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<input type="checkbox"/> EPS News	Peace, in the sense of the absence of war, is of little value to someone who is dying of hunger or cold... It does not comfort those who have lost their loved ones in floods caused by senseless deforestation... Peace can only last where human rights are respected, where people are fed, and where individuals and nations are free. ~The XIVth Dalai Lama
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EPS News

Registration is now open online. EPS is hosting a conference, *War and Poverty, Peace and Prosperity*, May 30 - June 1, 2007 at our home at the Levy Economics Institute of Bard College, Annandale on Hudson, NY.

The conference will look at the broad range of issues that tie together economics, peace and security. It will bring together international leaders in economic thinking, as well as policy analysts, other scholars, media, and citizens with diverse perspectives to present research findings and exchange views. Please join us.

See <http://www.epsusa.org/events/warandpovertyconference.htm> for program and registration information.

Call for Papers: The 60th DPI/NGO Annual Conference will be held Wednesday, September 5, 2007 through Friday, September 7, 2007 at United Nations headquarters in New York City.

The theme of the conference is "Climate Change: How It Impacts Us All." NGOs (non-governmental organizations) are invited to organize Midday Workshops during the conference. The workshops will be held from 1:15pm to 2:45pm each day of the conference.

EPS would like to organize a session on the **relationship between climate change and conflict**. Those working in this area and interested in participating should **submit abstracts for papers by May 7** to theaharvey@epsusa.org

One of the benefits of membership in EPS is a 25% **discounted subscription to the Economics of Peace and Security Journal**. Regular one-year subscriptions are \$40 per year. For EPS members the one-year subscription is \$30.

The journal is a peer-reviewed online publication hosted by EPS-UK. Published twice yearly, it raises and debates all issues related to the political economy of personal, communal, national, international, and global peace and security. Past contributors have included Joseph Stiglitz, James Galbraith, and Lawrence Klein. The journal's website also includes book reviews submitted by members and subscribers.

For more information or to subscribe to the journal, please visit: <http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/>

To become a member of EPS (and to qualify for the subscription discount) please visit: <http://www.epsusa.org/membership/membership.htm>

EIR (The Executive Intelligence Review) recently released a new book by **Stanislav Menshikov: *The Anatomy of Russian Capitalism***. Translated from the Russian by Rachel Douglas, the book is an authoritative study of the Russian economy during the first 15 years after the break-up of the Soviet Union.

Professor Menshikov, author of in-depth studies of the international and Russian economies and chair of EPS-Russia, became famous as one of the Soviet Union's top experts on the United States. In *The Anatomy of Russian Capitalism*, he turns his attention to Russia in the post-Soviet period. Here is the story of the new Russian oligarchs: who they are, and how they amassed their fabulous fortunes during the chaotic 1990s. Does the emerging Kremlin financial industrial group of President Vladimir Putin's second term represent a shift? The author believes that the Russian economy has fallen into a trap, from which the only escape route leads through a fundamental break with the oligarchic system.

http://www.larouchepub.com/pr/2007/070323menshikov_bk.html

Call for papers: The 11th Annual Conference on Economics & Security will take place July 5 - 7, 2007 in Bristol, UK. Offers of papers are invited for a conference sponsored by Economists for Peace and Security, the Arms Production and Trade Group, the University of the West of England and the University of Bristol. The conference will have a public lecture, plenary sessions with keynote speakers, plus specialist workshop streams.

Proposed topics include:

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

Offers of papers on other related topics are also welcome.

For more information on the call for papers, please see:
<http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2007/Call2007.pdf>


Please send a title and abstract as soon as possible and **before April 30, 2007** to

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To keep up with conference developments, visit:
<http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2007/CONF2007.html>


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Links

 The **Good News Agency** carries positive and constructive news from all over the world relating to voluntary work, the work of the United Nations, non-governmental organizations, and institutions engaged in improving the quality of life. They publish a bi-weekly newsletter in English and Italian covering topics such as

- International legislation
- Human rights
- Economy and development
- Solidarity
- Peace and security
- Health
- Energy and Safety
- Environment and wildlife
- Religion and spirituality
- Culture and education

Please visit <http://www.goodnewsagency.org/english/indexeng.htm> to subscribe.

 As is often the case, Doonesbury is able to explain, or at least commiserate with our confusion on, matters of national policy. This cartoon attempts to understand the possible consequences of Congress' cutting off funds for the war in Iraq.

http://www.doonesbury.com/strip/dailydose/index.html?uc_full_date=20070401

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In Other News

 Two new reports are out this month from William D. Hartung and Frida Berrigan of the Arms Trade Resource Center, a project of the World Policy Institute:

TOP PENTAGON CONTRACTORS, FY 2006: Major Beneficiaries of the Bush Administration's Military Buildup. The Bush administration has presided over one of the largest military buildups in the

history of the United States, and the biggest beneficiaries of this spending boom have been major military contractors.

Counting the costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the Department of Energy's work on nuclear weapons and naval reactors, proposed military spending for FY 2008 is \$647 billion. After adjusting for inflation, this represents the highest level of military spending since World War II.

This growth in overall military spending has been accompanied by comparable growth in prime contracts awarded to military firms like Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman and Boeing. Pentagon contracts are up from \$144 billion in FY2001 to over \$294 billion in FY 2006, an increase of 103%. Measured in dollar terms, Lockheed Martin was by far the biggest beneficiary of the increase in Pentagon contracts. Between FY2005 and FY2006, Pentagon contracts to this Maryland-based company totaled over \$26 billion, a \$7.1 billion increase over a one-year period.

http://www.worldpolicy.org/projects/arms/reports/Top_100_Report.3.07.pdf

Complex 2030: The Costs and Consequences of the Plan to Build a New Generation of Nuclear Weapons The Bush administration's nuclear policy has been marked by dangerous inconsistencies. It has taken a strong rhetorical stand against the spread of nuclear weapons, which President Bush has described as "weapons of mass murder." But in the meantime, the administration's Nuclear Posture Review calls for the development of new nuclear weapons. This "do as I say, not as I do" approach to nuclear weapons has undermined US efforts to curb nuclear proliferation.

The centerpiece of the administration's move towards developing a new generation of nuclear weapons is "Complex 2030," a multi-year plan that would build new or upgraded facilities at each of the National Nuclear Security Administration's eight nuclear weapons-related sites.

This report focuses on the economic and budgetary costs of the Complex 2030 plan, the interests that stand to benefit from it, and the domestic political debate that is likely to determine the future of this initiative.

<http://www.worldpolicy.org/projects/arms/reports/nuclearcosts.4.2.07.pdf>

Iraq and the Media, A Critical Timeline. Fairness & Accuracy In Reporting (FAIR) has released a timeline in an effort to recall some of the worst moments in journalism, from the fall of 2002 and into the early weeks of the Iraq War. It is not an exhaustive catalog, but a useful reference point for understanding the media's performance. The timeline also points to missed opportunities

"It's hardly controversial to suggest that the mainstream media's performance in the lead-up to the Iraq War was a disaster. In retrospect, many journalists and pundits wish they had been more skeptical of the White House's claims about Iraq, particularly its allegations about weapons of mass destruction. At the same time, though, media apologists suggest that the press could not have done much better, since "everyone" was in agreement on the intelligence regarding Iraq's weapons threat. This was never the case. Critical journalists and analysts [including EPS] raised serious questions at the time about what the White House was saying. Often, however, their warnings were ignored by the bulk of the corporate press."

http://www.fair.org/index.php?page=3062&printer_friendly=1

Since the US declared the end of major combat operations in Iraq in May 2003, the capital, Baghdad, has seen the worst of the ongoing violence. This **animated map** from the BBC details the city's key locations, ethnic divisions and major bomb attacks of the insurgency and sectarian violence.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/shared/spl/hi/in_depth/baghdad_navigator/

The United Kingdom announced recently that it had **finished destroying thousands of decades-old chemical weapons**. The elimination of the last known "legacy" munitions containing agents such as sulfur

mustard and phosgene is in keeping with the nation's obligations under the Chemical Weapon Convention, a Defense Ministry spokesman said.

The British military began using chemical weapons in World War I, and maintained an offensive program until 1956. The Porton Down research facility was already regularly destroying weapons when the treaty entered into force in the United Kingdom in 1997. A total of 7,000 munitions have been destroyed since 1989, with work ending on March 7.

http://www.nti.org/d_newswire/issues/2007_3_27.html#5D43E546

Call for papers: Australasian Conference on Security, Peace Economics, and Peace Science, August 17 - 18, 2007, University of Western Sydney, Campbelltown Campus, Australia.

Empirical papers particularly related to East and Southeast Asia are especially welcome. They can be descriptive or mathematical. Some of the suggestive topics are:

- Arms Control and International Security
- Deterrence Theory
- Harmony, Development 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
- Regional Development and Deterrence
- Cooperation and Management of Global Crises
- Behaviour of International and Regional Systems
- Peace Science Methodology and Theory
- Conflict Analysis and Management
- Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Studies
- Behavioural Studies
- Hierarchy Theory
- Management of Conflicts and Crises
- Terrorism

Interested persons are requested to contact (no later than June 30, 2007) Manas Chatterji, Professor of Management, Binghamton University - State University of New York by phone (607) 777-2475; fax (607) 777-4422 or e-mail: mchatter@binghamton.edu; or Partha Gangopadhyay, School of Management, University of Western Sydney, Campbelltown Campus, P.Gangopadhyay@uws.edu.au

Call for papers: The Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (ISA) will take place in March 2008 in San Francisco, CA (USA). A **panel on Feminist Security Studies** is planned; researchers, teachers or practitioners who are working in this area and are interested in participating should submit their details to Laura Shepherd at l.j.shepherd@bham.ac.uk. Submissions should include full contact details, the proposed paper title, a 150-word abstract and your ISA membership status. Deadline for submissions is June 1, 2007 and the Convention will run March 26 - 29, 2008.

<http://www.isanet.org/sanfran2008/>

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Mission Incomprehensible

"War needs a why. Yes, war is ultimately senseless. But soldiers will not fight and die without a reason. 'Theirs not to reason why, theirs but to do and die,' wrote the poet Tennyson in *The Charge of the Light Brigade*. But soldiers rarely volunteer these days simply to serve as cannon fodder. The public, too, will not support wars - send their children, make economic sacrifices - unless they are convinced of a clear and present danger.

"So there must be a mission: in two senses of the word. There's the military mission (seize the capital, secure the ports), and then there's the higher mission (for God, for king, for country).

"As we mark the fourth anniversary of the Iraq invasion, the United States faces mission breakdown at both levels. Soldiers are not sure why they are fighting. And US voters are not sure about the larger purpose of the American occupation of Iraq. At the military level, with a civil war raging, Mission Accomplished has turned into Mission Impossible. Even worse for the message-obsessed Bush administration, the campaign for Iraqi democracy looks more dubious by the day. The Iraq War has become Mission Incomprehensible."

<http://www.fpif.org/fpifzines/wb/4084>

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Funding and Employment Opportunities



The **National Endowment for Democracy (NED)** is a private, nonprofit organization created in 1983 to strengthen democratic institutions around the world through nongovernmental efforts. The Endowment is governed by an independent, nonpartisan board of directors. With its annual congressional appropriation, it makes hundreds of grants each year to support pro-democracy groups in Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and the former Soviet Union.

Through **grants and fellowships**, the NED supports projects that promote political and economic freedom, a strong civil society, independent media, human rights, and the rule of law. The Endowment's flexible and efficient grants program is able to assist democratic activists in diverse situations, such as transitional countries where the goal is democratic consolidation, authoritarian countries where the goals are liberalization, and the protection of human rights.

See <http://www.ned.org/> for more information.



The **Carnegie Endowment for International Peace** is seeking to fill several important positions in its increasingly influential and expanding program on the Middle East. One senior position is open in the new Beirut-based Carnegie Middle East Center. One senior and two junior positions are open in the Washington-based Middle East Program.

Visit <http://www.carnegieendowment.org/about/index.cfm?fa=employment> for more information.



The Levy Economics Institute of Bard College invites applications for a **resident research scholar in the Gender Equality and the Economy program**. The scholar will collaborate with a team of economists on extending current research in this program area with an emphasis on gender and macroeconomics, gender and international economics, and gender and poverty. Given the nature of our research agenda, a wide variety of interests can be complementary. Subject to approval, the Institute is planning to launch a PhD program in economics by Fall 2008 that will include courses in gender-aware economics. We are, therefore, especially interested in candidates who are able to make a contribution to the PhD program.

A completed PhD is required, but candidates expecting the degree in the immediate future will also be considered. The successful candidate will have a background in macroeconomics, feminist economics and other heterodox approaches to economics, solid quantitative skills and a strong interest in policy issues.

For more information on the Gender Equality and the Economy program, please visit:

http://www.levy.org/default.asp?view=research_gee

To apply, please submit letter of interest, current c.v., references, and sample papers to: Human Resources - 1707, Bard College, PO Box 5000, Annandale On Hudson, NY 12504 5000 or fax to 845 758 7826.

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- The **National Priorities Project** has an opening for a **Technology Coordinator**. NPP is a national, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide citizens and community groups with tools and resources to shape federal budget and policy priorities that promote social and economic justice. They seek a multi-skilled person who can bring creative talent, a commitment to social justice, and enthusiasm for making information accessible to a national audience. The technology coordinator will be responsible for all aspects of the NPP website including marketing, upgrading, and developing new interactive tools. S/he will also be responsible for maintaining and developing other aspects of communications and information infrastructure in the NPP office, and coordinate with contracted and volunteer personnel where necessary. More information at http://nationalpriorities.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=272

- Thorstein Veblen was born on July 30, 1857. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of his birth, the Association For Evolutionary Economics (AFEE) and EAEPE are co-sponsoring the **Veblen 150 Prize Competition**. Candidates for the prize are asked to submit written works on the nature of institutions, the theory of institutional evolution, the philosophical foundations of institutional and evolutionary economics, or the application of institutional or evolutionary theory to economic policy. These specialist themes reflect Veblenian concerns. The prize is 2000 GBP.

The prizes will be judged by a panel nominated jointly by AFEE and EAEPE and by the Foundation for European Economic Development (FEED). The results of this competition will be announced in about September 2007. The awards will be made at the EAEPE Conference from November 1 - 3, 2007 in Porto, Portugal.

Deadline for submission is June 30, 2007. More information about submission at

<http://eaepe.org/eaepe.php?q=node/view/189>

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EPS Publications and Resources

- The **Economics of Peace and Security Journal** (www.epsjournal.org.uk). This 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>). 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/€34;
- EPS members £16/\$30/€25;
- Unwaged/Developing countries £11/\$20/€17;
- Institutional £55/\$100/€85.

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, published by the Security Policy Working Group.

- *Pyrrhus on the Potomac: How America's Post-9/11 Wars Have Undermined US National Security.* Carl Conetta, Project on Defense Alternatives
<http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Pyrrhus%20On%20The%20Potomac.pdf>
- *Terrorism or All-Hazards? Broadening Homeland Security.* Anita Dancs, National Priorities Project
<http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Terrorism%20Or%20All-Hazards.pdf>
- *America's Post 9/11 Military: Can Congress Reform Our Shrinking, Aging, Less Ready, More Expensive Forces?* Winslow T. Wheeler, Center for Defense Information
<http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Post%209-11%20Military.pdf>
- *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
<http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/National%20Security%20Budgets%20To%20Make%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
<http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Fighting%20The%20Good%20Fight.pdf>
- *Is the War on Terror "Worth it?"* David Gold, New School University
<http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Is%20The%20War%20On%20Terror%20Worth%20It.pdf>
- *Special Threat: US Nuclear Weapons Policy under the Bush Doctrine.* Michael D. Intriligator, Economists for Peace & Security
<http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Special%20Threat.pdf>
- *Terrorism in Context: Assessing Risks and Solutions.* David Colt, Economists for Peace & Security
<http://www.proteusfund.org/spwg/pdfs/Terrorism%20In%20The%20Context%20of%20Other%20Threats.pdf>

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>

Conflict or Development? This book 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 a scholarly-based but general-interest style, 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 *Conflict or Development?* 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. Download the PDF file from <http://www.epsusa.org/publications/papers/bmd/bmd.pdf>, or order a copy of the report from the cosponsor of the study at <http://www.armscontrolcenter.org/nmd/fullcost.html>.

Data Resource webpage offers links to data sources for:

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

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

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Action Corner

"When disasters like genocide and tsunamis strike, the first few days and the weeks that immediately follow are almost always the most devastating. Right now, it takes the UN at least a month -- sometimes well over three months in more complicated situations -- to get countries to send help. People in need shouldn't have to wait while countries go back and forth over the details of relief missions. If we could act more quickly, we could save many lives.

"A **United Nations Emergency Peace Service (UNEPS)** would be a permanent emergency response service designed to complement, not replace, existing peace and humanitarian operations. It would comprise of 150,000 or more police, military and judicial experts, engineers, and relief professionals who would be sent to areas in need of immediate attention, like Darfur, Sudan. UNEPS would provide immediate, short-term assistance while countries iron out the long-term details."

A bill has been put forth in the US House of Representatives that, if passed, would express the sense of the House that the creation of a United Nations Emergency Peace Service (UNEPS) could save millions of lives, billions of dollars, and is in the interest of the United States.

To call your United States Representative and ask him/her to co-sponsor H.Res.213, please visit: <http://www.globalsolutions.org/node/558>

□ Congress has an opportunity to help the US develop non-military tools to prevent and resolve deadly conflict and to lay the foundation for a long-term vision of a world free of war and the threat of war. The creation of a **civilian reserve corps** is one such tool. A civilian reserve corps is a group of individuals with expertise in areas such as civilian policing, agriculture, health services, education, and conflict resolution and prevention. Sending these civilians to countries at risk of or recently emerging from deadly conflict would enhance the US's ability to respond to crises without sending in the US military. The Reconstruction and Stabilization Civilian Management Act of 2007 (S. 613/H.R. 1084) would authorize the State Department to spend money to establish this corps.

Read more about what the legislation would authorize: http://www.fcni.org/issues/item.php?item_id=2481&issue_id=129.

To find contact information for your Representative and ask him/her to support fully funding this initiative, go to <http://www.house.gov/>

□ Want to get the word out on the topic that matters most to you? With a letter to your local paper, you can help bring your message not only to your neighbors, but directly to the offices of your Members of Congress as well, where staffers and our lawmakers themselves follow opinions from home with an especially watchful eye.

The ACLU has a **tool that helps write and send letters to local papers**. Available are a list of media outlets by state, tips on how to write a letter in your own words, plus talking points for the listed topics.

http://action.aclu.org/site/PageServer?pagename=LTE_SOTU_2007&JServSessionIdr001=3bu49o8t91.app20a

□ 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>

□ If you would like to post an EPS flyer on a departmental bulletin board or similar venue, please contact Thea Harvey at theaharvey@epsusa.org.

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Upcoming Events

□ April 20, 2007. The study group on the Economics of Terrorism, co-sponsored by The New School Graduate Program in International Affairs, the Arms Trade Resource Center at the World Policy Institute, and the Center for Security Studies, ETH Zurich presents Joseph Cirincione, Senior Vice President for National Security and International Policy at the Center for American Progress, speaking on *The History and Future of Nuclear Weapons*.

This session will be held on Friday, April 20 at The New School, 66 West 12th Street, Room 510, New York, NY. We will meet at 1:30pm, coffee and light snacks will be available from then on, discussion will begin promptly at 2:00pm, and end no later than 4:00pm. Please RSVP to econsecurity@newschool.edu and look forward to a lively discussion of the issues.

Additionally, the ISN has a web page for the group. For background and calendar information, please see http://www.isn.ethz.ch/pubs/studygroups/security_economics.cfm .

- April 25 - 26, 2007. **Towards a Theory of Spacepower: The Influence of Spacepower on History and Implications for the Future** symposium sponsored by the Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS) at Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington DC.

The symposium will preview the results of a year-long research effort headed by INSS to articulate an overarching spacepower theory. The INSS Spacepower Theory project has been soliciting the views of a wide range of experts to provide policy makers and space professionals – whether in the national security, civil, or commercial sectors – with a shared intellectual foundation to address space activities. The Project goal is articulation of a comprehensive Spacepower theory that explains and anticipates principles governing the uses of space. This forum provides an opportunity to present the Project's findings, challenge assumptions, and offer alternative views in order to shape the final product.

Detailed agenda & information at: <http://www.ndu.edu/inss/symposia/SP2007/sp.htm>

- May 5 - 13, 2007. **15th Annual international conference on conflict resolution** in St. Petersburg, Russia. A multidisciplinary, multicultural conference sponsored by Common Bond Institute (USA) and Harmony Institute (Russia) in cooperation with the International Humanistic Psychology Association. The Annual International Conference on Conflict Resolution (ICR) speaks to the immediate potential for both dramatic and violent decline in world relations, and at the same time compelling movement toward peace, understanding, and harmony in the global community.

The ICR program examines fear-based belief systems, negative stereotypes, prejudice, scapegoating, revenge, victim identity, and justified violence for a deeper understanding of how these become embodied in our concepts of "The OTHER." Among the rich variety of related topics addressed this year are dynamics of Terrorism Throughout the World, Trauma, Forgiveness and Reconciliation, as well as issues in regions of conflict, including the Middle East, South Asia, and the Balkans.

http://www.cbiworld.org/Pages/Conferences_ICR.htm

- May 30 - June 1, 2007. **War and Poverty, Peace and Prosperity** conference hosted by EPS at the Levy Institute in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY. See <http://www.epsusa.org/events/warandpeaceconference.htm> for program and registration information.

- June 1 - 3, 2007. The **International Confederation of Associations for Pluralism in Economics (ICAPE) second international conference: Economic Pluralism for the 21st Century** at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. More info at <http://www.icape.org/conf2007.htm>

- June 11 - 12, 2007. **5th INFINITI Conference on International Finance**, hosted by the Institute for International Integration Studies at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.
<http://www.tcd.ie/iis/pages/events/infiniti2007.php>

- June 25 - 27, 2007. 5th annual **Jan Tinbergen Peace Science Conference** in Amsterdam, organized by the Network of European Peace Scientists. More information is available at <http://pss.la.psu.edu/Newsletters/NEPS2007Announcement.pdf>

- June 25 - 26, 2007. **Carnegie International Nonproliferation Conference** at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center in Washington DC. Details to follow.

- July 5 - 7, 2007. The European Group for Organizational Studies holds its **23rd EGOS Colloquium: Beyond Waltz - Dances of Individuals and Organization** in Vienna, Austria.
http://www.egosnet.org/conferences/collo23/colloquium_2007.shtml

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Call for papers: <http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2007/Call2007.pdf>

To keep up with conference developments, visit:
<http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2007/CONF2007.html>

- August 17 - 18, 2007. **Australasian Conference on Security, Peace Economics, and Peace Science** at the University of Western Sydney, Campbelltown Campus, Australia. For more information contact Manas Chatterji, Professor of Management, Binghamton University - State University of New York by phone (607) 777-2475; fax (607) 777-4422 or e-mail: mchatter@binghamton.edu.

- September 5 - 7, 2007. **60th Annual Conference for Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) associated with the UN Department of Public Information** will take place at UN headquarters in New York. The theme of this year's conference is "Climate Change: How it Impacts Us All." More information can be found at <http://www.un.org/dpi/ngosection/index.asp>

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