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In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.
~Martin Luther King, Jr.

EPS News

A new study presented by Harvard professor and former Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Linda J. Bilmes, at a session organized by EPS at the ASSA meetings follows up on her paper presented with Joseph Stiglitz at last year's meetings in Boston. The study concludes that the VA is overwhelmed by the volume and seriousness of veterans' health care needs and that the costs of providing disability benefits and medical care to these veterans could reach up to \$700 billion over their lifetimes.

For every fatality in Iraq, there are 16 injuries, an unprecedented casualty level. In the Vietnam and Korean wars, by contrast, there were fewer than three people wounded for each fatality. In World Wars I and II, there were less than two. That means we now have more than 50,000 wounded Iraq war soldiers. In one sense, this reflects positive change: better medical care and stronger body armor are enabling many more soldiers to survive injuries that might have led, in earlier generations, to death. But like so much else about this war, the Bush administration failed to foresee what it would mean, failed to plan for the growing tide of veterans who would be in urgent need of medical and disability care. The result is that as the Iraq war approaches its fourth anniversary, the Department of Veterans Affairs is buckling under a growing volume of disability claims and rising demand for medical attention.

The Veterans Benefits Administration now has a backlog of over 400,000 pending claims. Veterans must wait from six months to two years to begin receiving the money that is due to them while the agency plods through paperwork. One of the first challenges facing the new Democratic-controlled Congress will be another "supplemental" budget request for \$100 billion-plus to keep the war going, and a plan to

send in even more troops. The last Congress approved a dozen such requests with barely a peep, afraid of "not supporting our troops." If the new Congress really wants to support our troops, it should start by spending a few more pennies on the ones who have already fought and come home.

The full paper, *Soldiers Returning from Iraq and Afghanistan: The Long-term Costs of Providing Veterans Medical Care and Disability Benefits*, is available at http://ksghome.harvard.edu/~lbilmes/paper/Bilmes_vacostwar_010707.pdf

The Battle of Iraq's Wounded, an op-ed by Linda Bilmes, based on the study, appeared in the Los Angeles Times on January 5. <http://ksghome.harvard.edu/~lbilmes/paper/bilmes010507.pdf>

EPS at the ASSA (Allied Social Sciences Associations meetings)

We hosted two sessions at this year's meetings in Chicago:

- Friday, January 5. **Out How: The Economics of Ending Wars**, a roundtable discussion chaired by James Galbraith, was attended by about 60 people. Presenters were:
 - Thomas Schelling, University of Maryland
 - Clark Abt, Abt Associates, *Out How: The Political Economy of Ending Wars, in Iraq and Others* <http://www.epsusa.org/events/aea2007papers/abt.htm>
 - Linda Bilmes, Harvard University, *SOLDIERS RETURNING FROM IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN: The Long-term Costs of Providing Veterans Medical Care and Disability Benefits* <http://www.epsusa.org/events/aea2007papers/bilmes.htm>
 - Col. Douglas MacGregor, Center for Defense Information, Straus Military Reform Project, *Talking Points* http://www.epsusa.org/events/aea2007papers/macgregor_talking_points.htm
 - Michael Intriligator, University of California at Los Angeles, Milken Institute, *Ten Points* <http://www.epsusa.org/events/aea2007papers/intriligator.htm>
- Saturday, January 6 at 2:30pm in the Skyway room. **Women and War**, a joint session with IAFFE, chaired by Lourdes Beneria, Cornell University, was attended by about 30. Presenters were:
 - Jennifer Olmsted, Drew University, *Gender and Military Occupation in Iraq and Palestine*
 - Derya Demiler, Istanbul Bilgi University, *Gender Dimensions of Internal Displacement in Turkey* <http://www.epsusa.org/events/aea2007papers/demirler.htm>
 - Marguerite Waller, University of California - Riverside, *Is Post-conflict Forced Prostitution a War Crime?* <http://www.epsusa.org/events/aea2007papers/waller.htm>

Discussant: Elizabetta Addis, Universita degli Studi di Sassari

Our **Annual Dinner honored William Baumol**. The Host Committee was chaired by Alan Blinder, Princeton University, and included: Elizabeth Bailey, University of Pennsylvania; Peter Dougherty, Princeton University Press; Ralph Gomory, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation; Boyan Jovanovic, New York University; Alvin Klevorick, Yale University; Burton Malkiel, Princeton University; Janusz Ordover, New York University; Richard Quandt, Princeton University; Andrew Schotter, New York University; Carl Schramm, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation; Eytan Sheshinski, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Princeton University; Robert Strom, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation; Robert Willig, Princeton University; Edward Wolff, New York University; and Michael Worls, Thomson South-Western Publishers.

The speakers were Ralph Gomory, Andrew Schotter, Robert Litan, and Alan Blinder, followed by Dr. Baumol himself. A video was made of the event and we hope to have it posted on our website soon.

The dinner was generously supported by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and Thomson South-Western.

EPS will host a session and booth in the exhibit hall at the **Eastern Economic Association (EEA)** meetings in New York City, February 23 - 25, 2007.

The session, entitled *Economics of War and Peace*, will be chaired by EPS Executive Director, Thea Harvey. The presenters are:

- David Gold, The New School, *A Cost Benefit Analysis of the War on Terror*
- Richard Kaufman, Bethesda Research Center, *The Peace Dividend Revisited - Again*
- Alanna Hartzok, Earth Rights Institute, *The Law of Rent and the Economics of War and Peace*

There will be no discussants; the floor will be opened for questions and discussion.

More information on the conference can be found at: <http://www.iona.edu/eea/conf2007/NYHome.html>

The Economics of Peace and Security Journal (EPSJ) was launched in January 2006 by Economists for Peace and Security (UK). This publication raises and debates all issues related to the political economy of personal, communal, national, international, and global peace and security. The journal is aimed at specialist and non-specialist readers, including policy analysts, decision makers, members of the armed forces, non-governmental organizations, campaigning groups and others. Contributions are scholarly-based, but written in a general-interest style.

The first two editions of the journal are available free at the Journal's website, <http://www.epsjournal.org.uk>. The third edition (Vol. 2, No. 1) will be published in January 2007. This issue will include a symposium on the subject of *The Organization of Violence in the Modern World*, including conscription vs. volunteer armed forces, the privatization of violence, and terrorist financing. Other topics include the economics of terrorism, Russian military expenditure, war and economic growth, and Defense Economics: achievements and challenges. Authors include Herbert Wulf, Keith Hartley, Vasily Zatselim and Jurgen Brauer.

To produce, disseminate and expand a successful high-quality journal, and to better promote research and understanding of the economics of peace and security worldwide through EPS-UK, we will charge a **small subscription fee, starting with the forthcoming issue**. Subscriptions are for one year (at least two issues, although we are already exploring the possibility of going to 3 or 4 issues a year), at a cost of £22 standard rate, £16 for members of one of the worldwide EPS branches, £11 for unwaged and those from developing countries, and £55 for organizational subscriptions. Payment is also accepted in \$US and Euros.

Online subscriptions can be made at <http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/subscriptions.php>. In comparison to other journals, this is a reasonable price for a year's worth of articles by some of the top researchers and practitioners in the fields of defense and peace economics, peace and conflict studies, and other related disciplines. (Book reviews will continue to be freely available at the EPS website. If you have already subscribed for 2006, your subscription will remain valid for 2007.)

We hope that you will subscribe to EPSJ, and thus to continue to have access to a valuable source of information and analysis for all researchers, campaigners, and practitioners in conflict-related issues. If you would like any further information regarding EPSJ, or are interested in submitting an article or book review, please do not hesitate to contact the editors at editors@epsjournal.org.uk.

Call for papers: The 11th Annual Conference on Economics & Security will take place July 12 - 14, 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



Play Peace Games. The Nobel Peace Prize website offers several games to test your knowledge of issues relating to peace and disarmament. You can play:

Red Cross Geneva Conventions game. See if you can run a prisoner of war camp without violating anyone's rights under the Geneva Conventions.

http://nobelprize.org/educational_games/peace/redcross/index.html

The Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons game. Take on the mission to disarm the world of nuclear weapons! You have eight "Peace Doves" to help you, each able to disarm one of the eight countries possessing nuclear weapons.

http://nobelprize.org/educational_games/peace/nuclear_weapons/index.html

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In Other News

- The International Relations Center (IRC) has introduced the **Global Good Neighbor Initiative**. "Seldom, if ever, has US foreign policy been as confusing or as divisive as it is today," states an article introducing the Initiative. "The occupation of Iraq, the deepening trade deficit, saber-rattling abroad, and disdain for international cooperation have left the American public uncertain about what exactly the US government is doing overseas, and why. Fortunately, US foreign policy has another legacy - one that makes us proud and can serve as a model and inspiration for ourselves and others. It is the Good Neighbor policy that President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed in the 1930s as a fresh perspective on international relations and US foreign affairs. The Good Neighbor policy of the Roosevelt presidency (1933-45) marked a dramatic shift in US foreign relations, characterized by a public repudiation of three decades of imperialism, cultural and racial stereotyping, and military intervention." <http://ggn.irc-online.org/neighbor/142>

This amusing little videoe gives a graphic depiction of what global good neighbors might look like. http://ggn.irc-online.org/flash/GGN_ALL_MX.htm

- New Yorkers, you should be proud! On December 5, the NY Department of Environmental Conservation issued the first draft rule for the **Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)**, setting high standards for the rest of the region. The proposal is the first step toward implementing RGGI to address the challenge of climate change in New York and the Northeast. The RGGI is a cooperative effort by northeastern states to reduce global warming pollution. This landmark program will create the nation's first multi-state emissions cap and trade program for carbon dioxide. The RGGI plan provides a flexible and cost-effective means for power companies to achieve their emissions reduction target while simultaneously offering incentives for energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies.

More information is available at <http://www.rggi.org/>

- With the budget request for Fiscal Year 2008 scheduled for release Monday, February 5, we bring you this month **The 2006 Federal Budget Year in Review** from the National Priorities Project. The budget process this year began with a whimper and ended with even less than that, as Congress failed to pass almost every single budget bill and deferred this year's business to next year's Congress. The 2006 Federal Budget Year in Review offers a two-page analysis and supporting graphics on how the year unfolded. <http://nationalpriorities.org/yearinreview06>

- The December issue of id21 focuses on the plight of refugees and rebuilding economies and societies after conflicts. Included are articles on:
Reducing Mozambique's reliance on donor aid. Civil war in Mozambique forced more than a quarter of the country's population abroad as refugees. When the war ended in 1992, Mozambique's economy and society were destroyed and the country became largely dependent on external aid. What will help the Mozambique government reduce its aid dependence? <http://www.id21.org/society/s9aah2g1.html>

Supporting livelihoods through agricultural rehabilitation. Food security interventions in countries emerging from conflict should move beyond conventional seeds and tools approaches; they must address vulnerability and support the agricultural component of rural livelihoods. <http://www.id21.org/society/n1cl1g1.html>

- **The Real Cost of the Iraq War: 50,000 US Casualties** "*Casualties* in the military sense is the total number made unavailable for duty from all causes, including deaths and wounds suffered in combat as well as injuries, accidents and illness...[B]y focusing only on the number of dead Americans we are being manipulated along with the media and public by the administration's determination to minimize the cost in blood of establishing permanent military bases in the heart of the Middle East oil patch." <http://www.alternet.org/waroniraq/46161/>

See [above](#) for EPS's participation in getting the word out about this underreported story.

- **Children and women are most affected by fighting in Somalia.** Scores of women and children have been separated from their families or wounded in fighting between Somali government forces and remnants of the Union of Islamic Courts (UIC), sources for the UN Integrated Regional Information Network said. A source in southern Somalia, close to the area where air strikes have hit suspected UIC bases, told IRIN last week that some civilians, including women and children, "have been killed and others wounded."

Full story at: <http://www.irinnews.org/report.asp?ReportID=57042>

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

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Food for Thought

- **More troops for Iraq? Time to just say "No."** What is the problem that has bedeviled the US effort in Iraq for nearly four years? asks Carl Conetta of the Project on Defense Alternatives.

"Few outside the administration would contest that the mission's 'measurables' are miserable. The progress in Iraq reconstruction has been glacial and the security situation has steadily deteriorated, despite a great expenditure of time, money, and lives. But why? Critics have variously targeted the administration's strategy, planning, priorities, and level of effort -- which suggests that there might be a better way. And, indeed, the administration now claims to have discovered one.

"In fact, there is no way forward that does not lead out. This, because the mission itself is founded on strategic error. The error resides not simply in the administration's 'strategy for victory' in Iraq but, more broadly, in its national security strategy. It is evident as well in the President's rejection of what is best in the Iraq Study Group report: the proposal to diplomatically engage Syria and Iran regarding the Iraq prospect. Indeed, the President's proposal to pump-up Operation Iraqi Freedom with more money and troops is a direct counter-point to the diplomatic path."

<http://www.comw.org/pda/0701bm39.html>

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Funding and Employment Opportunities

- Americans for Informed Democracy is searching for a new **president** who is bright, hard-working, and entrepreneurial. The president of AID is the chief executive officer and will direct all aspects of the organization's work. The president must be someone who thrives in a dynamic and fast-paced work environment and who has a strong background in student activism and international affairs. The president also should have a deep interest in foreign cultures, as demonstrated through living, working, or studying abroad.

The president will take over one of the most dynamic and fastest growing youth networks in the world. AID was founded in 2002 by a group of American students who sought a new vehicle to bring the world home to the US, and it has since grown to include a vast youth audience, prominent NGO partners, and strong foundation support. Today, the organization has four full-time staff, an annual budget of \$275,000, and more than 15,000 members on over 1,000 university campuses.

More info at <http://www.aidemocracy.org/president.cfm>

■ 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. In order to commemorate the 150th anniversary of his birth, the Association For Evolutionary Economics (AFEE) and EAEPE will co-sponsor 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 on Portugal.

Deadline for submission 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

■ *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 Danes, 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>

■ The **Economics of Peace and Security Journal** (www.epsjournal.org.uk). This new online journal hosted by EPS-UK raises and debates all issues related to the political economy of personal, communal, national, international, and global peace and security. The scope includes implications and ramifications of conventional and non-conventional conflict for all human and non-human life and for our common habitat. Special attention is paid to constructive proposals for conflict resolution and peacemaking. While open to non-economic approaches, most contributions emphasize economic analysis of causes, consequences, and possible solutions to mitigate and resolve conflict.

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

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

The first issue is based on the ECAAR Review 2003, "*Conflict or Development*" (<http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/Vol1/No1/issue.php>). 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.

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

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

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

- **The ECAAR Review 2003: Conflict or Development?** This edition has a regional focus on Africa, the site of most of the world's current armed conflicts. In its pages some of the leading economists of the day analyze and reflect on the relationships among military spending, domestic and foreign policy, security, and human welfare. Features include country studies, sections on business and conflict, and "Trends in World Military Expenditure." Written in 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 the Review, please email Thea Harvey (theaharvey@epsusa.org).

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

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

- **Data Resource webpage** offers links to data sources for:

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

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

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Action Corner

- The Nuclear Information and Resource Service is working to build new coalitions of renewable energy groups and trade associations, safe energy and environmental groups, businesses and others to redirect our nation's energy priorities away from nuclear power and fossil fuels and towards the renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies that can cleanly and sustainably power our future and at the same time address the global climate crisis. Their website offers action opportunities such as the **sustainable energy petition** <http://www.nirs.org/petition/index.php?r=sb>; resources including fact sheets, international news, audio, video, great quotes and a photo gallery.

Check out this groovy flash video explaining how all those pro-nuclear power arguments from the 70s are now back "in." <http://www.nirs.org/nukeretro/index.htm>

- For years, ExxonMobil has been undermining science and casting doubt on the facts about global warming - just as the tobacco industry misled the public about the dangers of smoking.

On January 3, the Union of Concerned Scientists released a new report documenting ExxonMobil's use of Big Tobacco tactics to delay meaningful action on global warming. It's time to call on the new Congress to reject ExxonMobil's disinformation campaign. Tell your senators and representative to **eliminate billions of dollars in tax breaks for major oil companies and support bills that ensure reductions in global warming pollution.**

View Smoke, Mirrors, and Hot Air: How ExxonMobil uses Big Tobacco Tactics to Manufacture Uncertainty on Climate Science

(pdf).http://www.ucsusa.org/assets/documents/global_warming/exxon_report.pdf

To write to your Congressional representatives and let them know how you feel about this issue, go to http://ucsaction.org/campaign/1_3_07_Exxon_report/iuku6gnrht33wx8?

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

- Anyone who would be willing to put an EPS flyer up on a departmental bulletin board or similar venue, please contact Thea Harvey at theaharvey@epsusa.org.

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Upcoming Events

- January 18, 2007. The Straus Military Reform Project is sponsoring a briefing on the Marine Corps' flawed and problematic V-22, which is to be deployed to Iraq this year. Mr. Lee Gaillard is the author of over 100 articles on defense and aviation issues. Using the operational test report of the Pentagon's Director of Operational Test and Evaluation as a point of departure, Gaillard has written a data-crammed analysis of why the Marine Corps' new MV-22 is poised to reveal its fundamental flaws when it deploys to Iraq this year and will very likely cost American lives. Gaillard will summarize his *V-22 Osprey: Wonder Weapon or Widow Maker?* in a 20-minute on-the-record briefing. The event takes place at the The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1779 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington DC at 2:00pm. Copies of the book will be provided. Please RSVP to Winslow Wheeler at winslowwheeler@comcast.net
- January 20 - 25, 2007. **World Social Forum** in Nairobi, Kenya. The Control Arms campaign will be running a stall, collecting Million Faces and organizing a side event; be sure to stop by their booth. For more information about the conference, visit <http://wsf2007.org/>. For more about Control Arms, see <http://www.controlarms.org/>
- January 25, 2007. The Straus Military Reform Project is sponsoring a briefing with Retired Army Maj. Donald E. Vandergriff on his newest work, *Raising the Bar: Creating and Nurturing Adaptability to Deal with the Changing Face of War*. He will address the fundamental reasons why America's military leadership has failed to adapt quickly and effectively to unfolding events in Iraq and Afghanistan, and he describes what actions are needed to produce an officer corps that can cope effectively with the form of warfare we face today. The event takes place at the The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1779 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington DC at 2:00pm. Copies of the book will be provided. Please RSVP to Winslow Wheeler at winslowwheeler@comcast.net
- February 2, 2007. The **study group on the Economics of Security: Five Years after 9/11**, 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, present Jack Snyder, Columbia University, speaking on *Democratization and Civil War*.

This session will be held at The New School, 66 West 12th Street, Room 510, New York, NY. Coffee and light snacks will be served at 1:30pm; discussion will begin promptly at 2:00pm and will end no later than 4:00pm. Please RSVP to Sean Costigan at costigan@sipo.gess.ethz.ch

- February 3 - 5, 2007. The Peace Alliance will hold its national **Department of Peace Conference** in Washington DC. <http://www.thepeacealliance.org/>
- February 23 - 25, 2007. **Eastern Economics Association meetings**. New York, NY. <http://www.iona.edu/eea/> Please see [above](#) for EPS activities at the meetings.
- February 24, 2007. **The Henry George School of Social Science will celebrate its 75th Anniversary** with a free buffet dinner during the Eastern Economics Association (EEA) meetings in New York, NY. EPS members are invited to attend. Contact Alanna Hartzok at earthrts@pa.net or (717) 264-0957 to register. More information about the school can be found at <http://www.henrygeorgeschool.org/index.html>
- March 7 - 10, 2007. Hiroshima University Partnership for Peacebuilding and Social Capacity (HiPeC) will host a conference on **Indigenous Initiatives for Peacebuilding: Importance of Local Viewpoints and Expected Roles of Development Assistance** in Hiroshima, Japan. The conference will pay for the attendance of presenters of accepted papers. **Call for papers** is available at <http://home.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/hipec/conference/index.html>
- March 15 - 18, 2007. **63rd International Atlantic Economic Conference** in Madrid, Spain. http://www.iaes.org/conferences/future/madrid_63/index.htm
- March 22, 2007. International Congress on **Nuclearisation in Europe and the Middle East - From Threat to Preventive Action**. IPPNW Switzerland cordially invite you to attend a symposium on beautiful Monte Verità, above Ascona in the Southern Swiss Canton of Ticino. The general topic will be the "Growing Nuclearization of the World." Specifically to be discussed is whether the time has come to promote Nuclear Weapon Free Zones in Europe and the Middle East. Read more at <http://www.ippnw.ch/#announcement>
- March 22 - 23, 2007. EAEPE (the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy) hosts a symposium on **Privatization and Regulation of Core Transactions in Critical Infrastructures**. The symposium will be held in Delft, Netherlands. For more information please follow the link: <http://eaepe.org/eaepe.php?q=node/view/236>
- 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>
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