

# Economists for Peace and Security

NewsNotes - September 2006

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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.

A limited number of places are available to have supper with Ambassador Galbraith and Dr. Galbriath after the event for an additional donation. Please reply soon if you are interested.

Tuesday, October 17
Executive 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.

EPS members are invited to stay after the breakfast for continued informal discussion with Dr. Sinai.

Pre-registration for either event is required. For more information or to register, please email

Thea Harvey at theaharvey@epsusa.org

EPS has a **job opening for communications manager**. This part-time staff member will oversee and manage all aspects of the EPS's electronic and print publications and website, as well as member relations. The successful candidate will be highly motivated, well organized, a self-starter, capable of commitment and vision, and possess good writing skills as well as technical abilities. The communications manager will work with the Executive Director to develop and implement communications strategies that effectively describe and promote the organization and its mission. Primary duties will include editing our quarterly newsletter and being the master of our extensive website. Please visit <a href="http://www.epsusa.org/main/jobs.htm">http://www.epsusa.org/main/jobs.htm</a> for more information.

The Fall EPS Quarterly newsletter is in the mail. The theme of this issue is counterterrorism. Articles include:

- Terrorism in Context by David Colt
- Small Arms, Big Problem by Frida Berrigan and William Hartung
- Groundhog Day by James Galbraith
- \$1.2 Trillion Dollar Mistakes by Kate Cell

Links to these articles will be posted shortly at www.epsusa.org

Are We Safer? Five Years After the September 11th Attacks: Assessing the US Security Situation and Alternatives for Moving Forward. An Anthology of National Security Essays - September, 2006

It's the question on everyone's mind - are we safer? Members of the Security Policy Working Group have published a series of nine essays that attempt to get at some of the issues and questions that can help answer this fundamental question:

- Do Our Forces Match the Strategy?
- Terrorism: Our Primary Threat?
- \$600 Billion Security Toolbox: What Are We Buying?
- Permanent War: A Given?
- Homeland Security: Are We Prepared?
- Use of Force: When Is It Necessary?
- Diplomacy and Prevention: Instruments of Power?
- US Role in the World?

The book will be available in hard copy shortly. Click on the links below to view individual essays:

Pyrrhus on the Potomac: How America's Post-9/11 Wars Have Undermined US National Security. Carl Conetta, Project on Defense Alternatives <a href="http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Pyrrhus%20On%20The%20Potomac.pdf">http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Pyrrhus%20On%20The%20Potomac.pdf</a>

*Terrorism or All-Hazards? Broadening Homeland Security.* Anita Dancs, National Priorities Project <a href="http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Terrorism%200r%20All-Hazards.pdf">http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Terrorism%200r%20All-Hazards.pdf</a>

America's Post 9/11 Military: Can Congress Reform Our Shrinking, Aging, Less Ready, More Expensive Forces? Winslow T. Wheeler, Center for Defense Information <a href="http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Post%209-11%20Military.pdf">http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Post%209-11%20Military.pdf</a>

Funding for Defense, Military Operations, Homeland Security, and Related Activities Since 9/11. Steven Kosiak, Center for Strategic & Budgetary Assessments

http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Funding%20For%20Defense,%20Military%20Operations.pdf

National Security Budgets to Make America Safer. Cindy Williams, MIT Security Studies Program <a href="http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/National%20Security%20Budgets%20To%20">http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/National%20Security%20Budgets%20To%20</a> Make%20America%20Safer.pdf

Fighting the "Good Fight": An Alternative to Current Democratic Proposals For a New National Security Strategy. William D. Hartung, World Policy Institute, Arms Trade Resource Center <a href="http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Fighting%20The%20Good%20Fight.pdf">http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Fighting%20The%20Good%20Fight.pdf</a>

*Is the War on Terror "Worth it?*" David Gold, New School University <a href="http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Is%20The%20War%20On%20Terror%20Worth%20It.pdf">http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Is%20The%20War%20On%20Terror%20Worth%20It.pdf</a>

Special Threat: US Nuclear Weapons Policy under the Bush Doctrine. Michael D. Intriligator, Economists for Peace & Security <a href="http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Special%20Threat.pdf">http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Special%20Threat.pdf</a>

Terrorism in the Context of Other Threats: Assessing Risks and Solutions. David Colt, Economists for Peace & Security <a href="http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Terrorism%20In%20The%20Context">http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Terrorism%20In%20The%20Context</a> %20of%20Other%20Threats.pdf

The Mainstream Media Project is promoting the booklet, and arranging interviews for the authors of the essays. If you would like to read more about the compendium, see what the cover will look like, or book one of the authors for an interview, please visit: <a href="http://www.mainstream-media.net/alerts/current\_alert.cfm?id=216">http://www.mainstream-media.net/alerts/current\_alert.cfm?id=216</a>

Prof. Alex Mintz, Chair of EPS-Israel, is organizing a symposium on "**Decision Making in The Second War in Lebanon: Lessons and Implications**" on Wednesday, November 1, 2006, from 5:00pm - 9:00pm at the Ivcher Auditorium, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya. For more information contact: <a href="mainta:mintz.alex@idc.ac.il">mintz.alex@idc.ac.il</a>

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### Links



In observation of the fifth anniversary of 9/11, more than 30 terror victims from around the world joined with families of those killed in the September 11th attacks to create a **new coalition to promote effective, nonviolent solutions to terrorism**. Gathering at a conference entitled "Civilian Casualties, Civilian Solutions," terror victims from 15 countries including Afghanistan, Israel/Palestine, Russia, Rwanda, Colombia, Sudan, Indonesia, Algeria, Spain, Italy and the US, pledged to use their personal experience of violence as a starting point for creating and promoting new initiatives for peace.

They issued the founding statement:

"We are a global network of organizations comprised of people who lost loved ones to, or were directly affected by, war, nuclear weapons, terrorism, genocide, organized crime, and political violence. We work together to break the cycles of violence and revenge, and are committed to honoring the memories of the victims and to the dignity of the survivors. Using our collective experience and skills, we are dedicated to identifying and addressing the root causes of violence, and to promoting non-violence as the most effective strategy for resolving conflict."

http://www.peacefultomorrows.org/article.php?id=694

Is your neighborhood a winner? The Sunlight Foundation has tracked down 1,753 of the total 1,810 earmarks in just one appropriations bill. This website offers a really fascinating look at "earmarks," also called pork barrel

spending. Click on the map to see if any of the money is reaching your community.

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#### **In Other News**

http://sunlightlabs.com/earmarks/



The United States is again looking at placing its planned European missile defense site in the United Kingdom. US Defense Department officials are making "discreet inquiries" to London about placing 10 missile interceptors on British soil, officials said. US Missile Defense Agency chief Lt. Gen. Henry Obering has said he plans in the next few months to make his recommendation on the European interceptor and radar site, even though the House of Representatives has eliminated funding in fiscal 2007 for development of a European missile defense installation.

Selection factors include the ability of the European location to destroy Iranian missiles, soil conditions, infrastructure needs for facilities, and potential sites for placement of an X-band radar.

http://www.nti.org/d\_newswire/issues/2006\_8\_16.html#AE4EBF10



At the First Committee of the UN General Assembly in October, governments will vote on whether to start negotiations on an **Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)** regulating international arms transfers.

In July, a draft resolution was circulated by 7 governments: Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Kenya and the UK. The existing draft does not include language stipulating that countries must meet certain human rights criteria. For an ATT to be effective, it must prevent arms transfers when the weapons are likely to be misused. This principle is derived from existing commitments under international human rights law.

You can download the draft resolution, and find more information about it at <a href="http://www.iansa.org/un/FirstCommittee2006.htm">http://www.iansa.org/un/FirstCommittee2006.htm</a>

In order for negotiations on an ATT to begin, over half the 192 UN Member States must vote in support of this resolution at the First Committee. Your help is needed to get your government's support for an Arms Trade Treaty and to ensure that the resolution will pass.



With increased tensions in the Middle East and concerns over Iran's intentions to develop a nuclear weapons program, the Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation is pleased to announce the launch of a new resource: Iran Nuclear Watch (INW) at <a href="http://irannuclearwatch.blogspot.com/">http://irannuclearwatch.blogspot.com/</a>. INW provides up-to-date news, analysis and resources relating to Iran's nuclear weapons program and US-Iranian relations. The site features a comprehensive timeline of the Iranian nuclear program (<a href="http://irannuclearwatch.blogspot.com/2006/08/irannuclear-timeline.html">http://irannuclearwatch.blogspot.com/2006/08/irannuclear-timeline.html</a>). The site will feature guest commentaries from experts on Iran as well. This project has also created an Experts and Validators Resource. For more information regarding Iran Nuclear Watch and the Experts and Validators Resource, contact the Center's Iran Policy Analyst, Carah Ong, at <a href="mailto:cong@armscontrol.org">cong@armscontrol.org</a> or call (202) 546-0795 ext. 122.



POGO's New Report. On August 28, 2006, POGO (the Project on Government Oversight) released "Federal Contracting: Lessons Learned from Hurricane Katrina." The report compiles a comprehensive analysis of contracting problems found in Katrina-related federal reports, and presents recommendations to address those problems. The report is available at <a href="http://www.pogo.org/m/cp/cp-KatrinaContracting-08282006.pdf">http://www.pogo.org/m/cp/cp-KatrinaContracting-08282006.pdf</a>



Liberty News Television produces a monthly TV news show (<a href="http://www.libertynewstv.com">http://www.libertynewstv.com</a>) which often takes a hard look at US militarism and empire. LNTV is now available on 80 public access stations and Free Speech TV.

Their latest half hour TV program is a special report on the US War Machine. In this show, you'll see clips from "Why We Fight," and "Private Warriors," plus lots of shocking propaganda pieces from the US Army, Alliant

Techsystems, Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, General Electric and other major military offenders. You'll also hear from Helen Caldicott, Johann Galtung and Bruce Gagnon. To watch the show using Windows Media, click http://www.libertynewstv.com/RAW%20CLIPS%20and%20STILLS/SEPT06CLIPS/LNTVSept06link.wvx For Real Media: http://www.libertynewstv.com/RAW%20CLIPS%20and%20STILLS/SEPT06CLIPS/LNTVsept06fullrmlink.ram The Center for Nonproliferation Studies has recently made available a fully updated "Inventory of International Nonproliferation Organizations and Regimes." This publication is available on-line at http://cns.miis.edu/pubs/inven/index.htm. The Inventory main page has also been redesigned to make this electronic publication more user-friendly Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers, a new movie from acclaimed director Robert Greenwald (Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price, Outfoxed, and Uncovered), premiers this month. Greenwald takes us inside the lives of soldiers, truck drivers, widows and children who have been changed forever as a result of profiteering in the reconstruction of Iraq. Iraq for Sale uncovers the connections between private corporations making a "killing" in Iraq and the decision makers who allow them to do so. Learn more about the film, where to see it and how to get a DVD at http://iraqforsale.org/index.php A chance to see some very funny political cartoons and win great prizes! On issues from air quality to global warming, government science is being censored, manipulated, and distorted on an unprecedented scale. To draw attention to this problem and have a little fun, the Union of Concerned Scientists is hosting Science Idol: the Scientific Integrity Editorial Cartoon Contest. In June and July, UCS received hundreds of entries. In August, they worked with four highly accomplished, award-winning cartoonists and cartoon editors to narrow down the field to 12 talented finalists. Now, all of us have the chance to vote for the 2006 Science Idol--and win a 2007 Defending Science calendar featuring the best 12 cartoons. To see all of these great cartoons and submit your vote today, visit http://ucsaction.org/campaign/vote now for science idol back to top Food for Thought Sunit Bagree is a consultant on human security and governance for ActionAid International. Writing in a personal capacity, she argues that international NGOs should do more to challenge oppressive governments. "Rights-based approaches to development view poverty as a consequence of human rights violations rather than unfulfilled needs. Such approaches include working with poor and excluded people to analyze power and vulnerability, to build capacity, to organize and mobilize to claim human rights. This is demanding where there is some respect for civil and political rights and the rule of law. Challenges are far greater, however, in the face of repressive governments. "It is unacceptable for international NGOs claiming to follow rights-based approaches to fall silent as states generate fear and want (human insecurity). Instead, they should adapt their strategies to challenge unjust governance whilst minimizing and managing risks to their staff, partners and programs... A basic level of security is a prerequisite to reducing even the symptoms of poverty." http://www.id21.org/viewpoints/BagreeAug06.html back to top

**Funding and Employment Opportunities** 

EPS has a job opening for communications manager. This part-time staff member will oversee and manage all aspects of the EPS's electronic and print publications and website, as well as member relations. The successful candidate will be highly motivated, well organized, a self-starter, capable of commitment and vision, and possess good writing skills as well as technical abilities. The communications manager will work with the Executive Director to develop and implement communications strategies that effectively describe and promote the organization and its mission. Primary duties will include editing our quarterly newsletter and being the master of our extensive website. Please visit http://www.epsusa.org/main/jobs.htm for more information. Physicians for Social Responsibility is searching for a new Executive Director. For more information, or if you wish to recommend individuals, contact Ted Ford Webb at either twebb@fordwebb.com or psr@fordwebb.com. Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellowships Launched in 1967, the International Affairs Fellowship Program is designed to advance the professional development of outstanding young Americans between the ages of 27 and 35. Each year, approximately a dozen men and women receive an opportunity to broaden their experience in the field of international affairs and to add a unique dimension to their careers. The fellowships seek to bridge the gap between thought and action in foreign policy by supporting both a variety of policy studies and active exposure to policymaking. The distinctive character of the program lies in the contrasting experiences it provides at the juncture of policy research and policy formulation. Thus, it encourages academics and others from the private sector to serve in a policy-oriented environment through operational experience in public service. Conversely, it permits government officials on leave to study key issues in a scholarly atmosphere free from operational pressure. Deadline for Nominations: September 20, 2006 Applications Distributed: September through October, 2006 Applications Due: October 25, 2006 Please see http://www.cfr.org/about/fellowships/iaf.html for more information. 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, publicinterest 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 <a href="http://penknifepress.com/default.cfm">http://penknifepress.com/default.cfm</a>

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

Submit your entry to <a href="mailto:contest@penknifepress.com">contest@penknifepress.com</a>.



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#### **EPS Publications and Resources**



The **Economics of Peace and Security Journal** (<a href="www.epsjournal.org.uk">www.epsjournal.org.uk</a>). 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" (<a href="http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/Vol1/No1/issue.php">http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/Vol1/No1/issue.php</a>). 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. <a href="http://www.epsusa.org/publications/factsheets/globalarmstrade.pdf">http://www.epsusa.org/publications/factsheets/globalarmstrade.pdf</a>

*Military vs. Social Spending: Warfare or Human Welfare* compares US and global military spending with the costs of achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals. <a href="http://www.epsusa.org/publications/factsheets/milexMDG.pdf">http://www.epsusa.org/publications/factsheets/milexMDG.pdf</a>

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 (<a href="mailto:theaharvey@epsusa.org">theaharvey@epsusa.org</a>) 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 <a href="http://www.epsusa.org/publications/papers/bmd/bmd.pdf">http://www.epsusa.org/publications/papers/bmd/bmd.pdf</a>, or order a copy of the report from the cosponsor of the study at <a href="http://www.armscontrolcenter.org/nmd/fullcost.html">http://www.armscontrolcenter.org/nmd/fullcost.html</a>.



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 <a href="mailto:katecell@epsusa.org">katecell@epsusa.org</a>

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#### **Action Corner**



Find out how much you could save on your personal gas bill if CAFE (Corporate Average Fuel Economy) standards were passed, requiring better fuel economy for all cars in the US, with this interactive **MPG**Calculator <a href="http://www.sierraclub.org/mpg/">http://www.sierraclub.org/mpg/</a>. You may be surprised to find that even if your current vehicle gets fairly good mileage, you could be saving thousands of dollars per year.

To find out more about how raising fuel economy is the biggest single step to curbing global warming see the Sierra Club's fact sheet: <a href="http://www.sierraclub.org/globalwarming/factsheets/BiggestStep\_05.pdf">http://www.sierraclub.org/globalwarming/factsheets/BiggestStep\_05.pdf</a>

To read more about the CAFE standards bill currently before Congress go to <a href="http://www.congress.org/congressorg/bill.xc?billnum=H.R.3762&congress=109">http://www.congress.org/congressorg/bill.xc?billnum=H.R.3762&congress=109</a>

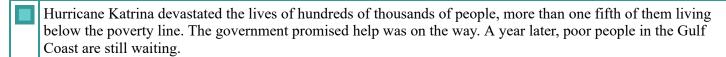
To contact to your Congressional representatives and let them know what you think about this issue, visit <a href="http://www.congress.org">http://www.congress.org</a>



The Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) invites academics and others who are readers, contributors, referees, and users of Reed Elsevier journals and databases to call on Reed Elsevier to stop organizing arms fairs.

Through its subsidiary companies, Reed Exhibitions and Spearhead Exhibitions, Reed Elsevier is responsible for organizing some of the world's largest arms fairs. For many customers and shareholders of Reed Elsevier, convinced of the company's good reputation and ethical stance, this has come as a rather unpalatable surprise. In September 2005 The Lancet, arguably the world's most prestigious medical journal and owned by Reed Elsevier, published a letter signed by public healthcare professionals from five continents. The letter highlighted the surprising involvement of The Lancet's publisher in the global arms trade, and prompted The Lancet's editorial board itself to issue a scathing condemnation of Reed Elsevier in the same issue, calling upon the company "to divest itself of all business interests that threaten human, and especially civilian, health and well-being."

For more information see <a href="http://www.caat.org.uk/armsfairs/reed.php">http://www.caat.org.uk/armsfairs/reed.php</a>. To join this campaign, you can find a sample letter to send to the chair of Reed Elsevier at <a href="http://www.caat.org.uk/armsfairs/reedaction.php">http://www.caat.org.uk/armsfairs/reedaction.php</a> or sign a petition at <a href="http://www.idiolect.org.uk/elsevier/petition.php">http://www.idiolect.org.uk/elsevier/petition.php</a>



The devastation of Katrina, compounded one month later by Hurricane Rita, reminded Americans that our social fabric is only as strong as the weakest among us. Elected officials at all levels pledged bold new action. They committed to righting historic inequities as the devastated communities rebuilt.

Oxfam America recently released a report that states little has been done to improve the lives of poor and marginalized people in the region. The report is available at <a href="http://www.oxfamamerica.org/newsandpublications/press">http://www.oxfamamerica.org/newsandpublications/press</a> releases/press release.2006-08-22.9767839123

In case after case, government promises have not been met. One year later:

- Harmful delays have resulted in not one home being rebuilt using the almost \$17 billion in federal grants designated for this use.
- Rather than helping, government policies create overwhelming barriers to recovery for the poorest hurricane survivors.
- Unreliable information delivered by government officials has harmed already struggling survivors, wasting their limited time and money and creating more stress and uncertainty.

This situation is not inevitable – only inexcusable. You can help get the Gulf Coast back on the right track to an equitable recovery. Families cannot rebuild on their own and private initiatives are not enough. The government must do its part to help the region and its most vulnerable people recover.

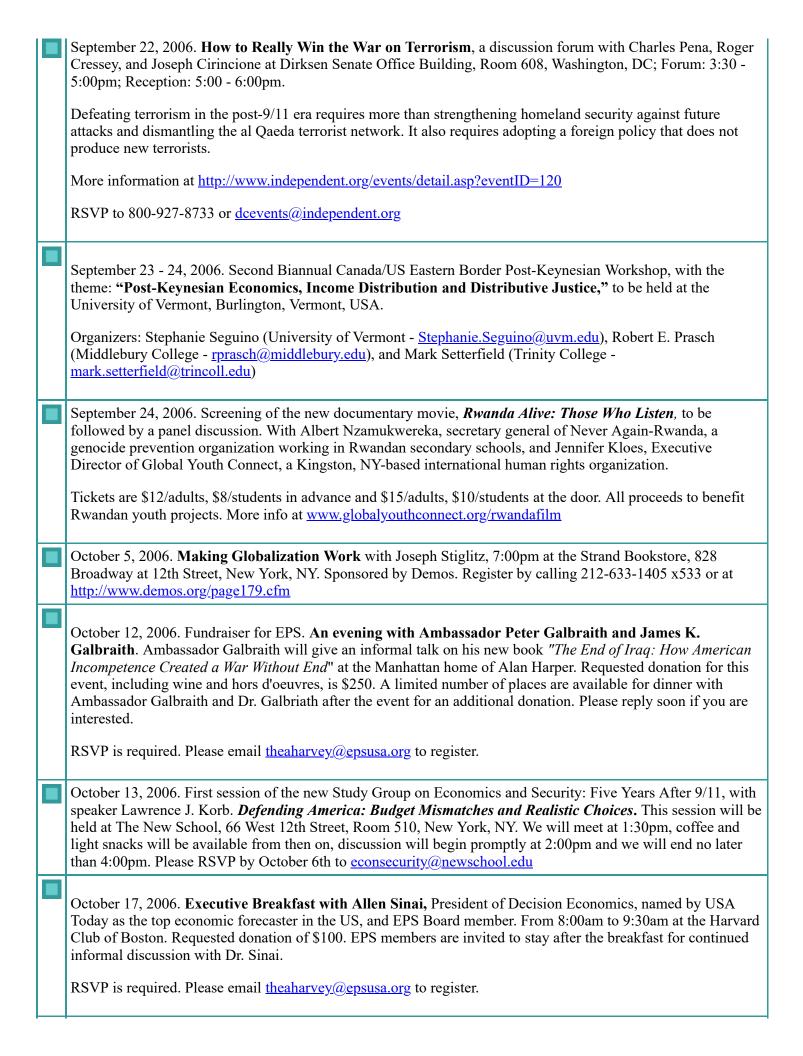
Please show the government that the American people have not forgotten the survivors of the Gulf Coast hurricanes. Write President Bush today and ask him to commit his Administration to fixing these unfair policies. <a href="http://act.oxfamamerica.org/campaign/katrina">http://act.oxfamamerica.org/campaign/katrina</a> rita/

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: <a href="http://globalsolutions.org/hill/fpstaff">http://globalsolutions.org/hill/fpstaff</a>

Anyone who would be willing to put an EPS flyer up on a departmental bulletin board or similar venue, please contact Thea Harvey at <a href="mailto:theaharvey@epsusa.org">theaharvey@epsusa.org</a>.

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## **Upcoming Events**



November 1, 2006. Prof. Alex Mintz, Chair of EPS-Israel, is organizing a symposium on <i>Decision Making in The Second War in Lebanon: Lessons and Implications</i> from 5:00pm - 9:00pm at the Ivcher Auditorium, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya, Israel. For more information contact: <a href="mailto:mintz.alex@idc.ac.il">mintz.alex@idc.ac.il</a>
November 2 - 4, 2006. European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) presents the <b>18th EAEPE Annual Conference - Developing Economies: Multiple Trajectories, Multiple Developments</b> in Istanbul, Turkey.
Conference information is at <a href="http://eaepe.org/eaepe.php?q=node/view/182">http://eaepe.org/eaepe.php?q=node/view/182</a>
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. <a href="http://www.hicn.org/events_fragilestates.html">http://www.hicn.org/events_fragilestates.html</a>
November 12 - 14, 2006. <i>Peace through Commerce: Partnerships as the New Paradigm.</i> 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. Kofi Annan will be featured as keynote speaker. For more information and online registration, please visit <a href="http://www.nd.edu/%7Eethics/ethicsConference/">http://www.nd.edu/%7Eethics/ethicsConference/</a>
November 30 - December 11, 2006. <b>International Seminar on National Security</b> sponsored by the International Centre for National Security Studies (ICNSS) at Galillee 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 <a href="http://www.galilcol.ac.il/page.asp?id=27">http://www.galilcol.ac.il/page.asp?id=27</a>
December 8 - 11, 2006. <b>Global Symposium: 'Towards a New World Civilization'</b> is being organized by the World Unity and Peace Education Department of City Montessori School (CMS) at the World Unity Convention Centre in Lucknow city, India. There is no registration or participation fee. All delegates from abroad will be provided with complimentary boarding and lodging facilities along with transport within Lucknow city (Local Transport). The delegates will be required to manage their own travel expenses to and from Lucknow city.
The symposium will take place during the 7th International Conference of Chief Justices of the World (December 7 - 12, 2006).
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More information is available at <a href="http://www.gpwd.org/index.htm">http://www.gpwd.org/index.htm</a>
January 5 - 7, 2007. <b>Allied Social Sciences Associations meetings</b> . Chicago, Illinois. <a href="http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/anmt.htm">http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/anmt.htm</a>
January 12 - 13, 2007. <b>Third International Conference on Conflict and Peace in South Asia</b> , Jodhpur, India. For further information please contact: Manas Chatterji, Professor of Management, Binghamton University -

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	February 23 - 25, 2007. <b>Eastern Economics Association meetings</b> . New York, NY. Early bird submission deadline for papers is October 6, 2006. <a href="http://www.iona.edu/eea/">http://www.iona.edu/eea/</a>		
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