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EPS News		
A Celebration of the Life of Robert J. Schwartz, founder of ECAAR/EPS, will be held Monday, June 26, 2006 from 7:00 - 9:00pm in the Ceremonial Hall of the New York Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street, New York, NY. We have been receiving many wonderful notes from our members, and have compiled them into a "guestbook." To read some of the inspiring, funny and touching memories, please visit http://www.epsusa.org/events/rjstribute.htm If you would like to add your thoughts to the book, feel free to send them in. Obituary in the New York Times: http://www.epsusa.org/new/rjsnyt2.htm		
	A video recording of the memorial service for John Kenneth Galbraith , which took place on May 31, 2006 at Memorial Church in Harvard Yard, Cambridge, MA, is available at rtsp://video2.harvard.edu/galbraith/galbraithmemorial.rm	
The June issue of the EPS Quarterly newsletter is now available in print and online. The topic of this issue is Energy. Articles include:		

• *Oil, Geopolitics, & the Coming War with Iran* Michael T. Klare http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/june2006/klare.htm

- Addicted to Oil? A \$1.47 Billion-a-Day Habit Kate Cell http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/june2006/cell.htm
- The Challenge of Peak Oil Richard Heinberg http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/june2006/heinberg.htm

In addition, we *Remember EPS Founder Robert J. Schwartz* (http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/june2006/schwartz.htm), and Richard Parker shares some thoughts on *Galbraith for a New Century* http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/june2006/parker.htm)

The **Tenth Annual Conference on Economics and Security**, hosted by EPS-UK and CITY College, will take place June 22 and 23 in Thessaloniki, Greece. The conference in co-sponsored by the Arms Production and Trade Group, the University of the West of England, CITY Liberal Studies - Affiliated Institution of the University of Sheffield and the South East European Research Centre (SEERC), Thessaloniki, Greece.

The program of events and list of presenters in now available at http://www.city.academic.gr/special/events/economics_and_security/index.htm

On June 14, the Federation of American Scientists released an open letter to the members of the US Congress, signed by nearly 60 Nobel Laureates including EPS Trustees Kenneth Arrow and Robert Solow. The letter **decries the recent deal to share US nuclear technology with India**, on the grounds that the agreement "weakens the existing nonproliferation regime without providing an acceptable substitute."

Read the letter and the list of signatories at http://fas.org/intt2006/X3e_FDC01218.pdf

The Foundation for Peace Sciences (Stichting VredesWetenschappen) and the Institute of Social Studies will organize a special seminar (by invitation only) on the occasion of the **Inaugural Lecture of Professor Dr S. Mansoob Murshed, appointed by the Foundation for Peace Sciences in the Chair of Economics of Conflict and Peace at the Institute of Social Studies**. The seminar, focusing on economic questions regarding peace and conflict, is organized in collaboration with the Dutch Flemish Association for Economy and Peace (EPS-Ne, Economen voor Vrede). It will be chaired by Dr Philip Verwimp (member of the board of Economen voor Vrede). It is held at the Institute of Social Studies Kortenaerkade 12 The Hague on June 22, 2006, preceding the Inaugural Lecture. The program is entitled *Economics as a Science of Peace and Conflict* and will include:

- Word of Welcome by Dr. J. A. Schoondergang-Horikx, Chair, Stichting VredesWetenschappen
- Keynote-speech by Dr. Scott Gates, Professor, Peace Research Institute Oslo Child Soldiers: an Economic Analysis
- Three reactions by
 - Dr. Bas de Gaay Fortman, Professor, Utrecht University
 - Dr. Philip Nauwelaerts, Professor, Antwerp University
 - Dr. Dubravka Zarkov, Senior Lecturer, Institute of Social Studies
- Panel discussion and discussion with the audience: *How relevant is economic analysis in questions of conflict and peace?* Conclusions by Dr Philip Verwimp
- Closing of the seminar by Dr. L. de la Rive Box, Rector Institute of Social Studies

Professor Murshed's lecture, *From War to Peace (and Perhaps Prosperity): the Usefulness of Utility and Saliency of Measurement*, will begin at 4:00pm in the auditorium of the Institute for Social Studies, and be followed by a reception.

More information can be found at http://www.iss.nl/WEB1/WebNews/Details.jsp?NewsID=383



CAPABILITIES, FREEDOM, AND EQUALITY — Amartya Sen's Work from a Gender Perspective. Bina Agarwal, Jane Humphries, and Ingrid Robeyns — Editors; Oxford University Press. This book is a valuable collection of articles, based on Amartya Sen's concepts and ideas, applied mainly to gender issues. Sen and others, including Bina Agarwal, Jane Humphries, Ingrid Robeyns, and Martha Nussbaum, participated in a workshop, in September 2002, at All Souls College, Oxford, where they discussed and critiqued his work.

The book includes some of Sen's seminal writings on capability, freedom, and agency. Other contributors have written on topics such as the application of the capability approach in gender studies, programme evaluation, studying slavery, contraception, and the effect of globalization on women's work.

A very thorough review is offered at

http://www.hindu.com/br/2006/06/13/stories/2006061302521500.htm The book can be ordered through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and other booksellers.

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Links



The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute launched its 2006 edition of the **SIPRI Yearbook of Armaments, Disarmament and International Security** on June 12. The annual compendium of data and analysis of developments in security and conflicts, reports that military expenditure, arms productions and international arms transfers are all on the rise. World military expenditure in 2005 reached \$1118 billion in current dollars, a 34 percent rise over the last ten years. This increase has been accompanied by a 15 percent rise in the combined arms sales of the 100 largest arms-producing companies.

The website for the 2006 Yearbook is http://yearbook2006.sipri.org/. The chapters on military spending can be found at:

http://www.sipri.org/contents/milap/milex/publications/recent_publications.html

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In Other News

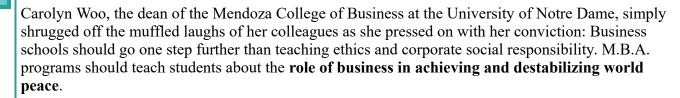


As Congress makes its way through another round of budget approvals, a new report from Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities discloses outrageous mismanagement of funds at the Pentagon. In *Financial Management in the Defense Department, No One is Accountable,* Kwai Chan, former Assistant Inspector General with the Environmental Protection Agency and the former Issue Area Director in the National Security and International Affairs Division of the Government Accountability Office (GAO), documents that the Department of Defense's financial accounting systems remain so deeply flawed that there's little reason to expect improvement - much less a solution - to the Department's financial mess in the foreseeable future.

The problem is not that the Department of Defense cannot pass an audit; it is un-auditable; it literally aspires to improve to the point where it can be audited and fail. Because of such problems, the Defense Department does not know how much it owes to contractors, whether they have been paid once or twice or not at all and whether the goods and services contracted for have all been delivered and, if so, where they are. As for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Pentagon cannot reliably

discern what units need supplies, where they are in the supply chain, and whether items that should have been delivered have been delivered. It is quite literally a mess worse than the Enron scandal.

Read this amazing report at http://www.sensiblepriorities.org/pdf/chan-r2.pdf



Ms. Woo raised the issue about a year and a half ago at the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, or AACSB, which accredits business schools around the world. Now, the association has put together a program called Peace Through Commerce with the aim of raising awareness about what business schools can do to promote peace. The program's task force includes representatives from business schools, such as SDA Bocconi School of Management in Italy and the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology in South Korea.

The concept of promoting peace through commerce was touted by philosophers as early as the 1700s, and the idea was part of the zeitgeist at the time the United Nations was founded. It is also the basic tenet of the European Union: Countries that trade together don't go to war.

Notre Dame will host a conference on Peace through Commerce in November of this year. More information on the conference can be found at: http://www.nd.edu/%7Eethics/ethicsConference/

President George W. Bush has described securing US borders as an "urgent requirement of our national security." He also tried to reassure Americans and Mexicans that despite proposals to beef up border security patrols by adding 6,000 National Guardsmen, "The United States is not going to militarize the southern border." But it is tough to not militarize the border when the technologies being proposed as solutions are likely to come from the largest military corporations in this country.

In *THE SECURE BORDER INITIATIVE: Border Control or Corporate Boondoggle?* William Hartung and Frida Berrigan of the Arms Trade Resource Center ask, *Are Contacts or Competence Deciding Who Gets Security Contracts?*

http://worldpolicy.org/projects/arms/reports/border.html

- SOCIETIES WITHOUT BORDERS is a new journal published by Brill, co-edited by EPS member Judith Blau (US) and Alberto Moncada (Spain). It aims to bring scholars from different continents closer together by showing their different approaches to the same research material, especially dealing with socioeconomic rights and public goods. Many scholars from developing countries, paradoxically, have utopian ideas that they pursue, whereas US scholars, for example, are more engaged in criticism. The journal aims at bridging this gap. Societies Without Borders also aims at breaking down the walls between the disciplines of Social and Economic Sciences, Human Rights, and Environmental Sciences. For more information, contact Judith Blau at: jrblau@email.unc.edu
 - Call for Applications for Young Global Leaders Summits: Globally conscious young leaders are invited to apply for one of Americans for Informed Democracy's Young Global Leaders Summits, which are taking place across America in the summer of 2006! The summits will bring together young leaders from across the US for workshops, speakers, and discussions on how young people can take positive action to ensure a principled and collaborative US role in the world. Participants will hear from top experts and then be immersed in breakout sessions where they will have the chance to weigh

in with their own view on the US role in global issues. The summits are free for selected participants thanks to generous support from the Ford Foundation, Hewlett Foundation, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, and Open Society Institute.

To learn more about these summer conferences, click on the link below:

- June 17 in New Haven, CT: Oil Dependence & Climate Change: We Do Have a Choice
- June 17 in Lawrence, KS: Young Global Leaders Summit: Ending Poverty
- June 30 July 2 in Richmond, VA: Oil Dependence & Climate Change: We Do Have a Choice
- July 8 in New York, NY: The Future of Western-Muslim World Relations
- July 15 in Bowling Green, OH: The Future of US-Islamic World Relations
- July 22 in New Haven, CT: Bringing the World Home through Media
- July 28 in Washington DC: Oil Dependence and Climate Change: We Do Have a Choice
- August 4 in Washington DC: Transatlantic Approaches to Global Security
- August 11 in Washington DC: Transatlantic Approaches to Global Development
- August 12 in Omaha, NE: Oil Dependence and Climate Change: We Do Have a Choice
- August 19 in Houston, TX: The Future of US-Islamic World Relations

Americans for Informed Democracy (AID) is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that brings the world home to the next generation of leaders through its network on more than 500 university campuses around the world. The group was started in September of 2002 by Marshall and Rhodes scholars at Oxford University who sought a new vehicle to raise global awareness and it has since become the premiere network for globally conscious young leaders.

To learn more visit http://www.aidemocracy.org/conferences.cfm

The annual Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference will take place June 26 - 28, 2006 in Amsterdam at the Tinbergen Institute; the address is Roeterstraat 31, 1018 WB Amsterdam. Registration fee will be €50.

At the conference there will be continuing emphasis on research methods in peace science, but also regular papers dealing with all aspects of the peace science field, from pure abstract theory to practical applied research will be accepted. Topics in previous years have included:

- Arms Control and International Security;
- Deterrence Theory;
- Harmony and Conflict;
- Cooperation, Alliances and Games;
- Game and Related Theory;
- Mathematical Approaches to Conflict Management;
- Mathematical Models of Arms Races and Wars;
- Empirical and Historical Studies on the Causes of War;
- Crises and War Studies;
- World Models:
- Critical Economic Aspects of the Global Crises;
- Long-Run Aspects of the Behavior of International Systems;
- Peace Science Methodology and Theory;
- Conflict Analysis and Management;
- Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Studies;
- Behavioral Studies;
- Hierarchy Theory.

The papers that will be presented can be considered for publication in Conflict Management and Peace Science, Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy, The Journal of Conflict Resolution, and International Interactions. Those who are interested in participating should contact Walter Isard (will@cornell.edu), Johan Moyersoen (johan.moyersoen@geog.ox.ac.uk) or Desirée Nilsson (desiree.nilsson@pcr.uu.se) back to top Food for Thought Cyrus Bina is Distinguished Research Professor of Economics and Management at the University of Minnesota at Morris, and a long-time EPS member. In his poem, *The Caged Bird and the Attorney* General, published recently in counter-punch, he looks at some of the causes and consequences of war. http://counterpunch.org/poems06032006.html back to top **Funding and Employment Opportunities** The US Institute of Peace invites applications for Senior Fellowships in its Jennings Randoph 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 International Atlantic Economic Society is pleased to announce the **second annual** EconSources.com Best Undergraduate Paper Competition. The winner will be announced at the 62nd International Atlantic Economic Conference in Philadelphia, PA, October 5 - 8, 2006, and will be awarded \$500 and publication in the Atlantic Economic Journal. **Submission Deadline: July 1, 2006** Complete information about formatting and submission requirements can be found at http://www.iaes.org/Scholarships%20and%20Grants/Undergraduate Scholarship/index.htm 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

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EPS Publications and Resources

The Economics of Peace and Security Journal (www.epsjournal.org.uk). This new online journal hosted by EPS-UK raises and debates 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.

The journal is aimed at 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 others. Contributions are scholarly-based, but written in a general-interest style.

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). It is offered free of charge as an introduction to the journal.

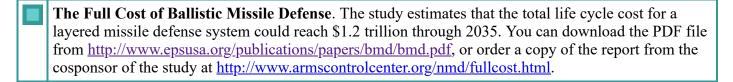
Annual subscription rates for future issues are as follows:

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

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

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.



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

A crisis is brewing at the United Nations. Strong differences of opinion about the direction of reform and governance at the UN threaten to collide with a rapidly approaching spending cap. Unresolved, these differences could paralyze the UN - paralyze diplomacy, paralyze operations, and paralyze the reform process. Some UN operations could even be curtailed or shutdown.

The Better World Campaign is working to motivate the world's leaders to work together to forge a compromise and keep the United Nations fully funded and moving forward toward meaningful reform. One way they are accomplishing this is by gathering signatures on a petition calling for cooperation and responsibility by all Member States of the United Nations.

To learn more about the crisis, what can be done about it, or to sign the petition, please visit: http://www.dontshutdowntheun.org/index.asp

From June 26 to July 7, representatives of more than 100 countries will gather at the United Nations to review progress toward **controlling the global trade in small arms** and discuss a set of global principles on arms transfers intended to stop the flow of arms to conflict zones, to countries that violate human rights, or to groups that promote violence.

The world is awash in weapons. The easy availability of small arms, such as assault rifles and shoulder fired missiles, destabilizes communities, fuels abuses of human rights, and leads to the deaths of thousands of civilians each year.

The estimated 639 million small arms and light weapons in circulation around the world are a powerful catalyst of violence – transforming group tensions into violent wars, minor incidents into massacres, and law-abiding societies into criminal battlegrounds. Sometimes referred to as "weapons of individual destruction," these deadly weapons are responsible for an estimated 500,000 deaths a year. Some 1,200 companies operating in 90 countries are involved in some aspect of the small arms and light weapons trade. The legal global small arms market is estimated at \$4 billion and the illegal market is estimated at close to \$1 billion. Among the largest small arms and light weapons exporters are the US, Italy, Belgium, Germany, Russia, Brazil, and China.

The lack of effective controls over both legal and illicit sales of small arms has contributed to the current crisis. Governments need to find ways to reduce the threat to human security posed by these weapons by establishing rigorous systems to stop the flow of weapons into areas where they will be misused and by securing existing stockpiles of weapons. Fortunately, opportunities exist in the coming months to make real progress.

FCNL, the Arias Foundation, Amnesty International, Project Ploughshares, Oxfam, and other groups have joined together to advance a global code of conduct for arms transfers. They are calling on countries to commit to a "global principles on arms transfers" that will clearly define the obligations of countries to refrain from selling weapons where they will be used to violate international or regional treaties, perpetrate gross human rights violations or severe violations of international humanitarian law, negatively effect internal or regional peace and security, or impede sustainable development.

By agreeing to these global standards, the world can take an important step toward more control of the arms trade.

The best way to prevent small arms from fueling violence is to secure and destroy weapons before they reach aggressors. Government stockpiles of old yet still deadly weapons from previous military build-ups and wars are often poorly guarded and susceptible to theft. Stocks of weapons stored in government facilities in the former Soviet Union have been linked to the arming of both sides in the civil war that ravaged Liberia, for example. Corrupt government officials partnering with murky arms trade networks allow small arms to routinely fall into the black market where they are sold to violent extremists, insurgent groups, and criminal organizations.

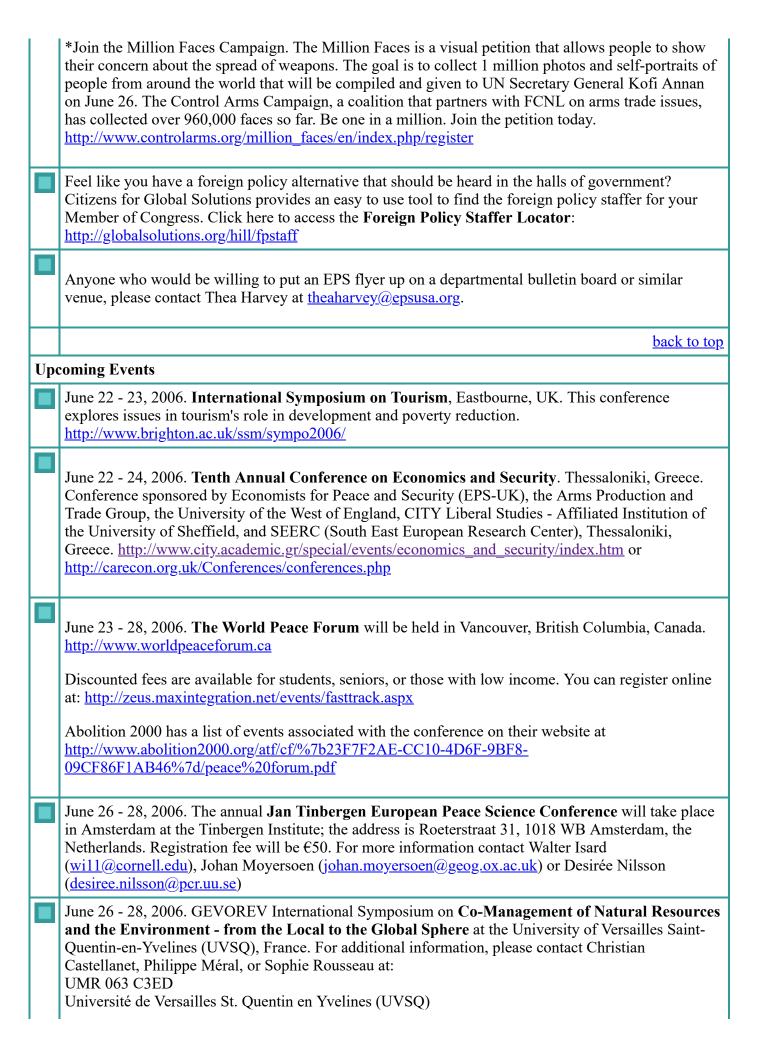
Securing and destroying surplus, obsolete, or confiscated weapons is the only way to ensure that they will not be illegally re-transferred and used to perpetrate violence in the future. In early May, Reps. Royce (CA-40), Sherman (CA-27), and others introduced the Shoulder-Fired Missile Threat Reduction Act (H.R. 5333) to combat the proliferation of shoulder-fired missiles and other small arms. This bipartisan legislation would almost double US assistance for stockpile security and destruction abroad.

What You Can Do

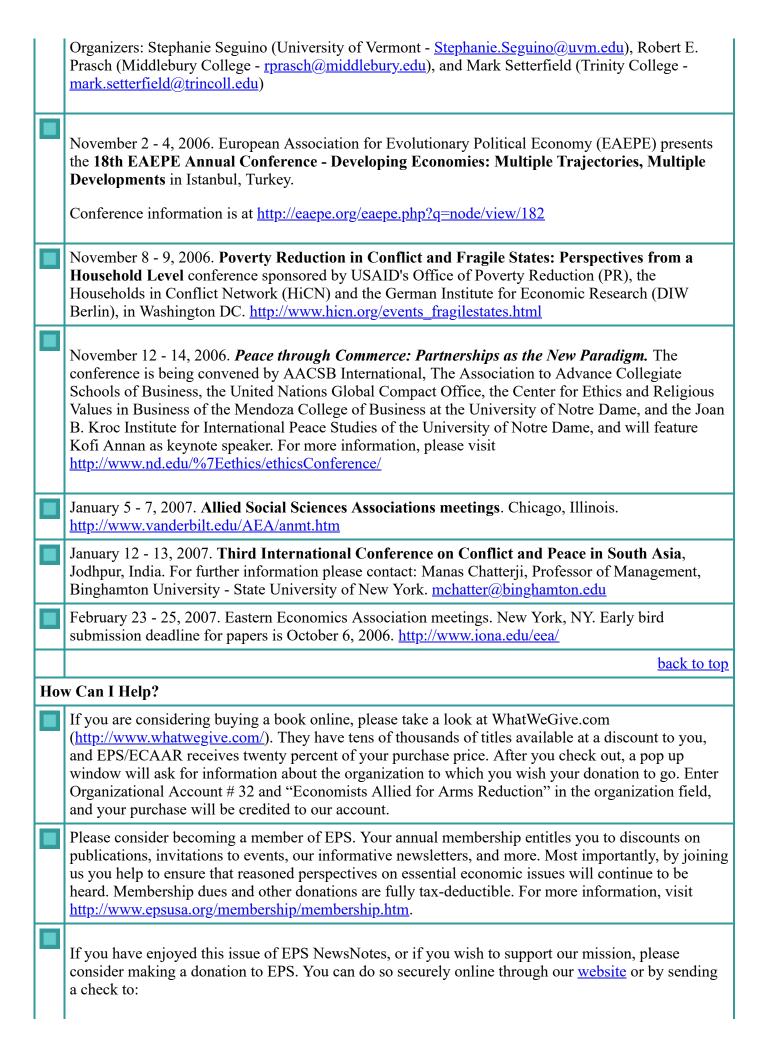
You can help ensure that small arms do not fuel deadly conflict or enable insurgents to wreak havoc in innocent populations in the following ways:

*Ask your representative to urge the Bush administration to support the addition of arms transfer guidelines within the UN's Program of Action later this month. You can find a sample letter to your representative and how to contact her or him directly from FCNL's website. http://capwiz.com/fconl/issues/alert/?alertid=8788866

*Urge you representative to cosponsor H.R. 5333, which would double funding for stockpile security and destruction programs. You can find a sample letter to your representative and how to contact him or her directly from FCNL's website. http://capwiz.com/fconl/issues/alert/?alertid=8789146

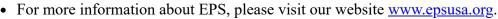






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