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The full economic costs of the war to the American taxpayers and the overall US economy go well beyond even the immense federal budget costs already reported.

~ Report titled “War at Any Price? The Total Economic Costs of the War” released by the US Congress Joint Economic Committee, November 13, 2007.

EPS News



*Please join
Economists for Peace and Security
at a dinner honoring
Paul Krugman*

*Saturday, January 5, 2008
6:30pm - 10:00pm
at the Sheraton New Orleans*

Host Committee: Honorary Co-chairs, Paul A. Samuelson and Robert Solow; Chair, James K. Galbraith; Committee members are Dean Baker, Michael A. Bernstein, Jagdish Bhagwati, Donald Davis, Brad DeLong, Jorge Braga de Macedo, Avinash K. Dixit, Jeffrey Frankel, Gordon Hanson, Edward (Monty) Graham, Pentti J.K. Kouri, Robert Z. Lawrence, Richard Medley, Sylvia Nasar, Maurice Obstfeld, Anthony Venables, and David Warsh.

Reservations are required. Tickets are \$125. Please email Thea Harvey (theaharvey@epsusa.org) to RSVP.



The ASSA/AEA (Allied Social Science Associations/American Economics Association) meetings will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, January 4 - 6, 2008. EPS is organizing three sessions this year:

- Friday, January 4 at 10:15am - **The Plight of the Soldier**, in the Sheraton New Orleans, Napoleon C2 room. Chair: Thea Harvey, EPS Executive Director.
 - *The All-volunteer Force and the Long War: When and How should we Reinstitute 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; 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**, in the Hilton New Orleans Riverside (room TBA). Chair: James Galbraith, EPS Chair.
 - Paul Krugman, Princeton University
 - Joseph Stiglitz, Columbia University
 - Howard Kunreuther, University of Pennsylvania
 - Marcellus Andrews, Barnard College
- Saturday, January 5 at 2:30pm - **The Future of the Defense Budget**, in the Sheraton New Orleans, Napoleon C2 room. Chair: Michael Lind, New America Foundation.
 - *Five Years of War: Reassessing the Economic Cost of Conflict in Iraq*. Joseph Stiglitz, Columbia University; 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. 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 in the Sheraton New Orleans Rampart room.
- Saturday, January 5 at 6:30pm - **Annual Dinner**, in honor of Paul Krugman in the Sheraton New Orleans Rhythm Ballroom. See above for more information.
- Sunday, January 6 at 10:00am - **Annual Joint Fellows/Board Meeting** in the Sheraton New Orleans Evergreen room.

Call for Papers: The Twelfth Annual Conference on Economics and Security will take place June 11 - 13, 2008 in Ankara, Turkey.

Over the last few decades, economic analysis of security issues has been crucial for public policy makers, with billions of dollars being spent on security related products and services each year and crucial peace making and keeping actions also playing an important role in European policy making. With the integration and the enlargement of the European Union, questions regarding the common understanding of economics of security have to be critically reconsidered, both theoretically and empirically.

Offers of papers regarding these issues are invited for this conference sponsored by Economists for Peace and Security, Middle East Technical University, Turkish Scientific and Research Council (TÜBİTAK), and the University of the West of England. Deadline for submission of abstracts is March 17, 2008.

The complete call for papers is at <http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2008/Call2008.pdf>

Further details about the conference are at <http://www.stps.metu.edu.tr/conference08/>

EPS Fellow **Linda Bilmes testified before the House Budget Committee** on October 24 on the costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The committee specifically asked for Professor Bilmes to address economic and non-budgetary costs. Also present at the session was Peter Orszag, Director of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The CBO has significantly revised its estimates after reviewing the reports by Joseph Stiglitz and Professor Bilmes. The CBO now agrees that the total cost will reach over 2 trillion before this is all done. <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/1007/102407cdpm2.htm>.

To read the prepared text of Professor Bilmes's testimony, please go to www.epsusa.org/main/articles/bilmescongresstestimony.htm

Leveling the Battlefield. The November/December issue of Foreign Policy Magazine takes note of the recent publication of a paper first presented at the EPS-UK conference in Thessaloniki in July 2006 by James K. Galbraith and co-authors.

Foreign Policy writes, "What's the best way to assess a country's ability to wage war? Apparently, its wages may be a good clue. Countries with greater economic equality are far more likely to emerge victorious in conflicts than less egalitarian ones, according to a new article in the British journal *Defense and Peace Economics*. By examining the outcomes of two dozen conflicts in the second half of the 20th century, the authors found that the combatant nation with a more equitable distribution of wealth prevailed in 74 percent of wars. They then analyzed 80 additional wars stretching back to 1816. Using historical texts to determine the degree of social stratification, they found that the more socially equitable side won 80 percent of the time."

Subscribers to Foreign Policy may view the piece at http://www.foreignpolicy.com/users/login.php?story_id=4003&URL=http://www.foreignpolicy.com/story/cms.php?story_id=4003

To order *Defense and Peace Economics*, visit <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/10242694.asp>

Vol. 2, No. 2 - Symposia: Water, Trade, Insurgency of the Economics of Peace and Security Journal is now online.

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>

"Arms, War and Terrorism in the Global Economy Today: Economic Analyses and Civilian Alternatives" is a volume published by Bremer Schriften zur Konversion that 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 many other notable economists.

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Citizens for Global Solutions has a cool new web tool designed to let users know where presidential candidates stand on important global issues. **"08 or Bust!"** is a website that tracks and seeks to generate candidate comments on issues including the International Criminal Court, UN Peacekeeping, and torture, as well as commonly discussed foreign policy issues, such as Iraq and climate change. '08 or Bust! has some great features including:

- A "comparison matrix" that shows how candidates compare to each other on foreign policy issues, up to 3 candidates at a time on 13 different issues;
- A "wiki style" feature that allows registered viewers to add candidate quotes to the site - including links to YouTube videos;
- An easy way to send an e-card to campaigns asking them to respond to the CGS Presidential Candidate Questionnaire.

Check it out at <http://globalsolutions.org/08orbust/>

The National Priorities Project has updated its website to take into account the latest funding requests for the war, including those actually within the budget and "emergency" supplementals. Visit <http://nationalpriorities.org/> to see:

- [an analysis and breakdown of total fiscal year 2008 war spending](#);
- a breakdown by state, county and city of Iraq War costs under [proposed FY08 spending](#);
- a breakdown by state, county and city of Iraq War [costs thus far](#); and
- updated ["trade-offs"](#) by state and congressional district, showing what the money spent on the Iraq War could buy each area in local services such as health care for kids, university scholarships and affordable housing.

□ The United Nations has launched a new web site, **MDG Monitor**, that will show how and where the world is succeeding or failing in meeting the Millennium Development Goals on ending poverty. The creators of the web site said that better monitoring of progress should spur success. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said that the site would, for the first time, present all the information on the goals in one place, allowing closer monitoring and helping identify places in need of greater attention.

The site gathers statistics from around the world to give a snapshot of how each country is doing in meeting the eight goals, from cutting infant mortality to reducing hunger. <http://www.mdgmonitor.org>

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In Other News

□ The Joint Economic Committee of the US House and Senate released a report entitled, ***War at Any Price? The Total Economic Costs of the War***, warning that the total economic costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan could exceed \$3.5 trillion if the US stays its current course. <http://jec.senate.gov/Documents/Releases/11.13.07IraqReportRelease.pdf>

The Washington Post story covering the release of the study includes a chart showing that the pricetage for the war doubles when the indirect economic costs are factored in. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/11/12/AR2007111202008.html?hpid=moreheadlines>

□ Missile defense has gone hip? See **Rolling Stone Magazine's cover story, The Shield**, in the September 26, 2007 issue. Jack Hitt's article gives a layperson's overview of the ballistic missile defense system and its current operational status, describing the author's tour of one facility. The website includes an interactive video showing how the system is supposed to stop incoming enemy missiles.

The article begins, "The Shield Star Wars began as a Reagan-era fantasy. Under Bush, it is now the most expensive weapons system in the history of man. It has never been successfully tested. It will never be finished. And it's completely unnecessary." But you already knew that, because EPS said it almost five years ago (<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/papers/bmd/bmd.pdf>).

<http://www.rollingstone.com/news/coverstory/missiledefense#>

□ ***The Casualties of Iraq***. 3,834 US soldiers dead, 27,753 wounded, two million Iraqi refugees and two million internally displaced, unemployment rate of 68%, over 600,000 Iraqi casualties. Who is saying what? What is accurate? What do the statistics mean? In this Foreign Policy in Focus column, Conn Hallinan attempts to make sense of some of the numbers from Iraq.

<http://www.fpif.org/fpiftxt/4649>

□ The US in the World Initiative (USITW) <http://www.usintheworld.org> has just released its newest product, ***Making Sense of Security***. Six years after 9/11 and one year out from a presidential election, it's clear that Americans are unhappy with the direction US national security policy has taken. It's been less clear what it is Americans want instead, what they think "security" means, and how far they think it extends. In *Making Sense of Security*, USITW partnered with public opinion expert Meg Bostrom of Public Knowledge LLC to explore questions and provide both a first set of tentative answers and a line of further questions that should be helpful for analysts and campaigners alike. Please click here

http://www.peaceandsecurityinitiative.org/peace_and_security_initia/files/making_sense_of_security.pdf to access this resource.

■ **Corruption reduces business growth in Uganda**, according to a study recently released by id2. Corruption can clearly have a negative impact on economic growth at the country level. But what impact do corruption and bribery have on the growth of individual businesses? And is corruption more harmful to business growth than taxation?
<http://www.id21.org/society/s8brf1g1.html>

■ **Call for Papers:** Routledge announces a new journal that will begin publication in 2008. *African Security* will be dedicated to the exploration of fresh approaches to understanding Africa's conflicts and security concerns. Publishing two issues per year, this journal investigates competing analytical approaches to understanding security while engaging in discussions of real world security issues in Africa. In particular, the journal seeks to investigate the myriad issues relating to conflict and security within and between African nations, not only from the more traditional approaches to security studies but also from more novel and innovative perspectives. More information and a call for papers is at <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/cfp/uafscfp.pdf>

■ **Call for Papers:** The Social Science Research Center (WZB) will present a conference and special issue of Economics of Governance in Berlin on March 29, 2008. The topic will be *Causes and Consequences of Conflict*.

In recent years, theory and empirical research in Political Science and in Economics have made major progress in identifying and analyzing the causes and consequences of conflict. In view of this progress, Economics of Governance <http://www.springerlink.com/content/1435-8131/> invites contributions on Causes and Consequences of Conflict for a special issue on this topic.

The issue will be edited jointly by Johannes Münster (WZB and Free University of Berlin) and Stergios Skaperdas (UC Irvine). Contributions will be subject to a standard refereeing process.

In 2006, the journal published a special issue on related topics. This issue is available at <http://www.springerlink.com/content/p15783r04683/>

■ **Call for Papers:** The International Sociological Association invites submissions of papers for a conference to take place July 14 - 17, 2008 in Seoul, Korea. The conference topic is *Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution in a Globalized World*. All those who wish to participate in one or more sessions shall send the chairperson of the thematic session in question a paper proposal with a title and brief abstract (10-15 lines). Paper proposal(s) are to be presented as soon as possible, in any case, no later than December 31, 2007.

Submissions should be sent to the session organizers:

- **International Military Cooperation**, Joseph Soeters (famsometers@tele2.nl) and A. van Dijk (A.v.Dijk.10@NLDA.NL)
- **Military Families and Current International Deployments of Armed Forces: Different Strategies to Cope with Stressing Situations**, Christopher Dandeker (christophe.dandeker@kcl.ac.uk) and Marina Nuciari (nuciari@econ.unito.it)
- **Social, Professional and Political Aspects of Asymmetric Warfare**, Giuseppe Caforio, (gcaforio@fastwebnet.it)
- **Peacekeeping Experiences in Asia and Africa**, Ljubica Jelusic (ljubica.jelusic1@guest.arnes.si)
- **New Missions and New Structures - Challenges, Chances and Risks in the Constabularization of the Militaries**, Karl W. Haltiner (k.haltiner@gmx.ch)
- **Building and Sustaining Peace**, Bandana Purkayastha (bandanapurkayastha@yahoo.com)
- **Korean Military in Transition**, Mahn Geum Ohn (mgohn@kma.ac.kr)
- **The Military in Asian Context**, Doo-Seung Hong (dshong@snu.ac.kr)
- **War, Militarization, and Women: Constructing Feminist Critical Discourses**, Chin Sung Chung, (chungcs@snu.ac.kr)
- **The Military Profession in Transition**, Lindy Henicken (lindy@sun.ac.za)
- **Public Opinion and Security Issues (West and far East Compared)**, Sabine Collmer (collmers@marshallcenter.org)
- **Military Operations Other than War**, Rialize Ferreira [Ferrer@unisa.ac.za]
- **Conscription and All-volunteer Forces: Change in Manning Format and the Impact on Civil-Military Relations**, Tibor Szvircsev Tresch (tszv@zugernet.ch)

- **Gender and the Defense Sector Reform**, Helena Carreiras (Helena.Carreiras@EUI.eu)
- **Democratic Civilian Control of the Armed Forces in Asia**, Hänggi Heiner (h.haenggi@dcaf.ch) Geneva Center for Democratic Control Over the Armed Forces
- **On Military Organizing**, Joseph Soeters, Erik de Waard

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Funding and Employment Opportunities



The Davis Projects for Peace is an invitation to undergraduates at the American colleges and universities in the Davis United World College Scholars Program to design grassroots projects that they will implement during the summer of 2008. The projects judged to be the most promising and do-able will be funded at \$10,000 each. The objective is to encourage and support today's motivated youth to create and try out their own ideas for building peace.

The Davis Projects for Peace is made possible by Kathryn Wasserman Davis, an accomplished internationalist and philanthropist. Upon the occasion of her 100th birthday in February of 2007, Mrs. Davis, mother of Shelby M. C. Davis who funds the Davis UWC Scholars Program, chose to celebrate by committing \$1 million for one hundred Projects for Peace. "I want to use my 100th birthday to help young people launch some immediate initiatives - things that they can do during the summer of 2007 - that will bring new thinking to the prospects of peace in the world," says Mrs. Davis. Because of the many marvelous achievements made by students in the summer of 2007, Mrs. Davis is continuing the Davis Projects for Peace for the summer of 2008.

More information at <http://www.kwd100projectsforpeace.org/>



The James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies and The Nonproliferation Review are pleased to announce the **Doreen and Jim McElvany 2008 Nonproliferation Challenge Essay Contest**, featuring a \$10,000 grand prize and a \$1,000 prize for the most outstanding student essay (students are eligible to win the grand prize).

They are looking for the best new ideas on how to address contemporary nonproliferation challenges from nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, including those involving both state and non-state actors.

Entries should not exceed 10,000 words (including endnotes) and must be the original, unpublished work of the author(s) and not under consideration for publication elsewhere. The submission deadline is March 31, 2008.

Complete contest rules and instructions can be found at <http://cns.miis.edu/pubs/npr/contest/index.htm>



The School for International Studies at Simon Fraser University is seeking an established scholar to fill a chair endowed by the Simons Foundation of Vancouver. The successful candidate will have a strong record of teaching and research in one of the social science disciplines with a focus on international relations, international law and international criminal justice as the foundation for human security.

The Chair will be held in the School at the SFU Vancouver campus and will create new curriculum on international law and human security, conduct a vigorous program of research and foster broader public understanding through conferences and symposia.

Applications should include a letter of application with a statement of interest and research and teaching ability, curriculum vitae, and list of publications. Applicants should also provide the names, addresses and phone/fax/e-mail of six references.

All materials should be sent to:

Dr. John Harriss, Director
 School for International Studies
 Suite 2400
 Simon Fraser University
 515 West Hastings St.
 Vancouver, BC, Canada V6B 5K3
 Or e-mailed to: intst@sfu.ca

Applications will be reviewed beginning November 1, 2007, until the position is filled. *All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.*

- **The European Science Foundation** promotes high quality science at a European level. It acts as a catalyst for the development of science by bringing together leading scientists and funding agencies to debate, plan, and implement pan-European initiatives. Areas of interest include life, environmental, and earth sciences, social sciences, medical research, physical sciences, humanities, marine science, polar science, and space science. <http://www.esf.org/home.html>

- The Jerusalem 2050 Project at MIT is pleased to announce the launch of the Just Jerusalem Competition (<http://www.justjerusalem.org>). Co-sponsored by the Department of Urban Studies and Planning and the Center for International Studies at MIT, the Competition's goal 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 are at <http://www.justjerusalem.org/>. Deadline for entries is December 31, 2007.

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EPS Publications and Resources

- **Proceedings from the EPS conference, *War and Poverty, Peace and Prosperity*** are available in hard copy or [pdf](#). [Audio and transcripts](#) of each session are also posted on our website. To request a hard copy, please email Thea Harvey at theaharvey@epsusa.org.

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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 a 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.

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

- The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee is currently debating a climate change bill called **America's Climate Security Act** of 2007 (S. 2191). In early proposals for the bill, funding was included to help poor people deal with climate change impacts. But the Committee is debating whether this critical funding should be part of its legislation. You can help to convince the committee members that the legislation should include robust and effective funding assistance to the most vulnerable communities around the world.

The reality is that the world's poorest people are already among the hardest hit by the impacts of global warming, and climate change will increasingly pose one of the greatest challenges to global poverty reduction efforts in the 21st Century. The severe impacts of climate change include droughts, floods, and increased disease. As the largest emitter of pollutants in the world, the US has a responsibility not only to cut its own pollution, but also to help poor people survive the consequences of climate change.

To send an email to your senator asking him or her to support assistance for poor people affected by climate change, please go to http://act.oxfamamerica.org/campaign/cc_epw. It is especially important that constituents of Senators on the committee write. There are 18 members of the committee, including Hilary Clinton, so this appeal is particularly to New Yorkers. To find out if your Senator is on the committee visit: <http://epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Members.Home>

- 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://oldsite.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

- December 10 - 11, 2007. **Third Annual Households in Conflict Network Workshop** at the Institute of Development Studies, at the University of Sussex, Brighton, UK. This workshop will focus on the relationship between micro-level conflict processes and institutions. Professor Scott Gates, Director of the Center for the Study of Civil War at PRIO, Oslo, will deliver the keynote speech. More information is available at <http://www.hicn.org/events.html>.

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 sessions: Disaster Economics, The Future of the Defense Budget, and The Plight of the Soldier. See [above](#) for more details.

March 7 - 9, 2008. **Eastern Economic Association 34th Annual Conference**. EPS will have an exhibit table and host a session on "The Privatization of War and Conflict." For more information, please visit <http://www.iona.edu/eea>.

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/>.

June 11 - 13, 2008. The **Twelfth Annual Conference on Economics and Security** will take place in Ankara, Turkey, sponsored by Economists for Peace and Security, Middle East Technical University, Turkish Scientific and Research Council (TÜBİTAK), and the University of the West of England.

A call for papers is at <http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2008/Call2008.pdf>. Deadline for submission of abstracts is March 17, 2008. Further details about the conference are at <http://www.stps.metu.edu.tr/conference08/>

July 25 - 26, 2008. The second **Australasian Conference on Security, Peace Economics and Peace Science** will be held at Sydney, Australia. The meeting will be organized in cooperation with EPS-Australia, Peace Science Security (International), the University of Western Sydney, Macquarie University of Sydney and Binghamton University. Persons interested in attending the conference are requested to contact Professor Manas Chatterji at (607) 777-2475 or mchatter@binghamton.edu.

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