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EPS News

You are invited to join us for two fundraising events this fall.

Thursday, October 12

*An evening with Ambassador Peter Galbraith and James K. Galbraith
Ambassador Galbraith will give an informal talk on his new book
"The End of Iraq: How American Incompetence Created a War Without End"
at the Manhattan home of Alan Harper
Requested donation for this event, including wine and hors d'oeuvres, is \$250.*

Tuesday, October 17

*Breakfast with Allen Sinai
President of Decision Economics,
named by USA Today as the top economic forecaster in the US,
and EPS Board member.*

*8:00am to 9:30am at the Harvard Club of Boston.
Requested donation of \$100.*

Pre-registration for either event is required. For more information or to register, please email Thea Harvey at theaharvey@epsusa.org

Among the many interesting papers presented at the EPS conference in Thessaloniki in June was ***Economic Equality and Victory in War: An Empirical Investigation***, by our chair, James K. Galbraith. Dr. Galbraith and his co-authors, Corwin Priest and George Purcell, tested the hypothesis that given the occurrence of war between two countries, the country that is more egalitarian at the moment of military decision is likely to emerge the victor.

First, they examine cases where comparative economic inequality can be measured directly, using the nearly comprehensive global data-sets of the University of Texas Inequality Project (UTIP) for the years 1663-1999. Then they examined cases where reasonable inferences about comparative economic inequality may be drawn by analogy to UTIP measurements or from other political and economic evidence, including both bi-national wars and larger wars where there existed clear pair-wise fronts. Thirdly, they discuss selected cases where inferences may be drawn from literary or historical sources. They found, all in all, that the evidence for an egalitarian victory proposition is remarkably strong.

Read the paper at http://utip.gov.utexas.edu/papers/utip_37.pdf

Kate Cell, editor of the EPS Quarterly and director of development and Communications at the Prometheus Institute for Sustainable Development, wrote recently for tompaine.com on ***Energy Democracy***. She suggests that rather than swapping the tyranny of oil for the tyranny of other fossil fuels, we might shift paradigms completely.

"We are increasingly worried by our economy's dependence on oil from the Middle East, where all the possible kinds of group violent conflict are raging in or near the region. The cool war between the US and Iran is the hottest it's been since the 1979 hostage crisis, by no means coincidentally over the question of whether Iran seeks apocalyptic weapons or nuclear fuel. If the logic of the first US/UK casus belli for the Iraq war (fear of nuclear, chemical or biological weapon proliferation) were valid, and if prosecuting a war depended only on logical validity and not military capability, we'd be marching into Tehran (or Pyongyang) right now. But even if our soldiers weren't terribly overtaxed, with many suffering their third and fourth tours in Iraq—even then, as Michael Klare recently pointed out for TomDispatch, US military options in Iran would still be severely limited. Iran controls not only its own considerable oil reserves but can also blockade the Straits of Hormuz, 'through which,' writes Klare, 'daily, 40 percent of the world's oil exports pass'[emphasis mine].

"...In these circumstances, floating another infrastructure-heavy, centralized energy source—whether nuclear, coal or coal-to-liquid fuel—means paddling against the current of economic and political common sense. Countries that have figured this out (such as Japan and Germany) are beginning to favor localized, distributed power generation that occurs at or near the point of use: solar electricity and heat, biomass and ground-source heat pumps. That marks a trend away from problematic oil, coal, or nuclear power toward less constrained or dangerous resources. Solar electricity, for instance, relies on two plentiful resources always at hand: silicon (the second most abundant element in the earth's crust) and sunlight."

http://www.tompaine.com/articles/2006/08/01/energy_democracy.php

Volume 1, No. 2 of the Economics of Peace and Security Journal, *Peacemaking and Peacekeeping*, is now available online, free of charge.

The Economics of Peace and Security Journal (EPSJ) is an online journal that addresses all issues related to the political economy of personal, communal, national, international, and global peace and security. The scope includes implications and ramifications of conventional and non-conventional conflict for all human and non-human life and for our common habitat. Special attention is paid to constructive proposals for conflict resolution and peacemaking. While open to non-economic approaches, most contributions emphasize economic analysis of causes, consequences, and possible solutions to mitigate and resolve conflict.

EPSJ is aimed at both specialist and non-specialist readers, including policy analysts, policy and decision makers, national and international civil servants, members of the armed forces and of peacekeeping services, the business community, members of non-governmental organizations and religious institutions, and other interested parties. Contributions are scholarly-based, but written in a general-interest style.


Another recently launched feature is the **book review section**. You can contact the reviews editor with any suggestions you might have, or regarding a book you would like to review. They will also be introducing review articles in the future that review a number of books together.

<http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/bookreviews.php>


Please visit <http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/index.php> to learn more about EPSJ and to subscribe for future issues.


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Links

 **Dollars & Sense** is a bi-monthly magazine of economic news and analysis, reports on economic justice activism, primers on economic topics, and critiques of the mainstream media's coverage of the economy. Our readers include professors, students, and activists who value our smart and accessible economic coverage.

<http://www.dollarsandsense.org/index.html>

 The **Project on Defense Alternatives** has recently updated many of their topical websites, adding 800 links to full-text articles and reports. The relevant sites are: Terrorism, Counter-terrorism, and Homeland Security; Chinese Military Power; and The Revolution in Military Affairs Debate page. All can be accessed via a single gateway: <http://www.comw.org/infogate/>

 The Peace and Security Initiative (PSI) has a new website designed to create a single place on the Internet to access PSI resources, analyses and tools. www.peaceandsecurityinitiative.org includes:

- Messaging Resources
- Media Resources
- Issue Briefs
- Community Priorities for Collaborative Action
- Community Survey
- Community Newsletters
- Grassroots Mapping Resource
- Next Generation Resources
- Upcoming PSI Events
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In Other News

Some experts call it "modern warfare," some call it "unconventional conflict;" others use technical terms such as "netwar" or "fourth-generation warfare."

The definitions differ, but all refer generally to conflict in which small, decentralized, non-state groups can turn the advantages of large national armies -- overwhelming firepower, high technology, a clear hierarchy of command -- into disadvantages, and in which winning political and public relations victories matters more than counting casualties and bombing sorties.

Just as the world is watching Lebanon, trying to understand the conflict there, so are experts in modern warfare theory, who see in the battle between Israel and Hezbollah a living -- and dying -- test of their ideas.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2006/08/06/MNG43KC7791.DTL>

Managing the Atom and the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) recently released *Securing the Bomb 2006*, the latest in their series of annual reports laying out where we are and where we need to go in programs to keep nuclear weapons, materials, and expertise worldwide out of terrorist hands. *Securing the Bomb 2006* provides the most comprehensive assessment available anywhere of a wide range of international cooperative efforts to reduce the danger of nuclear theft and terrorism, along with detailed recommendations for further action. The full text of the report is available at <http://www.nti.org/securingthebomb>, along with a wide range of other supporting material.

Despite disappointment with the recent UN Conference on Small Arms, some progress is being made toward an international treaty. Most European states are willing to join countries in Africa, Latin America and elsewhere in pressing for meaningful controls on international transfers, but there are still powerful states who do not want any international instruments to hinder their own arms trading.

On July 24, the ambassadors of Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Kenya and the United Kingdom sent a letter to all governments proposing a UN group to consider options for a **global treaty establishing common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms**. The draft resolution refers to the United Nations Charter and the Geneva Conventions and Protocols, but does not mention the term 'human rights.'

"It is crucial that the creation of an Arms Trade Treaty is formally on the UN agenda," said Brian Wood, Amnesty International's Arms Research Manager, "but if the Treaty does not prevent arms transfers to countries where they are likely to be used for grave violations of international human rights law, then it simply won't help save enough lives and deliver better security in most countries."

To read more about the proposed UN group, and follow the progress (at molasses UN speed) of the treaty, please visit http://www.controlarms.org/latest_news/attstatement-240706.htm

Military Waste In Our Drinking Water The US military generates over one-third of our nation's toxic waste, of which it disposes very poorly. The military is one of the most widespread violators of environmental laws, and, in many cases, is granted special exemptions. The Defense Department is willing to poison the very citizens it is supposed to protect in the cause of national security.

"Recently a study was commissioned by the US Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency and NASA to study the evidence on carcinogenic risk and other health hazards from exposure to trichloroethylene, a solvent used in adhesives, paint and spot removers that is also widely used to remove grease from metal parts in airplanes and to clean fuel lines at missile sites. The study concluded that the risk has strengthened since 2001. Hundreds of waste sites are contaminated with trichloroethylene, and it is well documented that individuals in many

communities are exposed to the chemical, with associated health risks." Read the executive summary of the study at http://dels.nas.edu/dels/rpt_briefs/trichloroethylene_brief_final.pdf

"It's an ugly truth that manufacturing weaponry to kill abroad also kills at home. The process involves toxic chemicals, metals and radioactive materials. As a consequence, the US military produces more hazardous waste annually than the five largest international chemical companies combined. The Pentagon is responsible for over 1,400 properties contaminated with TCE."

<http://www.alternet.org/envirohealth/39723/>

Service delivery for sustainable peace: The provision of services such as water, health and education has a direct impact on countries emerging from conflict. Sustainable peace depends not only on agreement between political forces, but also on whether those most affected by conflict can improve their social and economic situation.

<http://www.id21.org/society/s10btv1g1.html>

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Food for Thought

Taylor Owen is a doctoral student and Trudeau Scholar at the University of Oxford, the Book Review Editor of Security Dialogue, and Research Associate at the International Peace Research Institute (PRIO) and the Liu Institute for Global Issues. His blog focuses on the conceptualization and policy operationalization of Human Security.

A recent blog entry, *Strategic Costs of Civilian Casualties*, compares newly uncovered transcripts of discussions between President Nixon and Secretary Kissinger, talking about the bombing of Cambodia, with the current air strategy in Iraq.

"Kissinger, aware of the military assessments concluding that the air strikes were like 'poking a beehive with a stick,' responded hesitantly: 'The problem is, Mr. President, the Air Force is designed to fight an air battle against the Soviet Union. They are not designed for this war . . . in fact, they are not designed for any war we are likely to have to fight.'

"...While the munitions are radically different, Kissinger may still be right about the use of airpower against a heterogeneous insurgency. Further, I think the question of the strategic costs of civilian casualties in this context is under studied. Much of the debate is, I believe, wrongly centered on the morality of the deaths and whether they are 'justified' in international law. This is an important question, undoubtedly, but one that is devoid of the potential strategic costs of the casualties. I would argue that a very small number of civilian casualties, regardless of the 'justice' of the attack or the efforts to limit collateral damage, can have a grossly disproportionate strategic cost when fighting an insurgency. Those whose families are killed will rarely be convinced by our rationalizations, nuances, claims of moral difference etc. More likely they will become, at the least, tacit supporters of the insurgency being fought. When fighting a group that requires this very civilian support, this becomes a serious strategic concern."

<http://www.taylorowen.com:88/?p=122>

Recently, we had a small, curious reminder of the fact that the United States government regularly ships weaponry all over the world. Two US-chartered A310 Airbuses, evidently carrying a shipment of 600-pound bunker-busting, laser-guided bombs the Bush administration was rushing to Israel for its air campaign in Lebanon, were denied refueling stop-over rights at the Shannon airport by the Irish

government. Instead, they landed at Prestwick airport in Scotland, without, it seems, proper notification to the British government. This set off a small uproar of criticism in Britain, resulting in Prime Minister Tony Blair requesting an "apology" while in Washington last week.

On Friday, according to Alan Cowell of the New York Times ("After Rift, Britain Allows Cargo Flights for Israel"), "a British government spokesman said President Bush had apologized 'for the fact that proper procedures were not followed.'" But wait! This is the Bush administration, which never apologizes -- certainly not to Tony Blair. A "senior Bush administration official" put matters in the correct light: "The president acknowledged that while the shipment was proper, there could have been better notification and coordination." And with that non-apology apology, all's well that ends well and the weapons flights to Israel will now continue to land at British airports.

As Frida Berrigan, Senior Research Associate at the World Policy Institute's Arms Trade Resource Center, would certainly point out, such flights are but a drop in the Pentagon's arms aid-and-trade bucket -- a subject about which Americans are generally blissfully ignorant. So take a moment and consider the export for which we are at least second-best known all around the world, as Frida wonders (somewhat tongue in cheek) what our world would be like if the top two best-known American exports -- Hollywood's products and the ones the Pentagon peddles -- traded media places, in her article **Seeing (Pentagon) Stars** <http://www.tomdispatch.com/index.mhtml?pid=106939>

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Funding and Employment Opportunities

The Peace and Security Initiative (PSI) is searching for a new Director. The PSI is a collaborative effort between funders and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to increase the impact of the peace and security community.

The Peace and Security Initiative Director (PSI Director) is a full-time position responsible for managing the process and substance relating to the successful implementation of the peace and security community's comprehensive plan. The PSI Director will facilitate communication among members of the Implementation Team and with organizations and individuals in the community, as well as build bridges with organizations in other communities. The PSI Director will help plan and participate in Implementation Team meetings, community-wide meetings and other meetings as needed, and will provide staff support to the Implementation Team. The PSI Director reports to the Executive Director of the Ploughshares Fund and will be based in Washington DC.

Application deadline: September 8, 2006. For more information, please see http://www.peaceandsecurityinitiative.org/peace_and_security_initia/2006/09/news_employment.html#more

The US Institute of Peace invites applications for Senior Fellowships in its Jennings Randolph Program for International Peace. These fellowships support practitioners and scholars working on research projects concerning the sources and nature of international conflict and ways of preventing, managing, or resolving conflict. The Institute is particularly interested in proposals addressing problems of the Muslim world, post-war reconstruction and reconciliation in Iraq and elsewhere, and response to terrorism and political violence.

Fellowships are usually awarded for 10 months, beginning in October. Fellows carry out their projects in residence at the Institute in Washington DC. The program attempts to match the recipient's earned income during the year preceding the fellowship, up to a maximum of \$80,000 for 10 months.

The **deadline for receipt of applications is September 15, 2006**. The application and further information are available at <http://www.usip.org/fellows/>

The **Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship Program** invites college graduates to apply for full-time, six-to-nine month Fellowships in Washington DC. Outstanding individuals will be selected to work with nonprofit, public-interest organizations addressing peace and security issues. Applications are especially encouraged from candidates with a strong interest in these issues who have prior experience with public-interest activism or advocacy.

Spring 2007 Fellowship Application Deadline: October 15, 2006;
<http://www.clw.org/pub/clw/scoville/apply.html#iif07>

The Arms Control Association is looking for individuals to fill a limited number of stipended intern positions. Interns are involved in many facets of ACA's work including: researching arms control and security issues for articles and fact sheets; assisting in preparing and editing ACA's monthly journal Arms Control Today; monitoring activity in the press and on Capitol Hill; and supporting the analysts in a variety of administrative tasks. Interns are encouraged to engage in substantive discussions with ACA analysts in order to gain a deeper understanding of the arms control field.

Spring Internship at the Arms Control Association Application Deadline: November 1, 2006;
<http://www.armscontrol.org/internships.asp#aca>

Penknife Press is announcing its first annual **Short Story Writing Contest**. The stories should have a **social and/or political theme that reflects current events**. The prizewinners will be selected by a neutral judging panel and will be rated in three areas: 1- Writing Skill, 2- Story Content, and 3- Social Relevance. The winning stories and some of the runners-up will be compiled into an anthology to be published by Penknife Press.

Entrants must be 21 years of age. **Deadline for submissions: September 30, 2006**. Each entry must be 1000 - 10,000 words. Only one entry per person. For the complete rules and disclaimers visit <http://penknife.com/default.cfm>

Prizes will be awarded: First Prize: \$1,000.00; Second Prize: \$600.00; Third Prize: \$400.00.

Submit your entry to contest@penknife.com.

The Institute for Economic Analysis, directed by longtime EPS member John Atlee, is looking for a **Research Associate in Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy**. IEA's Basic Purpose is to develop more effective monetary, fiscal and other analytical and policy tools for macro-managing the economy for stable full-employment growth. They use an innovative conceptual framework that makes macroeconomics a more credible science - and that is also easier to learn and teach.

More information about the Institute and the job opening at <http://www.iea-macro-economics.org>

Palgrave Macmillan is a global publisher of academic books in economics. Book proposals are welcome; they are particularly interested in **developing a library of monographs**. Submissions should be sent to:

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EPS Publications and Resources

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Issues of the journal generally are theme-based and contributions are by invitation only; however, Readers are invited to write to the editors (editors@epsjournal.org.uk) with proposals for a specific contribution or theme-based symposium (2 - 4 papers). Short letters of less than 500 words commenting on the published pieces are welcome.

The first issue is based on the ECAAR Review 2003, "*Conflict or Development*" (<http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/Vol1/No1/issue.php>). Volume 1, No. 2 is entitled "*Peacemaking and Peacekeeping*." These two issues are available free of charge as an introduction to the journal.

Annual subscription rates for future issues are as follows:

- Standard £22/\$40/E€34;
- EPS members £16/\$30/E€25;
- Unwaged/Developing countries £11/\$20/E€17;
- Institutional £55/\$100/E€85.

Fact Sheets: Periodically, we release these two-sided fact sheets designed to give an accessible, graphic look at one specific issue of concern to our members and constituency.

Global Arms Trade 2004 examines the world's supplies of conventional weapons and small arms.
<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/factsheets/globalarmstrade.pdf>


Military vs. Social Spending: Warfare or Human Welfare compares US and global military spending with the costs of achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals.
<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.

To order the Review, please email Thea Harvey (theaharvey@epsusa.org).

The Review can be a valuable tool in teaching 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 sponsor 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

 In the current conflict taking place in Lebanon, Palestine, and Israel, **all parties are violating international law's absolute prohibition on attacks against civilians.** US law, specifically the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), requires that weapons provided by the US be used for a nation's internal security or legitimate self-defense, and prohibits sales or deliveries if a nation fails to comply.

Israel is using US-supplied weapons to attack civilians and civilian infrastructure, not for purposes authorized under US law. The current conflict has already killed hundreds of civilians and wounded more than 1,000 - nearly a third of whom are children - as well as destroyed billions of dollars worth of civilian infrastructure. Rather than stopping the supply of weapons to Israel, as required by law, the United States Government is reportedly rushing additional weapons to Israel - an unlawful act that will render the US complicit in the death of innocent people.

In waging war against the civilian population of Lebanon and its infrastructure, Israel is violating not only the principle of distinction between military and civilian targets, but also the principle of necessity, which forbids action greater than that required to achieve a military objective, the principle of proportionality, which forbids action disproportionate to the antecedent provocation, as well as the prohibition of collective punishment.

In a letter to President Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice sent on July 27, the Center for Constitutional Rights noted that defense articles provided to Israel are not being used for internal

security or self defense purposes, as required by the AECA, and demanded that the President comply with his legal obligation to immediately cease all sales and deliveries of weapons to Israel.

To read the text of the letter, please visit <http://www.ccr-ny.org/v2/reports/report.asp?ObjID=YRNuFhcAPJ&Content=799>

To join CCR in calling for a Congressional investigation into the supply of weapons to Israel in violation of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), please visit http://www.democracyinaction.org/dia/organizationsORG/ccr/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=4796

Do you have a foreign policy alternative that should be heard in the halls of government? Citizens for Global Solutions provides an easy to use tool to find the foreign policy staffer for your Member of Congress. Click here to access the **Foreign Policy Staffer Locator**: <http://globalsolutions.org/hill/fpstaff>

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

August 21, 2006. Luncheon Seminar on ***The Middle East Conflict and the Media: Challenges for Journalists, Government, and the Public*** will be held at The Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, Suite 200, 901 N. Stuart Street, Arlington, VA. The event is co-sponsored by International Center for Terrorism Studies, Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, Inter-University Center for Terrorism Studies. The program, which will run from 12:00 noon - 2:00pm, will be chaired by Prof. Yonah Alexander, Director, International Center for Terrorism Studies, and will feature:

- Michael S. Swetnam, CEO and Chairman of the Board, Potomac Institute for Policy Studies
- Prof. Marvin Kalb, Senior Fellow at Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy and Faculty Chair for the Kennedy School's Washington Program
- Dr. Ford Rowan, National Defense University and formerly with NBC, PBS, and Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University
- Claude Salhani, International Editor for United Press International, Editor of the Middle East Times, and Pulitzer Prize nominee for coverage of Marine Beirut barracks bombing

RSVP is required. For further information and registration, please contact Andrew Fulton at 703-562-4522 or icts@potomacinstitute.org.

August 23 - 24, 2006. **International Conference on Conflict and Sustainable Peace in East and Southeast Asia**. For further information please contact Manas Chatterji, Professor of Management, Binghamton University - State University of New York. mchatter@binghamton.edu

September 6 - 8, 2006. **Sustainable Tourism 2006**, Bologna, Italy. The Second International Conference on Sustainable Tourism will explore environmental, social and economic sustainability of tourism. <http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2006/tourism06/>

September 8, 2006. **Transcending Tragedy - Does Healing Require Forgiveness? Experiences From Around The Globe**. A panel discussion with individuals from around the world who have been personally impacted by acts of terrorism and war, and have transformed their tragedies into a response for peace, restorative justice and a new global way of thinking and responding to violence. Panelists include Naba Hamid (Iraq); Fr. Romain Rurangirwa (Rwanda); Sofia Gaviria (Colombia); Andrea LeBlanc (USA).

7:00pm, Reidy Friendship Hall - Unitarian Church of All Souls, 1157 Lexington Avenue & 80th Street (near 6 train to 77th.), New York, NY. Tel. (212) 535-5530.

Free event - donations appreciated. Refreshments will be served. Co-sponsored by the Peace Task Force of All Souls (<http://www.peacetaskforcenyc.org/>) and September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows (<http://www.peacefultomorrows.org/>)

September 23 - 24, 2006. Second Biannual Canada/US Eastern Border Post-Keynesian Workshop with the theme: “**Post-Keynesian Economics, Income Distribution and Distributive Justice,**” to be held at the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont, USA.

Organizers: Stephanie Seguino (University of Vermont - Stephanie.Seguino@uvm.edu), Robert E. Prasch (Middlebury College - rprasch@middlebury.edu), and Mark Setterfield (Trinity College - mark.setterfield@trincoll.edu)

November 2 - 4, 2006. European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) presents the **18th EAEPE Annual Conference - Developing Economies: Multiple Trajectories, Multiple Developments** in Istanbul, Turkey.

Conference information is at <http://eaepe.org/eaepe.php?q=node/view/182>

November 8 - 9, 2006. **Poverty Reduction in Conflict and Fragile States: Perspectives from a Household Level** conference sponsored by USAID's Office of Poverty Reduction (PR), the Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) and the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), in Washington DC. http://www.hicn.org/events_fragilestates.html

November 12 - 14, 2006. *Peace through Commerce: Partnerships as the New Paradigm.* The conference is being convened by AACSB International, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the United Nations Global Compact Office, the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame, and the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies of the University of Notre Dame, and will feature Kofi Annan as keynote speaker. For more information and online registration, please visit <http://www.nd.edu/%7Eethics/ethicsConference/>

November 30 - December 11, 2006. **International Seminar on National Security** sponsored by the International Centre for National Security Studies (ICNSS) at Galilee College in Nahalal, Israel. The program aims to deepen participants' understanding of current national security issues, to increase their capacity for innovative planning and implementation of policy in response to national security problems, and to improve their decision-making skills. Through interactive seminars, exercises, discussion groups and informal conversations, participants will have the opportunity to learn and understand how to cope successfully with national security problems and how to plan and formulate national security policies.

More information and registration forms can be found at <http://www.galilcol.ac.il/page.asp?id=27>

*Editor's Note: I received an email from the organizers of this seminar, saying they are confident that a ceasefire will be in place shortly, and that they have decided to go ahead with planning the event, which will take place in northern Israel.

■	January 5 - 7, 2007. Allied Social Sciences Associations meetings . Chicago, Illinois. http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/anmt.htm
■	January 12 - 13, 2007. Third International Conference on Conflict and Peace in South Asia , Jodhpur, India. For further information please contact: Manas Chatterji, Professor of Management, Binghamton University - State University of New York. mchatter@binghamton.edu
■	February 23 - 25, 2007. Eastern Economics Association meetings . New York, NY. Early bird submission deadline for papers is October 6, 2006. http://www.iona.edu/eea/
■	June 1 - 3, 2007. The International Confederation of Associations for Pluralism in Economics (ICAPE) second international conference: <i>Economic Pluralism for the 21st Century</i> at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. Call for papers and more info at http://www.icafe.org/conf2007.htm
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