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The national security challenges we face are just as grave – and just as urgent – as our economic crisis. We are fighting two wars. Old conflicts remain unresolved, and newly assertive powers have put strains on the international system. The spread of nuclear weapons raises the peril that the world's deadliest technology could fall into dangerous hands. Our dependence on foreign oil empowers authoritarian governments and endangers our planet.

The common thread linking these challenges is the fundamental reality that in the 21st century, our destiny is shared with the world's. From our markets to our security, from our public health to our climate, we must act with the understanding that, now more than ever, we have a stake in what happens across the globe.

~Barack Obama

EPS News

There are still spaces available for EPS's 20th Anniversary

**Please join us for a dinner honoring our founding co-chairs,
Lawrence Klein and Kenneth Arrow**

Sunday, January 4, 2009 in the San Francisco Hilton

Your host committee is chaired by Michael Intriligator and includes Theodore Anderson, Marcel Arsenault, Jurgen Brauer, Dagobert (Bob) Brito, Manas Chatterji, Larry Chimerine, Robert Coen, Partha Dasgupta, Phoebus Dhrymes, Avinash Dixit, Jacques Fontanel, Vic Fuchs, Sergiu Hart, Bert Hickman, Mordecai Kurz, Lawrence Lau, Jeffrey Liebman, Bob Litan, Kanta Marwah, Paul Milgrom, Roger Myerson, Nathan Rosenberg, Andrei Roudoi, Herbert Scarf, Carl Schramm, Thomas Sheetz, Eytan Sheshinski, Allen Sinai, Bob Summers, E. Roy Weintraub, and Gavin Wright.

Thanks to support from the [One Earth Future Foundation](#), we are able to offer tickets at a substantial discount. Tickets are \$75; \$20 for students.

To register, please email Thea Harvey (theaharvey@epsusa.org).

EPS will host two sessions at the **Allied Social Sciences Associations (ASSA) meetings** January 3–5, 2009, in San Francisco.

Session One, Saturday, January 3 at 10:15am in the Hilton Union Square Rooms 15 and 16
Inequality: Economic, Fiscal and Financial, and Societal Dimensions

Presiding: Allen Sinai, Chief Global Economist, Decision Economics, Inc.

Presenters and papers:

- James K. Galbraith, Professor of Economics, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Policy, University of Texas - Austin
Title: Inequality, Unemployment, and Growth
- Robert J. Gordon, Professor of Economics, Northwestern University and NBER
Title: Rising Inequality at the Bottom and Top
- Benjamin M. Friedman, William Joseph Maier Professor of Political Economy, Harvard University
Title: Widening Inequality: Implications for the Economy and Society
- David A. Smith, Chief Economist, House Financial Services Committee, House of Representatives, US Congress
Title: Inequality and the Making of Monetary Policy

Discussants: Inequality, Fiscal and Financial Aspects, Policy Possibilities

- Allen Sinai, Decision Economics, Inc.
- Jeffrey Madrick, Challenge Magazine

Session Two, Sunday, January 4 at 2:30pm in the Hilton Union Square Rooms 15 and 16
Roundtable on **Global Security and the Global Financial System: The Challenges Ahead**

Presiding: Michael Intriligator, University of California at Los Angeles and Economists for Peace and Security

Presenters:

- Kenneth Arrow, Stanford University
- Lawrence Klein, University of Pennsylvania
- William Sharpe, Stanford University
- Michael Lind, New America Foundation
- Linda Bilmes, Harvard University

Please note: at the last ASSA meetings in New Orleans, conference rate hotel rooms sold out very early. The conference organizers have therefore asked that we forward this message: **favorable ASSA hotel rates are negotiated ONLY for those who register for the ASSA meetings.** Starting this year, you first must register for the meetings to qualify for the negotiated hotel rates. Once registered, you will receive an identification number that is required to gain access to hotel reservations. If you register online, you will get an email confirmation within minutes; it will contain the registration ID number. If you register by fax, you will get an email confirmation within 3 days. If you registered by mail, you should have received an email confirmation within 2 weeks. If you do not receive a confirmation within these time frames, contact ASSA staff at assa@vanderbilt.edu. **It is likely that the main conference hotel, the Hilton, is already sold out. Please register as soon as possible to book a hotel room near the conference.**

Registration and housing are available online at http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/Annual_Meeting/index.htm

PLEASE ALSO NOTE: the 2009 ASSA Meetings are to be held Saturday through Monday.

The **Annual joint meeting of the EPS Fellows and Board** will take place from **8:00am until 10:00am** Monday, January 5 in the Hilton Executive Board Room. This event is by invitation only. For more information, contact Thea Harvey (theaharvey@epsusa.org).

Union of Concerned Scientists Global Warming Program Reception. Friday, January 2, 2009 (during the AEA/ASSA conference) 6:00pm–8:00pm, Lombard Room, San Francisco Hilton.

EPS members are cordially invited to meet and greet UCS climate change program staff at this reception. The UCS climate change program actively seeks to work more closely with economists on this issue. Our first effort, the Scientists and Economists Call for Swift and Deep Cuts in Greenhouse Gas Emissions, will be available for review. EPS trustees George Akerlof, Eric Maskin, and Robert Solow have already signed the statement, along with Board members and Fellows. Food and wine will be served. Please stop by to learn more!

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Details on the competition can be found on www.roetprize.org or www.peaceprize.org

Call for Papers: The 13th Annual International Conference on Economics and Security will take place June 24–26, 2009 at CITY College in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Offers of papers are invited for a conference sponsored by EPS-UK; EPS-Greece; the Business Administration and Economics Department, CITY College, an affiliated institution of the University of Sheffield; the University of the West of England; and SEERC (South East European Research Centre). The conference will have plenary sessions with keynote speakers, plus specialist workshop streams.

Proposed topics include:

- Security in the Balkan region
- European security
- Economics of security
- Globalization and the restructuring of the MIC
- Militarism and development
- Security sector reform
- Economics of conflict and war
- Economics of post-conflict reconstruction
- Economics of arms procurement, trade and offsets
- Arms races and alliances
- Peace science
- Conversion and demilitarization
- Economics of terrorism

Offers of papers on other related topics are welcome. Please send a title and abstract as soon as possible and before March 15, 2009 to:

Dr. Eftychia Nikolaidou, Business Administration & Economics Department,
CITY College, Affiliated College of the University of Sheffield,
17 Mitropoleos St, 546 24, Thessaloniki, Greece.
Tel. (+30) 2310 253477, (+30) 2310 224026
Fax. (+30) 2310 253478
email: enikolaidou@city.academic.gr

The conference website is http://www.city.academic.gr/special/events/economics_and_security09/index.html

Vol. 4, No. 1 of the Economics of Peace and Security Journal is now available online. Non-subscribers can access the abstracts and contents pages. This issue contains symposia on defense innovation and the economics of conflict with contributions by:

- Renaud Bellais on defense innovation and venture capital
- Sylvain Daffix and Yves Jacquin on European defense R&D and national R&D systems
- Peter Hall and Andrew James on industry structure and innovation in the British defense sector
- Philip Verwimp introduces the symposium articles
- S. Mansoob Murshed on greed, grievance, and social contract

- M. Zulfan Tadjoeeddin and Anis Chowdhury on violence in Indonesia
- Ana María Ibáñez on forced displacement in Colombia
- Steven Spittaels and Filip Hilgert on conflict mapping in the Congo

And articles by:

- Christopher E.S. Warburton on war and exchange rate valuation
- Steve Chan on the democratic peace proposition
- Steve Townsend on Thomas Friedman's First Law of Petropolitics
- Ronen Bar-El, Kobi Kagan, and Asher Tishler on military planning

EPS members receive a **25% discount on the annual 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>

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The Virginia Tech Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention is a transdisciplinary undertaking intended to build on the cultural, academic, and security initiatives of the university's community that evolved after the tragedy of April 16, 2007. The Center's mission is to create and facilitate transdisciplinary research, education, and engagement opportunities that promote peace, prevent violence, and advance human security on a global scale. The Center has adopted three thematic areas that provide opportunities for partnerships within and outside the University: prevention of violence, the study of peace, and development of New Leaders for this Century. <http://www.cpsvp.vt.edu/>

January 26–30, 2009 the Center will offer an **intensive course on Economics and Peace** at the Marvin Center of George Washington University. The survey course in economics and conflict introduces conflict-management practitioners to the relationship between economic activity and violent conflict (at all stages: pre-, during, and post-), as well as the importance of economic actors and considerations in triggering, perpetuating, and resolving conflict. EPS member Willene Johnson is one of the instructors.

The course is supported by the US Institute of Peace. There is no tuition cost; participants are responsible for travel and accommodations. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of five years practitioner or policy-making experience. To request an application, please email education@usip.org



Connect US Fund promotes a network in support of responsible US global engagement through grantmaking, policy advocacy and community-building. They have pulled together advocates from many issue areas – nuclear weapons, climate change, development, and human rights, as well as regional issues from Iran to Iraq to Afghanistan – to develop a common statement of foreign policy priorities for the next president's first months in office. Their *Policy Proposals for the Next President* page includes links to blogs, events and other resources.

<http://www.connectusfund.org/issues/president>

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In Other News

☐ *The Economist* has named ***The Three Trillion Dollar War*** among the top books of 2008.
http://www.economist.com/books/displaystory.cfm?story_id=12719711

☐ The Project on Defense Alternatives (EPS's Security Policy Working Group colleagues) has recently released two reports: ***Forceful Engagement: Rethinking the Role of Military Power in US Global Policy*** and ***Re-Envisioning Defense: An Agenda for US Policy Debate and Transition***.

Despite initial successes in Afghanistan and Iraq, an over-reliance on military instruments has weakened America's armed forces, unsettled its alliances, spurred anti-Americanism, and prompted balancing behavior on the part of China and Russia. Global terrorist activity has increased, not decreased. And there is no real end in sight for US commitments in Iraq and Afghanistan. Instead, instability is spreading to other countries and so are US military operations. The cost-benefit balance sheet indicates that the United States is using its armed forces and military power beyond the limit of their utility. Thus, the nation finds itself paying more and more for less and less security.

To read the full reports, the executive summaries and see accompanying charts, visit:
<http://www.comw.org/pda/newparadigm2009.html>

☐ As the latest conference of the [Framework Convention on Climate Change](#) enters its final days, [IRIN](#) (a news and analysis service from the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme ([UNEP](#)), is pleased to announce the release of eight short videos on the human cost of climate change in Africa.

Across Africa, the impact of climate change is already being felt. From frequent floods in Mozambique, to chronic drought in Lesotho and the Sahel, the human cost of changing weather is one of the top humanitarian threats. But the picture is not all bad. Adaptation techniques, new and old, enable vulnerable communities not only to cope but to emerge stronger and more resilient.

These eight short films cover hot spots in Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritania, Mozambique and Senegal. View them at
<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=81856>

☐ **Call for papers:** the annual Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference will take place June 29 – July 1, 2009 at the Tinbergen Institute, Roeterstraat 31, 1018 WB Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

At the conference there will be continuing emphasis on research methods in peace science, but also papers dealing with all aspects of the peace science field, from pure abstract theory to practical applied research will be accepted. As a guide to topics, recall those in previous conferences:

- Arms Control and International Security
- Deterrence Theory
- Harmony and Conflict
- Cooperation, Alliances and Games
- Game and Related Theory
- Mathematical Approaches to Conflict Management
- Mathematical Models of Arms Races and Wars
- Empirical and Historical Studies on the Causes of War
- Crises and War Studies
- World Models
- Critical Economic Aspects of the Global Crises
- Long-Run Aspects of the Behavior of International Systems
- Peace Science Methodology and Theory
- Conflict Analysis and Management
- Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Studies
- Behavioral Studies
- Hierarchy Theory

The papers presented can be considered for publication in *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*, *The Journal of Conflict Resolution*, and *International Interactions*.

All abstracts (150-250 words) with tentative title submitted before February 1, 2009 will be considered for the conference. Proposals received after February 1, 2009 will only be considered if any presentation slots are still available. Those who are interested in participating should submit their proposal (abstract, tentative title, author name(s) and affiliation(s)) either in a word document or in a plain text e-mail to NEPSconference@gmail.com.

Call for papers: UNU-WIDER (United Nations University - World Institute for Development Economics Research) Project Workshop on *Entrepreneurship and Conflict*, March 20–21, 2009 at INCORE, University of Ulster, Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

Entrepreneurs are often adversely affected by violent conflict such as civil war. At the same time, entrepreneurs may contribute to or even benefit from violent conflict and other "destructive" and "unproductive" activities that limit economic development. Whatever the direction of causality, entrepreneurs can be found at the heart of all violent conflicts and at the center of post-war reconstruction and development. Surprisingly, the nature of the relationship between entrepreneurship and violent conflict is relatively neglected in academic research.

Therefore, the purpose of this workshop is to deliberate on the nature of entrepreneurship and conflict, exploring how entrepreneurship should be promoted for the establishment and maintenance of peace, security, and development. A special session will focus on the case of Northern Ireland.

WORKSHOP TOPICS

- How do institutions affect the allocation of entrepreneurship towards activities that may generate violent conflict and activities which may constrain economic growth and development?
- Do entrepreneurial activities sustain civil war and organized crime?
- How does violent conflict influence the decision to become an entrepreneur?
- Do small firms bear the brunt of violent conflict?
- Does war disproportionately affect women entrepreneurs?
- What is the nature of informal entrepreneurship in conflict?
- How do entrepreneurial rent-seeking, corruption, and crime affect economic growth?

Submissions of paper abstracts are invited. The deadline for abstracts is **January 5, 2009**. Abstracts, accompanied by a CV, should be submitted to entrepreneur3@wider.unu.edu. Preference will be given to original papers since those selected will be considered for inclusion in a publication.

More information at http://www.wider.unu.edu/events/project-meetings/2009-project-meetings/en_GB/20-03-2009/

Request for Submissions: Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy, a journal founded by Walter Isard and published by Bepress, is launching a new policy. In order to improve scientific communication within the field of Peace Science and Peace Economics, PEPS will publish "Letters" to provide accounts of new original research. Letters will not normally exceed 2,000 words in length, exclusive of equations, graphs, and figures. Letters can be either theoretical or applied, and will be subject to the peer-review process. In order to make a decision in a short time, reviewers will be asked to give only an "accept/reject" evaluation. Only minor revisions will be allowed.

For more information, please visit www.bepress.com/peps

Call for Papers: Elsevier is seeking manuscripts for its *Building Insights; Breaking Boundaries* initiative.

The Editors-in-chief of Elsevier Journals are currently accepting manuscripts in all fields of human endeavor. Authors are invited to submit manuscripts reporting recent developments in their fields. Papers submitted will be sorted out and published in any of the numerous journals that best fit.

Elsevier will also organize seminars at strategic cities all over the world to showcase the research work gathered by this special publication procedure.

The submitted papers must be written in English and describe original research not published nor currently under review by other journals. All submitted papers, if relevant to the theme and objectives of the journal, will go through an external peer-review process. Submissions should include an abstract, 5–10 key words, and the e-mail address of the corresponding author. The paper length should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages including figures and references on 8.5 by 11 inch paper using at least 11 point font. Authors should select a category designation for their manuscripts (article, short communication, review, etc.).

Papers should be submitted electronically via email in Microsoft Word or PDF attachments; and should include a cover sheet containing corresponding author's name, paper title, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax number, email address etc.

Would-be authors should send their manuscript to: elsevierpublishers@live.co.uk

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Funding and Employment Opportunities



The British American Security Information Council is seeking a **Program Director** for their **Washington DC Office**.

BASIC is looking for a highly motivated, experienced senior staff member to head up its operations in the Washington office to promote a nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament agenda. The British American Security Information Council (BASIC) is an independent non-profit transatlantic organization with offices in Washington and London. They engage with policy makers and opinion shapers in a constructive manner, and serve as a trusted source of information. Internationally, the next few years are crucial – in the stark and urgent choice facing nuclear weapon states between active disarmament and inevitable proliferation. BASIC seeks an individual who will play a leadership role in Washington to promote their agenda. The Program Director will develop and manage BASIC's "Getting to Zero" program in the United States and beyond.

Deadline for applications: January 22, 2009. For more details please see: <http://www.basicint.org/jobs/main.htm>



The United States Institute of Peace sponsors the annual National Peace Essay Contest. The 2008 - 2009 contest topic is **Confronting Crimes against Humanity**. According to international law, crimes against humanity are specified acts—such as murder, enslavement, torture, and rape—committed as part of a widespread or systematic attack against civilian populations. Although many policymakers, experts, and practitioners recognize the need to protect civilians from crimes against humanity, there is little consensus on the best way to achieve that end.

The contest invites participants to discuss, in a 1500-word essay, how international actors (the UN, regional organizations, governments, and/or non-governmental organizations) can improve their capacity to implement the responsibility to protect civilians from crimes against humanity during conflict.

The deadline for entries is February 1, 2009. More information is at <http://www.usip.org/ed/npec/topic.html>



The first annual World Vision International Peace Prize will be granted on the International Day of Peace in 2009. The Peace Prize is given in honor and memory of [Steve Williams](#) (1951-2007).

The Peace Prize consists of two awards. A **Peacebuilding Award** recognizes the work of an agency or organization. A **Peacemaking Award** honors an individual. Find out more about these awards in the Guidelines. The prize is \$5,000 for an organization and \$1,000 for an individual and a physical trophy with the award designation.

Deadline for nominations is February 15, 2009. More information at <http://www.wvi.org/wvi/wviweb.nsf/maindocs/AC6E33C8CE519993882574C50060CD3E?opendocument>

Questions can be addressed to wvi_peaceprize@wvi.org.



The Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD) at Columbia University is looking to hire a professional with strong organizational and management skills to be its new **Managing Director**.

The IPD was founded in July 2000 to help developing countries explore economic policy alternatives and enable wider civic participation in economic policymaking. IPD is now a global network of more than 250 leading economists, political scientists, and practitioners from the North and South with diverse backgrounds and views. It is supported by a wide array of foundations, development agencies, and international organizations. It is chaired by Nobel Prize winner Joseph E. Stiglitz, formerly chief economist of the World Bank, and Jose Antonio Ocampo, formerly UN Undersecretary for Economic and Social Affairs and head of the UN Commission for Latin America. It has active and successful programs

involving country dialogues, education, journalism training, research, and conferences on development issues. The results of its research and conferences are published by Oxford University Press and Columbia University Press. While the focus of IPDs work is on research and education, it engages in advocacy on behalf of the interests of developing countries in certain arenas.

For complete job listing, please see <https://jobs.columbia.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1227203800734>

- In order to spur new thinking and policy initiatives to address today's most urgent proliferation threats, the [James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies](#) and its journal, the *Nonproliferation Review*, are sponsoring an **essay contest** to identify and publish the most outstanding new scholarly papers and reports in the nonproliferation field. The contest features a \$10,000 grand prize and a \$1,000 prize for the most outstanding student essay. For more information, please visit <http://cns.miis.edu/npr/contest.htm>.

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- The New Ideas Fund is seeking to support individuals to generate and develop new ideas in the fields of foreign policy and national security. NIF projects should result in a policy brief or a "white-paper" style report detailing the author's new vision for American foreign policy. The New Ideas Fund will also consider publicizing already published material.

NIF funds ambitious projects that promise to shift foreign policy and national security debates in new, progressive directions. When submitting a project proposal, prospective grantees should explain the focus of their project, its significance to the foreign policy and national security disciplines, how it differs from past approaches, and its potential to effect progressive change either in the near future or in the long term.

Grants are available in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 range. For more information visit <http://www.newideasfund.org/>

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Food for Thought

- Inno-mawire writing on the blog Zimpolitic, a forum for the exchange of information on the politics in Zimbabwe and its implications to the protection and promotion of human rights in the country, writes about *Conflicts in Africa: Causes, Effects and the Way Forward*

"[V]iolent conflicts—from wars to revolutions—are the midwives of historical change, some of it progressive. Indeed, the wars of national liberation were inevitable and indispensable for African societies to regain their humanity and historical agency so cruelly seized by European colonialism... Africa's development impasse is not a technocratic problem that can be overcome through technical tinkering by development specialists or better theories from academics... Rather, African policy makers, civil society, and intellectuals need to appreciate more keenly the horrendous costs of Africa's violent conflicts, to focus squarely on the causes and costs of these conflicts and devise effective mechanisms of conflict resolution and strategies of post-conflict reconstruction. Africa's yawning developmental and democratic deficits, I believe, can in large part be attributed to the continent's violent conflicts.

"The various violent conflicts that have afflicted Africa for the past century have exacted an incalculable toll on the continent's societies, polities, and economies, robbing them of their developmental potential and democratic possibilities... Violent conflicts exact a heavy toll on society, the economy, and the environment, both directly and indirectly through deaths and injuries, sexual crimes and intimidation, population dislocations within and across national borders, the damage

they cause to human and physical capital that undermines production and leads to economic stagnation, insecurity and distortion of state expenditures, and the disruptions they engender for societal networks and the fragile social capital of trust and interpersonal associations and intergroup interactions, not to mention the devastation of the ecosystem, agricultural lands and wildlife, the destruction of society's material and mechanical infrastructures, the outflow of resources including 'capital flight' and 'brain drain,' the proliferation of pathological and self-destructive behaviors, and the deterioration in the aesthetic quality of life."

<http://zimpolitic.blogspot.com/2008/12/conflicts-in-africa-causes-effects-and.html>

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EPS Publications and Resources



Economists for Peace and Security is proud to announce the release of a report on the Bush Administration's outer space policy. The report, *Space, Security and the Economy*, warns that the present policy of space dominance could transform outer space into a military battleground.

Official US policy asserts the right to deny any nation access to space if its actions are "perceived" to be hostile. This policy, together with other actions such as withdrawal from the ABM treaty and the ongoing development of weapons intended to attack objects in space, could lead to the deployment of weapons in space. If the US stations weapons in space other nations are likely to do the same, and we will be faced with an arms race in space.

No one, the report concludes, can prevail and all stand to lose in an arms race in space. Among other consequences would be negative effects on the economy and the growing scientific and commercial uses of space. In particular, private investors are unlikely to place additional resources at risk in a vulnerable area of potential military conflict.

The report calls for changes in the policy of space dominance, greater transparency in military space spending, and detailed information about government and commercial space activities.

To view a PDF of the report, please visit: <http://www.e/epsusa.org/publications/papers/spacesecurity.pdf>

To request a hard copy, please email Thea Harvey theaharvey@epsusa.org

Read YubaNet's blog about the report: <http://yubanet.com/usa/Report-Economic-Impact-of-Arms-Race-in-Space.php>



Member Susan Edelman has written an article for EPS reviewing *The Numbers, Just the Numbers: GWOT and the Requests for Supplemental Appropriations*. In it she discusses the atypical use of supplemental appropriations in the Global War on Terror as compared to past wars. She also details the actual outlays for each year since fiscal year 2001.

<http://www.epsusa.org/main/articles/edelman.htm>



Proceedings from the EPS conference *War and Poverty, Peace and Prosperity*, held May 30–June 1, 2007 in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, 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.



“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) which took place in Rethymon, Crete, Greece, complemented by papers from the Second International Conference on Defense, Security, and Economic Development held 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.

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

- ❑ **Fact Sheets:** Periodically, we release 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 is also a valuable resource in teaching economics, political science, and international relations courses. To review a copy for use in your syllabus, email Thea Harvey at theaharvey@epsusa.org.

- ❑ **The Full Cost of Ballistic Missile Defense.** This 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

- ❑ Looking for a last minute gift idea? Give the gift of peace. One of the best gifts you can give to your colleagues and loved ones is a gift membership in EPS. Donations in any amount can be made easily and securely online at <https://www.chi-cash-advance.com/sforms/appeal196/contribute.asp>. Just email [Thea Harvey](mailto:Thea.Harvey@epsusa.org) to let us know that you are making a gift membership donation and we will send your recipient a beautiful card announcing the gift, as well as a year of EPS Quarterly and all the other [benefits of membership](#).

Why not consider making a holiday donation in honor of a loved one, friend, or colleague? You can do so securely online through our website or by sending a check to:

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The Democratic Republic of Congo is host to the world's deadliest conflict since World War II. And women and girls have borne the brunt of this horrific crisis, with rape as a weapon of war on a scale seen nowhere else in the world. Eastern Congo is the worst place in the world to be a woman in 2008. Rape and sexual violence are routinely used as a weapon to destroy women, families, and communities. It is time to get serious about ending the conflict and protecting and empowering Congo's women.

The US government is in a unique position to take action immediately. They can promote peace through aggressive diplomatic efforts, increase UN patrols and support organizations that help keep women safe, and work to ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice. Oxfam America has joined with the RAISE Hope for Congo campaign to raise awareness about the crisis. By adding your voice, you will help raise awareness about the horrors of this nine-year conflict.

<https://secure.oxfamamerica.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=939>

With a new administration and a new Congress coming to power in January, there will be opportunities to advance new priorities and to help restore the proper role of Congress in foreign policy matters. One way to help ensure this movement is to meet with Congressional representatives face to face.

These visits will help communicate a sense of urgency. Our nation is still at war, as well as in the throes of sharp economic decline and a growing global environmental crisis. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are costing billions of dollars, which are vitally needed here at home, and tens of thousands of deaths on all sides.

Below are suggestions from United for Peace and Justice to help you set up these meetings and make them as successful as possible.

Steps To Take In Setting Up Meetings With Your Members Of Congress

1. Call the office of your Senators and/or Representatives now to set up your appointments. You may need to be persistent since this is a transitional time in which requests are easily lost or ignored.
2. For information on the voting record of House and Senate incumbents, our Congressional Report cards will help, <http://www.unitedforpeace.org/article.php?id=3940>. For newly-elected members, check out the positions they adopted during the campaign.
3. Put together a small group of people from the district or state who will attend the meeting with you. Try to include representatives from organizations concerned with domestic spending.

Issues To Address In Your Meetings With Members Of Congress

At a time of economic crisis, the United States needs a new foreign policy, which emphasizes diplomacy and international cooperation, rather than military power and war. In discussions with members of Congress, it will be helpful to stress that our economy will not recover, and we will not have the resources to create green jobs, health care for all, 21st-Century education and to rebuild the infrastructure, if the military budget is not reduced. The present level of military spending is outrageous and not sustainable with all the new programs promised during the election campaigns.

Other specifics:

1. **On Iraq.** Congress should insist on the rapid withdrawal of **all** US military forces and contractors from Iraq. This withdrawal should be accompanied by a new diplomatic surge to stabilize the country and open the political space for Iraqis to decide their own future. Deployment of the National Guard in wars overseas should cease, returning their focus to domestic security.
2. **On Afghanistan.** Congress should not permit an expansion of the US war in Afghanistan. It should press for a multilateral regional effort at stabilization along with rapid withdrawal of NATO and US forces.
3. **On Iran.** Members of Congress should make clear their opposition to a new war in Iran. They ought to encourage unconditional, high-level talks to reduce tensions and urge Iran to abandon any nuclear weapons program. If the US truly wants to stop the spread of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, it will require us to live up to our commitments under Article 6 of the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Since Congressional meetings are generally less than an hour, your delegation will want to sharpen its focus in advance. Depending on local circumstances, you may wish to emphasize particular items or voice some additional concerns.

- President Obama faces a critical window for action in the first 100 days of the new administration. Acting boldly, the new President can immediately set the planet on the path to a stable climate. But to overcome gridlock in Washington, he will need overwhelming grassroots support.

On February 5, 2009, [The National Teach-In on Global Warming](#) will engage over a million Americans in solutions-driven dialogue, including young people, national political leaders, and other key decision-makers. As educators, students and citizens, we owe our nation a focused conversation about the critical decisions that we will make — or fail to make — very soon. The window for action on climate change is [measured in months, not years](#). Together we must decide if our children will inherit from us a prosperous or an impoverished planet.

To join the National Teach-In and place clean energy solutions to global warming at the top of the nation's agenda, visit <http://www.nationalteachin.org/signup.php>. The goal of enlisting thousands of colleges, universities, high-schools, middle schools, faith groups, civic organizations and businesses will require many hands.

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

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

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

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

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

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Upcoming Events

- January 3–5, 2009. **Allied Social Sciences Associations/American Economics Association meetings** in San Francisco, California. **Please note the meetings are Saturday through Monday this year.** EPS will host two sessions: “Inequality: Economic, Fiscal and Financial, and Societal Dimensions” and “Global Security and the Global Financial System: The Challenges Ahead.” To celebrate our twentieth year at the ASSA meetings, the EPS dinner will honor our two founding co-chairs: Kenneth Arrow and Lawrence Klein. See [above](#) for more details.
- January 3, 2009. First-ever humor session at the American Economic Association annual meeting! Free and open to the public, 8:00-9:00pm, Hilton San Francisco, Golden Gate 1 and 2 room. Starring the Stand-up Economist, Yoram Bauman, and economists Peter Orazem and Rob Oxoby, with R. Preston McAfee presiding. <http://www.standupeconomist.com/>
- January 12–13, 2009. **Shaping the New Administration's Counterterrorism Strategy** conference at the Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington DC. Topics will include: How Overreaction and Misdirection Play into the Terrorism Strategy; Assessing Terrorists' Capability to Use Weapons of Mass Destruction; and Domestic Security: Risk Management and Cost-Benefit Analysis. For more information, please visit www.cato.org/counterterrorism.
- March 20–21, 2009. **Entrepreneurship and Conflict** a UNU-WIDER Project Workshop in Londonderry, Northern Ireland. http://www.wider.unu.edu/events/project-meetings/2009-project-meetings/en_GB/20-03-2009/.
- March 20–22, 2009. Midwest Economics Association annual meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. <http://web.grinnell.edu/MEA/>.
- April 9–10, 2009. The **2009 Global Nonviolence International Conference**, hosted by the Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence at James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia. Call for papers and more information at <http://internationalpeaceandconflict.ning.com/forum/topics/call-for-papers-2009-global>.
- May 7–8, 2009. **10 Years of the Euro: Adjustment in Capital and Labor Markets** conference sponsored by the

Economic Policies Research Unit of the University of Minho, Braga, Portugal. Paper submissions will be accepted until February 28, 2009. For updates and more information, visit <http://www3.eeg.uminho.pt/economia/nipe/euro10years>.

- June 24–26, 2009. *The 13th Annual International Conference on Economics and Security* will take place at CITY College in Thessaloniki, Greece, sponsored by EPS-UK; EPS-Greece; the Business Administration and Economics Department, CITY College, an affiliated institution of the University of Sheffield; the University of the West of England; and SEERC (South East European Research Centre). The conference will have plenary sessions with keynote speakers, plus specialist workshop streams. http://www.city.academic.gr/special/events/economics_and_security09/index.html.

- June 29 – July 1, 2009. **Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference** in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Fee is 50 Euros. Email NEPSconference@gmail.com for more information.

- July 10–12, 2009. *New Directions for International Relations*, a conference at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy at IDC-Herzliya, Israel. Topics include: Behavioral Approaches to International Relations; Rational Choice and International Relations; Quantitative and Formal Analysis of Conflict and Conflict Resolution; Negotiations and Mediation in International Conflicts; Methodological Innovations in IR; and a special panel on Conflict Resolution in the Middle East: Bridging the Gap between Academia and Practice.

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