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*A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual doom.*

*~Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## EPS News

- The annual Security Policy Working Group press briefing on *The Costs of the Wars, the first Post-Rumsfeld Pentagon Spending Plan, and the Defense Budget Games Washington Plays* will present analysis of President Bush's last national security budget to the press on February 13 at 10:00am at the National Press Club in Washington DC. The panel will consist of Linda Bilmes of Harvard University and EPS, Steve Kosiak of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, and Winslow Wheeler of the Straus Military Reform Project of the Center for Defense Information.**

Rather than the all-too-common superficial analyses of the military budget based on simplistic calculations of "real growth," how many dollars will go to specific programs, or summaries of Pentagon press releases, these individuals will apply their more than 80 years of national security and economic experience to three core national security issue areas:

- What are the actual budgetary and economic costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan? Why is three trillion dollars the right answer? What have the other analyses missed?
- What is fundamentally new in Robert Gates' first Pentagon budget, and what isn't? Have any of the longstanding trends been altered? What are the implications for the future?

- Will new initiatives, if any, change anything in Iraq and Afghanistan or the requirements articulated by the military services for accelerating budget growth as far as the eye can see? Will the Democratic Congress make things better, or worse?

In addition to the oral presentations, the Security Policy Working Group will make available three concise written reports from David Gold of the Graduate Program in International Affairs at the New School University, Anita Dancs of the National Priorities Project, and William Hartung of the Arms and Security Initiative of the New America Foundation.

For more information, please contact the event organizer, Winslow Wheeler at [winslowwheeler@msn.com](mailto:winslowwheeler@msn.com)

□ EPS will host a session and a table in the exhibit hall at the Eastern Economics Association in Boston, March 7 - 9.

Our session is entitled *The Privatization of War and Conflict*. Anita Dancs of the National Priorities Project will speak on *The Privatization of the Iraq War*; Frida Berrigan of the Arms and Security Initiative of the New America Foundation will discuss *Trading in Arms: For Security, Friendship or Profit (or all three)?* and Maeve Powlick of Skidmore College will address *For-Profit Firms Performing State Functions: The Case of Conflict Countries in Africa*.

See <http://www.iona.edu/eea> for more information on the conference.

□ The most recent issue of the EPS Quarterly focuses on Water and Conflict.

- *Water Scarcity and Conflict* - Felix Brucher
- *Water Disputes in the Middle East* - Rea Seraina Bonzi
- *Water Wars* - Mohammed Mesbahi
- *Clean Water as a Human Right* - Fiona Harvey

*Vol. 2, No. 2* of the Economics of Peace and Security Journal also features symposia on water, trade, and insurgency. <http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/>

□ **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/>

**Vol. 3, No. 1 - Symposium: The UK Military Industrial Complex 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>

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## In Other News

On January 10, 2008, the US District Court in San Francisco handed an enormous victory to veterans who sued the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) over lengthy delays for medical care and disability benefits. The Judge's ruling means a class action lawsuit against VA will move forward, with the first court hearing scheduled for next month.

On July 23, 2007, Veterans for Common Sense (VCS) and Veterans United for Truth filed a class action lawsuit against VA in order to force VA to provide prompt and high-quality medical care and disability benefits to veterans, especially those with mental health conditions such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). "Our Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans are committing suicide while waiting for VA to answer their pleas for medical care. VA must make sure all our veterans receive prompt and high-quality medical care and disability benefits," said Paul Sullivan, the executive director of Veterans for Common Sense.

<http://www.veteransforcommonsense.org/articleid/9109>

**Pakistanis Want Larger Role for Both Islam and Democracy and have a Growing Perception that US Threatens Islam.** An in-depth survey of Pakistani public opinion reveals majority support for a moderate and democratic Islamic state, though a small but significant minority shows sympathy for Islamist militant groups. Most Pakistanis want Islam to play a larger role in Pakistani society. However, a majority also favors a more democratic political system, rejects "Talibanization," and supports recent government efforts to reform the madrassah system by focusing more on science and mathematics. Majorities have little sympathy for Islamist military groups and most would like to see the Federally Administered Tribal Areas integrated into Pakistan.

The survey also found that Pakistani attitudes toward the United States are negative and that there is a growing perception that the United States is hostile toward Islam.

The survey was conducted from September 12 through September 18, just before President Pervez Musharraf declared a six-week state of emergency and before the assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto. The sample included 907 Pakistani urban adults, selected using multi-stage probability sampling, who were interviewed at home in 19 cities. The margin of error is +/- 3.3 percent. It was conducted by [WorldPublicOpinion.org](http://WorldPublicOpinion.org) in collaboration with, and with financial support from, the [US Institute of Peace](http://USInstituteofPeace.org).

The C-130 "Hercules" has the longest continuous production of any US military aircraft in history, and the latest version, the C-130J, remains extremely popular with the Air Force, Congress, and many think tanks. But with its huge cost increases, unimpressive performance improvements (especially in the key measures of range and payload), and record of unkept promises and problematic performance, the new C-130J is blatantly cost ineffective. In this fact sheet, Straus Military Reform Project Research Associate Ana Marte and Research Assistant Valerie Reed provide an overview of the C-130J Transport program and a list of additional sources for general information, government reports and analysis.

<http://www.cdi.org/pdfs/C-130JTransport.pdf>

**Call for Papers:** the annual Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference will take place June 30 - July 2, 2008 in Amsterdam at the Tinbergen Institute, Roeterstraat 31, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Registration fee will be €50.

The conference will continue to emphasize research methods in peace science. But regular papers dealing with all aspects of the peace science field, from pure abstract theory to practical applied research, will also be accepted. As a guide to topics, recall those in previous conferences: (a) Arms Control and International Security, (b) Deterrence Theory, (c) Harmony and Conflict, (d) Cooperation, Alliances and Games, (e) Game and Related Theory, (f) Mathematical Approaches to Conflict Management, (g) Mathematical Models of Arms Races and Wars, (h) Empirical and Historical Studies on the Causes of War, (i) Crises and War Studies, (j) World Models, (k) Critical Economic Aspects of the Global Crises, (l) Long-Run Aspects of the Behavior of International Systems, (m) Peace Science Methodology and Theory, (n) Conflict Analysis and Management, (o) Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Studies, (p) Behavioral Studies, and (q) Hierarchy Theory.

The papers that will be 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, 2008 will be considered for the conference. Proposals received after February 1, 2008 will only be considered if any presentation slots are still available.

Those who are interested in participating should submit their proposals (abstract and tentative title) to [NEPSconference@gmail.com](mailto:NEPSconference@gmail.com).

**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) [muenster@wzb.eu](mailto:muenster@wzb.eu) and EPS member Stergios Skaperdas (UC Irvine) [sskaperd@uci.edu](mailto:sskaperd@uci.edu).

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

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## Food For Thought



"Al Gore has said, 'If the President made climate change the organizing principle, the filter through which everything else had to flow, then that could really make a huge difference.' In other words, by prioritizing the climate crisis, we're not simply saving the planet's environment.

"We're transforming foreign policy so we don't have to occupy for oil. We're preventing future conflicts over dwindling and damaged natural resources. We're helping families save by providing affordable clean energy at stable prices. We're establishing healthier trade policies by raising environmental standards globally. And we're strengthening our economy's foundation by creating millions of good-paying, green-collar jobs."

Bill Scher blogs about *Saving the Planet, Saving the Economy* for the Campaign for America's Future at <http://ourfuture.org/blog-entry/saving-planet-saving-economy>.



The notion of having a "happiness index" to track a country's power to smile, not just to spend, used to be the quirky preserve of the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan. But now France is getting in on the act, in the hope that its enjoyment of *la belle vie* will be vindicated in the face of relatively slow economic growth.

**President Nicolas Sarkozy has called upon Nobel prize-winning economists Joseph Stiglitz and Amartya Sen in his quest to find an alternative to the widely-used metrics of gross domestic product and gross national product.** Sarkozy said that there was a growing disparity between the enjoyment of everyday life and strong economic growth, and he believed there should be a way to include a metric for happiness alongside the more traditional measures of growth.

Bhutan was the first country to attempt this in 1972, when its ruler coined the term "gross domestic happiness," but the idea is as old as Plato's *Republic*: how to cultivate happy as well as prosperous citizens. Recently other countries have taken on the idea, such as Thailand, but it is unusual to see a major European leader following in their footsteps.

[http://www.forbes.com/2008/01/12/france-happiness-sarkozy-face-markets-cx\\_ll\\_0110autofacescan02.html](http://www.forbes.com/2008/01/12/france-happiness-sarkozy-face-markets-cx_ll_0110autofacescan02.html) (There is a short ad before you can see the article. You can skip it or just wait a moment.)

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## Funding and Employment Opportunities



The East Asia Institute (EAI), an independent non-profit research and educational institution in Seoul,

Korea, offers a **Fellows Program on Peace, Governance, and Development in East Asia**. The Fellowship was established in 2005 by EAI, as an international exchange program for scholars with expertise in peace, governance, and development in East Asia. Funded by the Henry Luce Foundation of New York, the East Asia Foundation of Seoul, and the Chang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange of Taipei, it invites established and next-generation East Asianists of the United States to give seminars and lectures based on unpublished articles submitted exclusively for the Fellows Program during their visit of three weeks to two or more institutions of higher education in East Asia. The EAI Fellows hold seminars and lectures, based on an unpublished article submitted solely for the purpose of the Fellows Program, at the Programs Member Institutions: the East Asia Institute in Seoul, Fudan University in Shanghai, Keio University in Tokyo, Peking University in Beijing, and Taiwan National University in Taipei.

There will be five Fellows in 2008. Each of the Fellows receives a stipend of USD10,000 for the cost of travel and accommodation in East Asia for three weeks. Application is open to tenured, tenure-track as well as non-tenured East Asianist professors based in the United States conducting research in the fields of political science, international relations, and sociology. Seminars and lectures will be conducted in English. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 31, 2008. Applicants will be notified of the decision on July 20, 2008.

More information is at [http://www.eai.or.kr/english/fandj/FP01\\_temp.asp](http://www.eai.or.kr/english/fandj/FP01_temp.asp)

□ Global Youth Connect is an international human rights organization that is building and supporting a community of youth (ages 18-30) who are actively promoting and protecting human rights, and educating and inspiring the next generation to work for peaceful change. They have been organizing international human rights delegations since 2001. Please visit their website to learn more about their work: [www.globalyouthconnect.org](http://www.globalyouthconnect.org).

They are currently accepting applications for **human rights delegations** to Bosnia, Guatemala, Rwanda or Venezuela in summer 2008. More information and applications can be found at <http://www.globalyouthconnect.org/participates>. The application deadline is January 25, 2008.

□ 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).

The contest is designed to find and publish the most outstanding new papers that 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>.

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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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:theaharvey@epsusa.org).

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## Action Corner

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](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](mailto:theaharvey@epsusa.org).

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## Upcoming Events

January 28, 2008. Dinner meeting of the **Global Security Seminar** featuring a presentation by Anne Chermak, Department of State, speaking on *The State Department's Role in Foreign Policy Making in the Decade Ahead*. Ms. Chermak is a career member of the US State Department's Senior Foreign Service with the rank of Minister Counselor. Most recently, Anne Chermak served as Minister Counselor for Public Affairs at the two largest US Diplomatic missions in Europe and Eurasia: Moscow and Berlin. She is currently serving as Visiting Professor and Diplomat in Residence at the University of Southern California's Center on Public Diplomacy at the Annenberg School for Communication in Los Angeles.

To RSVP, please email [bennettramberg@aol.com](mailto:bennettramberg@aol.com)

The seminar is sponsored by the Center for Defense Information and Los Angeles Physicians for Social Responsibility.

February 7 - 9, 2008. **Sustainable Development and Climate Change conference**, a project of the DSDS (Delhi Sustainable Development Summit) will take place in New Delhi, India. Conference



brochure is at [http://www.teriin.org/dsds/2008/dsds08bro\\_first.pdf](http://www.teriin.org/dsds/2008/dsds08bro_first.pdf).

Register at <http://www.teriin.org/dsds/2008/registration08.htm>.

- 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](http://www.ion.edu/eea)." For more information, please visit <http://www.ion.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/>
- March 29, 2008. The Social Science Research Center (WZB) will present a conference and special issue of Economics of Governance in Berlin on *Causes and Consequences of Conflict*. See [http://www.apsanet.org/content\\_47298.cfm](http://www.apsanet.org/content_47298.cfm) for more information.
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- 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](mailto:mchatter@binghamton.edu).

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