it."

<http://www.alternet.org/story/24923/>

Eight Big Lies About Katrina. Jeremy Schulman and Raphael Schweber-Koren of Media Matters for America refute eight statements widely picked up in the national media about the Katrina response.

<http://www.alternet.org/story/25227/>

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Funding and Employment Opportunities

The Robert Bosch Foundation is currently accepting applications for its **Future Leaders Fellowship Program**. The program provides young American professionals (23-34) with executive level internships in the federal government and private sectors in Germany. Seminars in Berlin, Frankfurt/M. and Munich as well as visits to Poland, the Czech Republic, Belgium and France provide an in-depth understanding of issues facing the European Union and Germany today. Candidates are competitively chosen from the fields of business administration, economics, journalism and mass communications, law, political science and public affairs/public policy.

The application deadline is October 14, 2005. <http://www.cdsintl.org/fromusa/bosch.htm>

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 Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) invites applications for the ELP Fellowship Class of 2006-2007. Through its fellowship program, each year ELP provides training, project support and a vibrant peer network to 20-25 talented and diverse individuals engaged in environmental and social change work. ELP fellows come from nonprofits, businesses, government, tribal government, and higher education, and include activists, artists, writers, lawyers, entrepreneurs, policy makers, and scientists. ELP is committed to fostering a reflective, diverse environmental movement capable of responding to our complex social and environmental challenges.

<http://www.elpnet.org/fellowship.html#overview>

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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

"This is no time for more tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans nor for cutting spending for the poorest Americans. Providing sufficient resources for Medicaid, food stamps, or other programs that serve the poorest and most vulnerable people in our communities should have priority over tax cuts. Urge your members of Congress to oppose more tax cuts for the wealthiest and spending cuts for the poorest when they draft and consider the budget reconciliation bills in September. "

The people of the Gulf Coast need the federal government's help now. So do the millions of people elsewhere around the country who live in deepening poverty and without health care coverage. The deep economic disparity and dismal poverty revealed in New Orleans in the wake of the hurricane can be found in cities, rural areas, Indian reservations across this country. The job of Congress is to promote the "general welfare." It's time that Congress got started doing it. Let them know that you, as a taxpayer, are willing to contribute your share.

You can contact your members of Congress and find a sample letter on FCNL's (Friends Committee on National Legislation) web site, <http://capwiz.com/fconl/issues/alert/?alertid=8002046&type=CO>

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

September 20, 2005. The Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis at The New School presents Dr. Laura Tyson on "**Globalization, Outsourcing, and U.S. Prosperity.**" Dr. Laura Tyson, former National Economic Advisor to President Clinton and the first female Chair of The White House Council of Academic Advisors will speak at The New School Tishman Auditorium, 66 West 12th Street, New York, NY.

Although the event is free and open to the public, reservations are recommended. Reservations can be made by calling the box office at: (212) 229-5488 or by sending an email to: boxoffice@newschool.edu

For more information on this lecture: <http://t.lt05.net/c.asp?wg/jDCEEX9OJQxPGnpHX8QdFGPGSw6OdQPHCOUbYSk8Q>

September 21, 2005. **Beyond Bullets: Economic Strategies in the Fight Against Terrorism.** A half-day conference in the series on America's Next Phase Response to Terrorism, sponsored by The New America Foundation, AmericanRespect.com, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the New York Community Trust, The Hauser Foundation, Democracy Coalition Project, US in the World, Citizens for Global Solutions and the Open Society Institute, in Washington, DC. <http://www.AmericasPurpose.org/BeyondBullets>

September 21 - 23, 2005. **Entry-Into-Force (Article XIV) Conference of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty**, New York, NY. For a complete explanation of the background and possible outcomes of the conference, see <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/legal/ctbt/ctbtindex.html>

September 23, 2005. Inaugural session of the **study group on the Economics of Terrorism**, co-sponsored by The New School Graduate Program in International Affairs, the Arms Trade Resources Center at the World Policy Institute, and the Center for Security Studies ETH Zurich. In this session we will hear from David Gold, co-chair of the study group and a professor in GPIA, on his paper "Economic Deprivation as a Source of Terrorism: A Review of the Evidence." Sean Costigan will serve as discussant. This session will be held at The New School, 66 West 12th Street, Room 510, New York, NY. We will meet at 1:30pm, coffee and light snacks will be available from then on, discussion will begin promptly at 2:00 and we will end no later than 4:00pm. Please RSVP to Sean Costigan at costigan@sipo.gess.ethz.ch

September 24 - 26, 2005. **Three Days of Action for Peace and Justice in Washington, DC** This massive mobilization will include a march and rally, lobbying, concerts, an interfaith service highlighting spiritual reasons to oppose the war, and many other events. More information at <http://www.unitedforpeace.org/article.php?list=type&type=91>

September 26 - 29, 2005. **The United Religions Initiative - Middle East and North Africa Region, (URI-MENA) Annual Regional Conference**, in Amman, Jordan. URI-MENA is composed of Middle Eastern and North African religious activists, from Muslim, Christian, Jewish, and Druze backgrounds, and conducts activities to promote mutual understanding and peace in the region, to deepen and share their religious and spiritual experience and to communicate their everyday life, and a global human agenda, through their shared interfaith experience.

This year the theme of the conference will be "Charity," a concept that invites the meeting of the spiritual, the social and the economic, and questions the notion of ownership rights. The cost of the conference is \$200 which includes registration and hotel.

Please contact Dr. Mohamed Mosaad (mmosaad@uri.org) or Dr. Yehuda Stolov (yistolov@uri.org) for more information.

September 27 - 28, 2005. Dwight D. Eisenhower National Security Conference **Shaping National Security - National Power in an International World**. The conference will be held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC. More information at <http://www.eisenhowerseries.com/>

November 4-6, 2005. Citizens for Global Solutions Annual Conference, **Global Solutions, Local Connections: making the global local, one activist at a time!** in Santa Fe, New Mexico. http://globalsolutions.org/events/conferences/2005_santafe/index.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, and a keynote address by EPS Chair, James K. Galbraith. For further information please visit the EAEPE website (<http://www.eaep.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/IFOCNTENT/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, 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>. EPS events will include a roundtable on addressing world poverty with Amartya Sen, Sir Richard Jolly and Joseph Stiglitz; a joint

session with the AEA on National Security; and our annual dinner, this year in honor of Amartya Sen. [See above](#) for complete listing 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/>

June 22 - 24, 2006. **Tenth Annual Conference on Economics and Security** at CITY College, Thessaloniki, Greece. The conference is sponsored by Economists for Peace and Security (EPS), 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 Centre), Thessaloniki, Greece. More information can be found at <http://carecon.org.uk> and <http://www.city.academic.gr>

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