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If our country is worth
dying for in time of
war let us resolve that
it is truly worth living
for in time of peace.

~Hamilton Fish

EPS News

- EPS mourns the **passing of Academician Dmitry Semyonovich Lvov**, who died July 6. Academician Lvov was co-chair of ECAAR-Russia since 1998. He understood very well the need for an economics founded in human values as well as in practical reality, and the dangers of one not so founded. In him, EPS has lost an esteemed colleague and a friend, and we join in sending our sympathies to his family and to all of our colleagues in Russia.

A statement from his assistant at the Russian Academy said, "This is an enormous loss for our science and our country. It is difficult to overstate the importance of Dmitry Semyonovich's efforts over many years in the theory and practice of economic policy. His research, monographs, articles, and recommendations always contained not only a precise evaluation of economic reality, but they were also permeated by love of the country and knowledge of how to find a way out for millions of our impoverished fellow citizens, how to root out the deep social inequality that exists, and how to build a new economy - a knowledge-based economy."
- Congratulations to Wolfram Elsner and the many members of EPS who contributed to the recently released "**Arms, War and Terrorism in the Global Economy Today: Economic Analyses and Civilian Alternatives.**" The volume, published by Bremer Schriften zur Konversion, presents papers of two joint seminars of EPS and the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) that took place in Rethymon, Crete, Greece, complemented by papers from the Second International Conference on Defense, Security, and Economic Development in Larissa, Greece in 2004.

Contributing authors include Michael Intriligator, Fannie Coulomb, Jacques Fontanel, Jurgen Brauer, Gulay Gunluk-Senesen, J. Paul Dunne, Luc Mampaey, Claude Serfati, Christos Kollias, Clark Abt, and Lucy Law Webster, as well as several others.

The book is available from the publishers, LIT Verlag, for €24.90 at <http://www.lit-verlag.de/isbn/3-8258-0045-1>.

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/>

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Links

Renaud Bellais, EPS member, is chairman of the **Defense Committee of the Concorde Foundation**, a think tank located in Paris. In 2006-2007, Alexis Breton and Dr. Bellais organized a series of interviews with defense experts and politicians on how French defense policy could be "redesigned" to fit current needs and constraints, especially looking for ways for reducing the defense burden.

This project resulted in a policy paper entitled *Politique industrielle de défense: quelles pistes pour une refondation* (The Industrial Policy of Defense in France: Ideas for reform.) The paper is available in French at <http://www.fondationconcorde.com/groupe-defense.php>. An English translation will be available shortly.

The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs is pleased to announce the release of its latest annual flagship publication, **World Economic and Social Survey 2007: Development in an Aging World**.

The complete publication is available at <http://www.un.org/esa/policy/wess>

Copies of the publication can also be ordered through the sales division at

<https://unp.un.org/details.aspx?entry=E07WEP&title=World%2BEconomic%2BSituation%2Band%2BProspects%2B2007>

The **School for a Culture of Peace at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona** is pleased to announce the publication of the **Alert 2007! report** (<http://www.escolapau.org/english/alerta/alerta.php>). The School's Alert Unit provides a yearly overview of international conflicts, human rights and peacebuilding. Indicators have been used to describe the following nine large groups: armed conflicts, situations of tension and high-risk disputes, peace processes, post-war rehabilitation, humanitarian crises, disarmament, human rights/International Humanitarian Law, gender issues, and peacebuilding. The report is meant to help people become more acquainted with the advances, setbacks and various situations that affect humanity on the whole.

The Spanish edition of Alert 2007! is available at their website in pdf format, and is also available through Icaria Editorial web page (<http://www.icariaeditorial.com/>). The Catalan and English edition of Alert 2007! will be available on the Internet shortly. You are invited to visit their web page www.escolapau.org (<http://www.escolapau.org/>) where further information on the activities and publications of the School of Peace Culture can be found. Also available are free subscriptions: to *Semáforo*, a fortnightly newsletter with international news on the issues included in the above

publication; to the Monthly Newsletter, which provides the follow-up of the world situation; and the Barometer, report a quarterly update of the information appeared in the Alert report.

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In Other News

- Following up on last month's items on the [Global Peace Index](#) and Frida Berrigan's piece about the US's #1 ranking in the arms trade world, we bring you two more indices. According to the **UN's Human Development Index** (<http://hdr.undp.org/hdr2006/statistics/documents/hdi2004.pdf>), which combines such measures as life expectancy, literacy, and per capita GDP, the United States ranks number 8 in the world, behind Ireland and Australia.

And the Environmental Performance Index (http://www.yale.edu/epi/2006EPI_Rankings.pdf), put together by Yale University, looks at such measures as air quality, water resources, and energy sustainability. The US comes in at number 28, again outranked by pesky Ireland and Australia - as well as Slovakia and Malaysia.
- The Ministry of the Treasury of the UK is planning to disband the government's controversial arms sales department. **The Defense Export Services Organization (Deso)**, set up in 1966 when the arms industry was largely state-owned and was mainly concerned with selling off surplus equipment, spends £15m a year directly helping British arms firms to sell equipment abroad. It also lobbies within Whitehall for export licenses for sales to sometimes-controversial regimes.

The former Treasury cabinet minister Stephen Timms launched proposals earlier this year to close down the secretive unit on the grounds that it subsidizes profitable weapons giants such as BAE, Britain's biggest arms firm. According to Westminster sources, the Treasury's industrial productivity section argued that the taxpayer should not continue to subsidize an "anachronistic" department that had gained too much influence within Whitehall.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/armstrade/story/0,,2121881,00.html>
- In an open letter published in the Telegraph and other newspapers, **57 Iranian economists criticize Mahmoud Ahmadinejad**, the Iranian president, for ignoring his country's economic problems while alienating the international community. The economists said that Mr. Ahmadinejad's policies had sent inflation soaring to nearly 20 percent and increased poverty. The letter also said that his government's handling of foreign policy, including its controversial nuclear program and the president's infamous calls to see Israel "wiped off the map," had added to economic woes.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/06/13/wiran113.xml>
- The BBC World Service is **monitoring the effects of the troop surge** week by week by looking at military casualty figures, the pressure on hospitals, and quality of life for ordinary civilians. An extra 30,000 US troops have been deployed in Iraq, mainly in and around the capital Baghdad, since the launch of the security drive or "surge" in February. The level of violence has not decreased, with attacks shifting away from places where US forces are concentrated, such as Baghdad and Anbar, into other less defended provinces, says the BBC's Defense and Security correspondent Rob Watson.

This article includes graphics and analysis based on figures from the US and Iraqi authorities, Baghdad's hospitals, and three families from different neighborhoods in the capital. http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/6273378.stm

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Food For Thought

- The White House's "Initial Benchmark Assessment Report" was released to Congress on July 12. The report presents a series of assessments of Iraq's performance on 18 benchmarks that have been jointly imposed by Congress and the President.

According to Winslow Wheeler of the [Straus Military Reform Project](#) of the Center for Defense Information, the report is **Grading on a Curve for the Wrong Test**. "While the Iraqis are assessed in the White House's report to have achieved 'satisfactory progress' on only eight of 18 'benchmarks' (six are rated 'unsatisfactory;' two are given mixed ratings, and two are rated unable to be rated), it is painfully clear from reading the report that the 'satisfactory' assessments are graded on a sharp curve. On political issues, any change - even a decision to delay a decision - is deemed 'satisfactory.' On military questions, characteristics that would mean a military unit is unfit to fight in the American Army (such as the three brigades the Iraqis barely managed to cobble together to deploy to Baghdad) are deemed 'satisfactory' in this report."

<http://www.military.com/opinion/0,15202,142190,00.html?wh=wh>

Christopher Preble, director of foreign policy studies of the Cato Institute, made the following statement on the release of the Iraq progress report:

"The release of the report documenting the Iraqi government's progress toward the completion of 18 basic benchmarks admits what many observers have long known: the Iraqis have made little progress on the most important objectives. It is unreasonable to expect that substantial overall progress will be made in the next three months, and there is no need to wait any longer to refocus US policy. Despite the best efforts of US military personnel, Americans cannot want change in Iraq more than the Iraqis do. We cannot do for the Iraqis what they must do for themselves. Polls show that majorities of both Iraqis and Americans support setting a firm timeline for the withdrawal of US troops from Iraq, irrespective of the conditions on the ground. We must begin planning now for such a withdrawal.

"Given that the White House is committed to a stay the course policy, pleading for patience to allow the so-called surge to work just a little while longer, it is clear that any change in direction must be dictated by Congress. I commend the courage and persistence of those members of Congress, such as Nebraska Senator Chuck Hagel, who have always been willing to ask hard questions about our mission in Iraq. I welcome Sen. Hagel's leadership in setting forth the essential elements of a new way forward. This new path is consistent with both the wishes of the American people and the reality on the ground in Iraq, and should serve as a rallying point for a bipartisan solution to this vexing problem in the weeks ahead."

http://www.cato.org/homepage_item.php?id=598

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Funding and Employment Opportunities



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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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.

█ 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 the devastation brought on by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Gulf Coast is still hurting. Tens of thousands still live in temporary housing. Schools are closed. Businesses are struggling. Continued neglect threatens to leave people more deprived and more at risk.

The upcoming presidential election offers a chance to bring Gulf Coast recovery back into the spotlight. Oxfam America is collecting signatures on a petition to urge all presidential candidates to show their commitment to keeping America's promise to the Gulf Coast by issuing an agenda outlining how, if elected, each will ensure the recovery of the hurricane-devastated region.

To sign the petition, visit: <http://act.oxfamamerica.org/campaign/gulfcoastpetition>
- 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

Upcoming Events

- July 19, 2007. A dinner meeting of the Global Security Seminar, featuring a presentation by Dr. Woodrow W. Clark II, Milken Institute Senior Fellow and Lecturer, UCLA Anderson School of Management on "**Energy Security: A New Green Paradigm.**" The seminar location is the UCLA Faculty Center. Dinner will be served at a cost of \$25 without dessert, or \$30 with dessert. The deadline for reservation is 11:00am Pacific time, July 18. Please submit your reservation and your choice of dessert/no dessert by e-mail to bennettramberg@aol.com.
- August 8 - 9, 2007. **Symposium on Peace Science and Peace Studies** at School of International Studies, J. Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India. Registration Fee \$50 for participants from outside India and Rs 500 for Indian participants. Persons interested in participating should 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. For local arrangements (hotels, registration, etc), please contact Professor Sahadevan, e-mail: saha62@yahoo.co.in.
- August 10 - 12, 2007. **Workshop on Peace Science and Regional Science** at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development in Mumbai, India. 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.
- 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. **Registration deadline is June 30.** 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=34The deadline for paper submissions is September 14.
- 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 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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