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Dick Cheney explains the quagmire in Iraq

EPS News

- It's that time of year again. Our thoughts around the office turn toward the ASSA/AEA (Allied Social Science Associations/American Economics Association) meetings. The meetings will be in New Orleans, January 4 - 6, 2008. EPS is organizing three sessions this year:
- Friday, January 4 at 10:15am: **The Plight of the Soldier**, chaired by Thea Harvey, EPS Executive Director
 - *The All-volunteer Force and the Long War: When and How should we Reconstitute Conscription?* Lawrence Korb, Center for American Progress
 - *The American Soldier: Carrying the Entire Load for the Bush Administration?* Major General Paul Eaton, United States Army (retired)
 - *The Effect of Activation on the Post-Activation Earnings of Reservists* David Loughran, RAND Corporation and Jacob Klerman, Abt Associates
 - *Veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan: Impediments to Securing Disability Benefits and Medical Care* Linda Bilmes, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
 - Friday, January 4 at 2:30pm: **A Roundtable on Climate Change, Hurricane Katrina and Related Issues**, chaired by James Galbraith, EPS Chair
 - Paul Krugman, Princeton University
 - Joseph Stiglitz, Columbia University
 - Howard Kunreuther, University of Pennsylvania
 - Marcellus Andrews, Medgar Evers College, City University of New York

- Saturday, January 5 at 2:30pm: **The Future of the Defense Budget**, chaired by Michael Lind, New America Foundation
 - *Five Years of War: Reassessing the Economic Cost of Conflict in Iraq* Joseph Stiglitz, Columbia University and Linda Bilmes, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
 - *A Cost/Benefit Analysis of Large Military Budgets* Barbara Bergmann, American University
 - *Weapons Systems that Don't Work for Threats that Don't Exist* Winslow Wheeler, Strauss Military Reform Project, Center for Defense Information
 - *The Next Peace Dividend* Richard Kaufman, Bethesda Research Institute

In addition, we will hold our usual events:

- Table in the Exhibit Hall. Come see us at Booth #439 - right next to the coffee area.
- Saturday, January 5 at 5:30pm: **Annual Membership Meeting**. All are welcome to come and hear the annual report.
- Saturday, January 5 at 6:30pm: **Annual Dinner**, in honor of Paul Krugman
- Sunday, January 6 at 10:00am: **Annual Fellows Meeting**.

Watch this space for locations and more information as the time nears.



Michael Intriligator's piece, "**Out How: The Economics of Ending Wars**," that was originally presented at the Economists for Peace and Security (EPS) Roundtable at the annual economics meetings last January in Chicago, has been posted on the Truthdig blog, inciting quite a bit of commentary.

http://www.truthdig.com/report/item/20070727_out_how_the_economics_of_ending_wars/



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>



EPS members are invited to a conference celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the The Peace Economy Project, formerly the St. Louis Economic Conversion Project. The **conference, *Defining Security: Military Policy for a Post Iraq World. Why Peace Won't Break Out if We Keep Spending Half a Trillion Dollars a Year on War***, will take place October 12 - 14, 2007 in St. Louis, MO.

While we must continue pressuring our elected officials to end the war in Iraq, the time has come to collectively address the greater issue of our ever-inflating and wasteful military budget. We need to reassess how we define security in a post Iraq, post 9/11, post Cold War world. Public disgust with the Iraq war and war profiteering provides a unique opportunity to engage the public in a conversation about rational defense policy.

This meeting will bring together the most passionate, dedicated, and educated voices in the fields of economic conversion, defense policy, and military spending to develop a coordinated plan of action to affect public awareness in the coming election cycle and beyond. The conference will be composed of a series of focused, facilitated working sessions and a keynote address by Frida Berrigan, of the Arms and Security Project at the New America Foundation.

There is no fee for the conference and accommodations can be arranged through the conference organizers, also at no cost.

RSVP is requested by August 24. Contact Andy Heaslet, Coordinator, Peace Economy Project at pep@peaceeconomyproject.org or (314) 726-6406. More information about the project is available at www.peaceeconomyproject.org

Links

□ EPS has been listed in [WiserEarth.org](http://www.wiserearth.org), a web site that encompasses more than 106,000 non-governmental, social benefit organizations working toward social justice and the protection of the environment. WiserEarth supports the people and organizations that address the central issues of our day: climate change, poverty, the environment, peace, water, hunger, social justice, conservation, human rights, and more. It's a searchable library of resources, events, people, and organizations.

WiserEarth was launched by a team of researchers, activists, writers, social entrepreneurs, students, volunteers, and open source software technicians who make up the Natural Capital Institute (<http://www.naturalcapital.org>).

□ POGO (the Project on Government Oversight) recently released an improved and more user-friendly **Federal Contractor Misconduct Database (FCMD)** at www.contractormisconduct.org. The database features the top 50 federal government contractors, and details their instances of misconduct from 1995 to the present. These contractors have paid fines, penalties, restitution, or civil settlements totaling over \$12 billion, averaging roughly \$1 billion per year. POGO hopes that the FCMD will be used as a tool to ensure that future taxpayer funds only go to responsible contractors.

□ **UNECE Countries in Figures 2007 released**

Fast facts about the 56 UNECE countries

- Did you know that 46% of Armenia's population is employed in the agricultural sector?
- Did you know that in 2005, exports of goods and services accounted for 87.1% of Belgium's GDP?
- Did you know that Iceland has the lowest youth unemployment rate (7.2%) within the UNECE nations?

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's Statistical Division has developed and recently released a new fast fact guide - *UNECE Countries in Figures 2007*. Each and every UNECE country in Europe, North America, the Caucasus, and Central Asia has a two-page profile of social and economic indicators. Data is presented for the most recent whole year available. The latest data is available on-line through the UNECE Statistical Database (<http://www.unece.org/stats/data>). The UNECE Statistical Database contains internationally comparable statistics, and is regularly updated by statistical experts. *UNECE Countries in Figures 2007* provides an example of the types of data available in that database. This publication is also intended for readers who are not so familiar with statistical terms or with interpreting statistical tables.

□ Le CESIM (Centre d'Etudes de Sécurité Internationale et de Maîtrise des armements) est un organisme spécialisé dans les recherches et analyses sur la maîtrise des armements, la non-prolifération, le désarmement ainsi que les questions stratégiques et de sécurité internationale qui s'y rattachent. Il publie dans ce cadre, sous forme électronique, un bulletin mensuel en langue française qui est un observatoire de la non-prolifération dans son ensemble.

Voir le dernier numéro de l'Observatoire de la non-prolifération (n° 18, juillet-août 2007)
<http://www.cesim.fr/images/stories/onp18%20juillet-aout.pdf>

The Center for International Security and Arms Control Studies (CESIM) is an organization specializing in research and analysis of arms control, non-proliferation, and disarmament as well as the strategic questions and international security issues which are attached to these areas. To this end, it publishes, in electronic form, a monthly bulletin in French.

To view the latest issue (#18, July/August 2007) please visit: <http://www.cesim.fr/images/stories/onp18%20juillet-aout.pdf>

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In Other News

□ **All-time Highs in Iraq: Escalation by the Numbers.** This Harper's Index style article by Tom Englehardt of tomdispatch.com lists the number of taxpayer-paid private contractors in Iraq, the number of bullets fired for each insurgent killed, the percentage of amputations performed on US war-wounded, and many more interesting facts. The compilation of these numbers puts the situation in Iraq into perspective.

<http://www.alternet.org/waroniraq/59881/?page=2>

- Foreign Exchange explores In Depth: **The Bottom Billion**. Almost a billion people - 70 per cent of whom live in sub-Saharan Africa - are in economically stagnant or declining countries. What can be done to address this growing problem? Follow this link to watch an interview with Paul Collier, author of *The Bottom Billion - Why the Poorest Countries are Failing and What Can Be Done About It*: <http://foreignexchange.tv/?q=node/2127&PHPSESSID=47c3187a980171839f7b5116cf379d02>

- The Asia-Pacific region has shown enviable economic growth as measured by GDP. However, this growth has come at a heavy environmental cost and has been accompanied by a host of social problems, calling into question whether GDP-driven development brings people more happiness. To examine these issues, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) is co-convened an **International Conference on Happiness and Public Policy**, held July 18 - 19 at the United Nations Conference Center in Bangkok. The meeting, organized by the Public Policy Development Office (PPDO) of the government of Thailand, was an effort to establish a new paradigm for development that stresses the quality of growth over quantity.

<http://www.unescap.org/unis/press/2007/jul/n32.asp>

- The Congressional Research Service has just sent to Congress its latest update of the costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, "**The Cost of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Other Global War on Terror Operations Since 9/11**," dated July 16, 2007. Important elements of the new report include the following:

- Assuming Congress' approval of President George W. Bush's request for war costs for the upcoming fiscal year 2008 (a request of \$141.7 billion), total appropriations related to the wars would reach \$758 billion, including \$567 billion for Iraq, \$157 billion for Afghanistan, \$29 billion for other security operations in the US and elsewhere, and \$5 billion which can be attributed to "unknown" due to the Defense Department's inability to track its own money (see second to last paragraph in the report's "Summary").
- Counting all war appropriations to date, including those for not just DOD but also the State Department and the VA, costs per month have risen from about \$12 billion in FY 2006 to about \$14.4 billion in FY 2007 (see p. 3).
 - 2007 costs total \$173 billion. Of that amount, \$135.2 billion is for Iraq, and \$36.9 billion is for Afghanistan.
 - In addition to the extra costs of the "surge" of troops in Iraq, the increase in costs from 2006 to 2007 is explained by a dramatic increase in procurement spending to replace worn out equipment and to move acquisition costs for routine modernization (such as for V-22s and C-17s) from the regular annual budget to the separate budget for the war (see p. 18 - 19).
- Current plans anticipate a reduction of spending in 2008: down to a total of \$147.5 billion, of which \$116.3 billion would be for Iraq. However, that plan assumes that the "surge" of US troops would terminate abruptly on September 30, 2007 (see p. 6). It would appear logical to assess that a continuation of the surge would require funding above the 2007 total if the size of the US deployment in Iraq and the tempo of operations continue at their present rate for more than six months in FY 2008.
- Cost per deployed troop has increased from \$320,000 for each troop in 2003 to \$390,000 for each in 2006 (see p. 24).
- CRS, CBO, and GAO each continue to find major discrepancies in DOD's reporting on annual expenditures (see p. 26). GAO's Comptroller General reported that the continuing inability of DOD to account for its own spending "make it difficult to reliably know what the war is costing, to determine how appropriated funds are being spent, and to use historical data to predict future trends." (See p. 28)
- DOD may be "front loading" its budget requests for "reset" (repair and refurbishment of equipment and units) by requesting funds twice for both the Army and the Marine Corps for reset in 2007 (see p. 32).

While the Congressional Budget Office has made nominal estimates for the future costs of the wars (ranging from \$393 billion to \$840 billion [see p. 10]), the actual future costs of the wars is truly unknown, especially if one includes long term costs for the wars' veterans as paid out over decades by the VA. Beyond federal appropriations, there are also other costs, such as to the economy, which have been measured by other studies.

The entire report (46 pages) can be read at <http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/89927.pdf>

- In-attention to Detail: Civilian Casualties in Afghanistan.** Until recently, there has been a general silence about civilian casualties in Afghanistan. In 2007, some organizations began to track and report available data on those casualties, especially the apparently rising toll resulting from US and NATO actions - a trend that bodes ill for the Karzai government and its foreign allies, the United States and NATO. It is also a development that the Taliban surely welcomes and hopes its

enemies will do nothing to eliminate. CDI's Research Assistant Elise Szabo has collected the data and draws unavoidable and troubling conclusions in a new article.

http://www.cdi.org/program/document.cfm?documentid=4015&programID=37&from_page=../friendlyversion/printversion.cfm

■ A recent report by the U.K. House of Commons International Development Committee estimates that the cost of one new conflict -- over \$50 billion according to Paul Collier (<http://www.un.org/esa/documents/Development.and.Conflict2.pdf>)-- almost equals the total value of global development aid in a year. Another study from the Brookings Institution (http://www.brookings.edu/views/papers/rice/poverty_civilwar.htm) finds that for every \$1 spent on conflict prevention, the international community could save over \$4 on expenditures in peacekeeping missions, humanitarian assistance and nation-building.

A recent special issue of **Human Security Research focuses on the direct and indirect costs associated with armed conflict and terrorism, and on the cost-effectiveness of conflict prevention.**

<http://www.humansecurityinstitute.ca/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=291>

■ The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its **new website, "Disarmament Education, Resources for Learning."** <http://disarmament.un.org/education-new/index.html>

The website is a useful and convenient place to get disarmament-related material from the United Nations and its family of organizations and its partners and a resource rich in links and filled with information for use in the classroom by teachers or students.

The site is evolving and the creators invite news about initiatives, and links to disarmament-related sites.

■ After more than more than ten years at the New School's World Policy Institute, our friends at the Arms Trade Resource Center are effecting some changes. The Arms Trade Resource Center is now part of the New America Foundation's dynamic American Strategy Project, under the leadership of Steve Clemons, a well-known foreign policy analyst and author of the influential blog, the Washington Note. The New America Foundation, based in Washington DC, is committed to bringing "exceptionally promising new voices and new ideas to the fore of our nation's public discourse."

The **newly configured Arms and Security Project** will remain in New York , NY. For the time being, they will continue maintain the old website at the New School as an archive (www.worldpolicy.org/projects/arms) and are building a new one at http://www.newamerica.net/programs/american_strategy/arms_security

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Food For Thought

■ In an essay published in the August 16, 2007 New York Review of Books, Peter Galbraith discusses *How the War is Lost*.

"Neither the President nor the war's intellectual architects are prepared to admit this. Nonetheless, the specter of defeat shapes their thinking in telling ways... On July 12, the White House released a congressionally mandated report on progress in Iraq...[T]he report reflected the administration's desperate search for indicators of progress since it began its 'surge' by sending five additional combat brigades to the country in February 2007. Against the backdrop of modest progress, much has not changed, or has gotten worse. The Baghdad Green Zone is subject to increasingly accurate mortar attacks and is deemed at greater risk of penetration by suicide bombers. Moqtada al-Sadr, the radical Shiite cleric whose Mahdi Army was a major target of Bush's surge strategy, remains one of Iraq's most powerful political figures. The military activity against his forces seems only to have enhanced his standing with the public.

"Even if the surge has had some modest military success, it has failed to accomplish its political objectives."

<http://www.alternet.org/waroniraq/57286/>

Why Is the White House Pretending That Saudi Insurgents in Iraq Are Iranian? Amy Goodman of Democracy Now! asks in this interview with *L.A. Times* correspondent in Iraq, Ned Parker, and Toby Jones, a former Persian Gulf analyst with the International Crisis Group and history professor at Rutgers University.

"Nearly half of all foreign militants targeting US troops in Iraq have come from Saudi Arabia -- an inconvenient truth for the White House papered over with the lie that Iran is the chief instigator."

<http://www.alternet.org/waroniraq/57391/>

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Funding and Employment Opportunities



The 2007 Routledge-GCP&S Essay Prize. Global Change, Peace & Security

(<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/14781158.asp>) is a scholarly journal that has, for nearly twenty years, addressed the difficult practical and theoretical questions posed by a rapidly globalizing world. It is committed to promoting research that explores the relationships between states, economies, cultures and societies. Global Change, Peace and Security is a peer-reviewed journal published by Routledge (UK) and based at La Trobe University, Victoria, Australia.

GCP&S invites entries for the inaugural Routledge-GCP&S Essay Competition. This competition is designed to encourage outstanding new contributions to research on practical and theoretical questions posed by a rapidly globalising world. It seeks to attract new research into the international dimensions of political, economic and cultural life, and into the contradictions of an increasingly integrated yet fragmented world. Of specific interest are entries that look at events and developments that reverberate beyond the confines of a particular country, and those that are concerned with the sources and consequences of conflict, violence and insecurity, as well as the conditions and prospects for conflict transformation and peace-building.

The winning essay will be refereed with a view to publication in Global Change, Peace and Security. The author will receive the Routledge-GCP&S Competition winner's certificate as well as US\$500 prize money.

The competition is open to those enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree, or who have graduated within the previous four years. Previously published research articles, or those that are being considered for publication, will not be acceptable. Essays currently being assessed as part of a degree will also not be accepted.

Essays must be between 6000-8000 words in length. The style must conform strictly to the guidelines set out on the journal's website and be accompanied by the author's name, their contact details, and details of their institutional affiliation if applicable. For guidelines refer to <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/cparauth.asp> Please send entries (in English and as email attachments only) to gcps@latrobe.edu.au by no later than **Friday, November 9 , 2007**.

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Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher (D-CA) seeks a **Legislative Correspondent** for her Washington DC congressional office. This position entails writing thoughtful, well-researched letters and e-mails to constituents on a range of issues. Qualified candidates will have at least one year of non-intern work experience on Capitol Hill. Knowledge of IQ database and Northern California preferred. Please e-mail resume to jobs.tauscher@mail.house.gov.



The Jerusalem 2050 Project at MIT is pleased to announce the launch of the Just Jerusalem Competition (<http://www.justjerusalem.org>). The goal of this competition, which is co-sponsored by the Department of Urban Studies and Planning and the Center for International Studies at MIT, is to generate new approaches to, and potential solutions for, the many complex, seemingly intractable problems that the residents of Jerusalem face on a daily basis.

By looking at future possibilities for a pluralist, just and sustainable city shared by all its residents, they hope to encourage new ways of thinking about the many difficult issues and hardships faced by Jerusalemites, regardless of their faith or ethnicity. Submissions will be considered in a number of disciplinary categories, and from individuals or teams anywhere in the world

At least one prizewinning entry will be selected in each category of submission, with a total of 5 awarded. Prizewinners will be given the opportunity to spend up to an academic semester in residence at MIT as Visiting Fellows, with all expenses paid, including travel, housing, and stipend. In the case of team submissions, no more than three individuals per winning entry will be hosted as fellows.

Guidelines for submission and more information is at <http://www.justjerusalem.org/> Deadline for Entries: December 31, 2007



The Center for American Progress has several job openings in its economic policy group. Open positions include Senior Economist and several associate director positions in the fields of macroeconomics, innovation, labor economics, economic mobility, and public finance.

See <http://www.americanprogress.org/aboutus/jobs> for more information.



The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a leading Washington DC-based think tank specializing in international affairs, seeks a **Research Assistant / Web Editor**. Position will maintain, expand, and promote the program website, conduct research on all aspects of nuclear proliferation, produce and manage program's bi-weekly newsletter, and support project staff in various activities.

Qualified candidates should have 1-3 years' related experience, but recent grads with a degree in national security/international relations will also be considered. Excellent working knowledge of HTML coding, Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Content Management Systems, and website management is strongly preferred. Excellent writing skills and attention to detail are a must.

Salary in the low \$30s plus generous benefits. Send resume, letter of interest and salary history to: Human Resources-RANPP, Carnegie Endowment, 1779 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington DC 20036, e-mail to hr@ceip.org or FAX to (202) 939-2392. EOE



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 their 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. They 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/employment.aspx>

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. AA/EOE

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■ 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.

■ The EPS conference, *War and Poverty, Peace and Prosperity*, which took place at our home at the Levy Institute May 30 - June 1, was a great success. The conference was attended by over 50 participants. Photographs of the conference are now posted on the website, and transcripts of the sessions will be posted as they become available.

Please visit <http://www.epsusa.org/events/07conf/program.htm> to review the conference and follow the updates.

■ *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 clear English, with informative maps, tables, and graphs, the series is designed to inform the debate among policymakers, activists, journalists, academics, students, and citizens worldwide.

You can order *Conflict or Development* by emailing theaharvey@epsusa.org.

Conflict or Development can be a valuable teaching tool in economics, political science, and international relations courses. If you are interested in teaching this book, please contact Thea Harvey (theaharvey@epsusa.org) for a copy to review.



The Full Cost of Ballistic Missile Defense. The study estimates that the total life cycle cost for a layered missile defense system could reach \$1.2 trillion through 2035. You can download the PDF file from <http://www.epsusa.org/publications/papers/bmd/bmd.pdf>, or order a copy of the report from the cosponsor of the study at <http://www.armscontrolcenter.org/nmd/fullcost.html>.



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 Thea Harvey at theaharvey@epsusa.org.

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Action Corner



Two years after Hurricane Katrina, Habitat for Humanity and other NGOs are working to have bipartisan legislation introduced establishing a **national commission on children and disasters**. This legislation would help families who lose their homes in the wake of a disaster. With hurricane season at its height, this is an ideal time to broach this subject with your representatives.

To sign a petition and get more information, please visit <http://secure.habitat.org/siteapps/advocacy/ActionItem.aspx?c=fpIQK4OyFkG&b=3011555&aid=9012>



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, 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

- August 17 - 18, 2007. **Australasian Conference on Security, Peace Economics, and Peace Science** at the University of Western Sydney, Campbelltown Campus, Australia, in cooperation with the International Center for Conflict Prevention and Management University of Western Sydney and State University of New York at Binghamton. For more information contact Manas Chatterji, School 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>

- October 4 - 6, 2007. **International Conference on Applied Business and Economics (ICABE)** will be held from at the University of Piraeus, Piraeus (Athens) Greece. http://www.icabe.gr/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

The **call for papers** is at http://www.icabe.gr/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=16&Itemid=34 The deadline for paper submissions is September 14.

- October 12 - 14, 2007. A conference celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the The Peace Economy Project, formerly the St. Louis Economic Conversion Project, ***Defining Security: Military Policy for a Post Iraq World. Why Peace Won't Break Out if We Keep Spending Half a Trillion Dollars a Year on War***, will take place in St. Louis, MO. Contact Andy Heaslet, at pep@peaceeconomyproject.org or (314) 726-6406 for more information on registration.

- October 26, 2007. A conference on ***Corporate Responsibility in Conflict-Affected Countries*** organized by the Flemish/Dutch affiliate of EPS in Antwerp, Belgium. Watch this space for more information.

- November 1 - 3, 2007. The European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy presents the **EAEPE 2007 Conference: Economic growth, development, and institutions - lessons for policy and the need for an evolutionary framework of analysis** in Porto, Portugal. Registration and program info is available at <http://eaepe.org/eaepe.php?q=node/view/250>

- November 2 - 4, 2007. The **Peace Science Society (International) will hold its 41st North American Meeting** in Columbia, South Carolina. The Department of Political Science at University of South Carolina will serve as host. Zaryab Iqbal will serve as local coordinator. Call for papers is at http://pss.la.psu.edu/2007-conference_files/2007-conference.htm The deadline for submissions is June 15, 2007

- January 4 - 6, 2008. The **Annual Meetings of the Allied Social Sciences Associations** in New Orleans, Louisiana. See http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/Annual_Meeting/index.htm to register for the conference. EPS will honor Paul Krugman at our annual dinner, and present three session: Disaster Economics, The Future of the Defense Budget, and The Plight of the Soldier.

- March 26 - 29, 2008. The **Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (ISA)** will take place in San Francisco. A panel on Feminist Security Studies is planned. <http://www.isanet.org/sanfran2008/>

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