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No people on earth can be held, as a people, to be enemy, for all humanity shares the common hunger for peace and fellowship and justice.

Dwight Eisenhower

April 16, 1953

EPS News

- EPS is proud to announce the official **formation of a Greek affiliate**. The group will be chaired by Dr. Eftychia (Efi) Nikolaidou, with Christos Kollias as vice-chair, and Megaklis Petmezas as Secretary/Treasurer.

Initially, they plan to publish a newsletter, to work on translating papers into Greek, and to host the 13th International Conference on Economics and Security in the summer of 2009. A website in Greek is also under development. We look forward to working with our Greek colleagues on future projects.
- The Security Policy Working Group will present a symposium and discussion entitled **Forceful Engagement - The role of force & the armed forces in post-Cold War US foreign policy: *What have we learned? Cautionary lessons for the next administration.*** It is to be held on April 10, from 1:00pm - 5:00pm, at the Parsons School of Design, New York. Speakers will include Andrew Bacevich, Professor of International Relations and History, Boston University, author of *The New American Militarism: How Americans Are Seduced by War* (2005); Carl Conetta, co-director, Project on Defense

Alternatives; David Gold, associate professor, Graduate Program in Int'l Affairs, New School; and William Hartung, director, Arms & Security Initiative, New America Foundation.

More information at <http://www.comw.org/pda/080410meet.html>. Advanced registration is required.

Call for Papers: The Twelfth Annual Conference on Economics and Security will take place June 11 - 13, 2008 in Ankara, Turkey. **Deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended to April 21, 2008.**

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.

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/>

National Public Radio's *The Diane Rehm Show* on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 hosted Winslow Wheeler, director of the Straus Military Reform Project, Michael O'Hanlon of the Brookings Institution, Linda Bilmes of Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and Robert Hormats of Goldman Sachs discussing the costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the economic impact here at home. Audio transcript of the show is at <http://wamu.org/programs/dr/08/03/04.php#19466>

Congratulations to Jurgen Brauer, EPS Fellow, and Hubert van Tuyll on the publication of their new book, *Castles, Battles, & Bombs: How Economics Explains Military History*.

"My skepticism was relieved by the preface, my expectations enhanced by the first chapter, my confidence assured by the second. This study is serious, creative, important. As an economist I am happy to see economics so professionally applied to illuminate major decisions in the history of warfare." –Thomas C. Schelling, University of Maryland, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Economics, and EPS Trustee.

More information on the book can be found at <http://www.press.uchicago.edu/cgi-bin/hfs.cgi/00/261287.ctl> or you can email cs-books@wiley.co.uk for UK ordering information.

Vol. 3, No. 1 - Symposium: The UK Military Industrial Complex of the Economics of Peace and Security Journal is now online.

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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Links

- ❑ WAND (Women's Action for New Directions) offers a quick and easy fact sheet, "Making Sense of the Federal Budget." The leaflet explores making the military budget smarter not bigger, shows that Cold War era weapons still get a huge slice of the budget pie, and compares the salaries of an army private and an average defense contractor CEO.

<http://www.wand.org/csba/militarybudg.pdf>

- ❑ Each of the three major presidential candidates left standing would make major changes to the national security and foreign policies carried out by the George W. Bush administration over the last seven years. John Isaacs takes *An Early Look Ahead* and analyzes the stated positions of McCain, Clinton and Obama. <http://rightweb.irc-online.org/rw/4890.html>

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In Other News

- ❑ **To boost economy, Americans want out of Iraq.** The heck with Congress' big stimulus bill. The way to get the country out of recession - and most people think we're in one - is to get the country out of Iraq, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll. The poll, released February 8, found that pulling out of the war ranked first among proposed remedies in the survey, followed by spending more on domestic programs, cutting taxes and, at the bottom end, giving rebates to poor people in hopes they'll spend the economy into recovery.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/23073316/>

- ❑ The Institute for Policy Studies, PERI (the Political Economy Research Institute) and WAND (Women's Action for New Directions) released a study comparing the return on investment from military spending vs. other kinds of spending. In *The US Employment Effects of Military Domestic Spending Priorities*, Robert Pollin and Heidi Garrett-Peltier examine the impact of spending a given sum of money on the military versus spending the same funds on some combination of non-military alternatives. They conclude that \$1 billion spent on personal consumption, health care, education, mass transit, and infrastructure will all create more jobs within the US economy than would the same \$1 billion spent on the military.

http://www.peri.umass.edu/fileadmin/pdf/other_publication_types/PERI_IPS_WAND_study.pdf



Major Weapon Systems Are Another Victim of Iraq writes Scott Lilly of American Progress.

“With the defense spending for the coming year threatening to push toward the three quarters of a trillion dollar mark, it is understandable that many people presume our military is building up a huge arsenal that will serve our security needs for a considerable period beyond the end of the Iraq war. After all, in the coming fiscal year we will be spending nearly twice as much on defense as we were before the 9/11 attacks - more than at any time since the end of World War II even after accounting for the effects of inflation.

“But increased defense spending is not flowing into major new weapon systems such as naval war vessels or advanced fighter aircraft as many have presumed. The Iraq war is not only costing the country in terms of needed domestic investments such as better roads and more effective schools, it is also draining money from military modernization programs required to replace and upgrade aging and worn out equipment so that we can continue to defend our strategic interests around the globe.”

http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2008/02/defense_budget.html



The Commander-in-Chef Cooks Up a Storm: Recipes for Disaster in Iraq, by Tom Engelhardt and Frida Berrigan.

“In the week that oil prices once again crested above \$100 a barrel and more Americans than at any time since the Great Depression owed more on their homes than the homes were worth; in the year that the subprime market crashed, global markets shuddered, the previously unnoticed credit-default swap market threatened to go into the tank, stagflation returned, unemployment rose, the ‘R’ word (for recession) hit the headlines ... the President of the United States officially discovered the war economy. In other words, the President has offered a formula for economic success in bad times that might be summed up this way: less houses, more bases, more weaponry, more war.”

Read the whole article at <http://www.tomdispatch.com/post/174900>



The Federation of American Scientists, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Union of Concerned Scientists recently released a report, “**Toward True Security**,” which calls on the US to drastically reduce the role that nuclear weapons play in its security policies. The report outlines 10 unilateral steps the next president should take to transform US nuclear policy, which would strengthen national security and put the world on a path to eventually banning nuclear weapons.

Read the report at http://www.ucsusa.org/assets/documents/global_security/Toward-True-Security-2008-final.pdf



Call for papers: The Department of Applied Economics of the University of the Basque Country and the Cambridge Centre for Economic and Public Policy, Department of Land Economy, of the University of Cambridge are organizing the 5th International Conference “**Developments in Economic Theory and Policy**.” The Conference will be held in Bilbao, Spain, July 10 - 11, 2008, at the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of the Basque Country.

Although papers are invited on all areas of economics, the priority areas are the following ones:

- New Consensus in Macroeconomics
- Spatial Economics
- European Convergence
- Policy/Path Dependence and Macroeconomics

Organized sessions are also encouraged. The deadline to submit papers and ‘Organized Sessions’ is May 30, 2008.

For more information, contact with Jesus Ferreiro (jesus.ferreiro@ehu.es) or visit the website www.conferencedevelopments.com

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Food for Thought

■ A new book from the Independent Institute, *Twilight War: The Folly of US Space Dominance*, warns of an arms race in space. President Eisenhower's vision of "space for peaceful purposes" has been under attack for decades by self-proclaimed "space warriors" who believe that American security requires that the US seek to dominate space militarily. At their behest, the current and past three administrations have opposed the US becoming a party to a new treaty for the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space.

In this book, Mike Moore, former editor of *The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* argues that the US merely provokes conflict by working toward US militarization of space, rather than a demilitarized space open to commercial use by all countries. Rejecting treaty negotiations while further militarizing space renders America unable to lead by example. Instead of trying to stop an arms race in space by starting one, Moore concludes the US must radically rethink its strategy.

Learn more about the book at http://www.independent.org/store/book_detail.asp?bookID=71

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Funding and Employment Opportunities

■ The Institute for Energy and Environmental (IEER) is seeking an Outreach Coordinator.

Founded in 1985, the Institute for Energy and Environmental (IEER) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that aims to further public involvement in and control over environmental problems through the democratization of science. IEER provides grassroots groups, policy makers, journalists, educators, and the public with accurate and understandable scientific and technical information and analyses on energy, environmental, and security issues. IEER research and analyses have made important contributions to campaigns to stop nuclear weapons production, improve cleanup of nuclear weapons production sites, and get a modicum of justice for sick nuclear weapons workers.

For complete job listing or to apply, email resume with three references to office@ieer.org. The position will be filled as soon as possible. Applications accepted until position is filled.

■ 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

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*, 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 clear English, with informative maps, tables, and graphs, the series is designed to inform the debate among policymakers, activists, journalists, academics, students, and citizens worldwide.

You can order *Conflict or Development* by emailing theaharvey@epsusa.org.

Conflict or Development 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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Want lawmakers to do something about global warming? Contact them directly as part of the 1Sky campaign (<http://www.1sky.org/>).

From March 14 - 31, Congress will be on recess and elected officials will be back in their home districts – and available for meetings. This is an opportunity for citizens to join in the 200 district office visits 1Sky is organizing around the country to present global warming solutions, like investing in renewable energy rather than building new coal plants.

Contact your networks and encourage your friends and supporters to organize their own district office visits. To learn more about our March Congressional actions and to help plan face-to-face meetings with Congressional members, contact adi@1sky.org or 301-270-4550 ext. 224.



Global Youth Connect is seeking applications from American youth activists (ages 18 - 30) who are interested in participating in an Iraqi Refugee Solidarity Initiative. Ten US participants will be selected to work with Iraqi and Jordanian youth over a period of six months to help address the Iraqi refugee crisis in Jordan.

Detailed program and application information can be found at www.globalyouthconnect.org/participate. Application deadline is March 21.



The presidential candidates debate at length over the state of the economy, health care, immigration – all important issues for helping voters make decisions about whom to support. But **the big, tough questions are about the overwhelming US reliance on military power as the primary tool for US engagement in the world and the failure of the war in Iraq.** These questions are slipping off the radar screens in much of the media and in public discussions during the campaign.

While the US has invested hundreds of billions of dollars to build capabilities to fight and win wars, little money or time has been invested in developing the tools necessary to prevent deadly conflict. Fully 94 percent of the total US budget for foreign engagement is devoted to the military - some \$484 billion. This lack of funding has forced the State Department to leave 10 percent of US diplomatic positions worldwide unfilled, resulting in empty desks at US Embassies around the world. When US policymakers look for tools to respond to wars and escalating conflicts, they find a toolbox with only one implement - a military hammer.

Help make peace an issue in the upcoming primary by **writing a letter to the editor of your local newspaper** urging reporters and their readers to continue to ask the candidates questions about the war and about US military spending. If possible, refer to a specific article that your local paper has run about the election. The Friend's Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) has a tool that will walk you through the process of sending a letter to the editor at <http://action.fcnl.org/r/4609/43984/>.



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

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 for more information.

April 3 - 4, 2008. New York University's Frederic Ewen Academic Freedom Center presents **Academic Freedom in the Age of Permanent Warfare**. More information at http://www.nyu.edu/library/bobst/research/tam/academic_freedom_conference.pdf

April 9, 2008. New York University's Center on International Cooperation has the honor to welcome **Dr. Hans Blix** to present a guest lecture entitled, *Time for a Revival of Disarmament?* from 6:30pm - 8:00pm at 19 W. 4th Street (at Mercer Street), New York. The event is free and open to the public but space is limited and RSVPs are strongly encouraged. Please RSVP to ms4387@nyu.edu and put the event in the subject line.

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June 30 - July 2, 2008. **Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference** in Amsterdam at the Tinbergen Institute, Roeterstraat 31, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Registration fee will be €50. For more information visit <http://new.prio.no/NEPS/News/2008-Jan-Tinbergen-conference/>

July 10 - 11, 2008. The 5th International Conference **Developments in Economic Theory and Policy**, organized by The Department of Applied Economics of the University of the Basque Country and the Cambridge Centre for Economic and Public Policy, Department of Land Economy, of the University of Cambridge. The Conference will be held in Bilbao (Spain), at the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of the Basque Country. For more information, you can contact with Jesus Ferreiro (jesus.ferreiro@ehu.es) or visit the website www.conferencedevelopments.com

July 14 - 18, 2008. **Third Biennial Meeting of States to consider the implementation of the Programme of Action to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects** at the United Nations in New York. Information at <http://disarmament.un.org/cab/thirdBMS.html>

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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