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If the human race wishes to have a prolonged and indefinite period of material prosperity, they have only got to behave in a peaceful and helpful way toward one another.

~Winston Churchill

## EPS News

- ☐ 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 thing 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.epsusa.org/publications/papers/spacesecurity.pdf>  
  
To request a hard copy, please email Thea Harvey [theaharvey@epsusa.org](mailto:theaharvey@epsusa.org)
- ☐ We have **just a few seats left** for *The Financial Crisis, the US Economy, and International Security in the New*

**Administration**, a conference organized by Economists for Peace and Security, the Charles Leopold Mayer Foundation Initiative for Re-thinking the Economy and the Levy Economics Institute at the New School, New York, NY, Friday, November 14, 2008.

The current crisis of subprime mortgages, mortgage-backed securities, credit derivatives and failing investment banks is deeper and more severe than any since the New Deal. This is a crisis originating in the United States, from the center of the global system. Cascading problems emerge when the world loses confidence in the system that supports the valuation of the global reserve currency – because of a perception of instability, mismanagement, and corruption, leading to a breakdown of regulatory authority and market order.

Governments are now proposing extraordinary measures to avert disaster but are these the right moves to achieve long-term stability? This conference will consider the larger implications for US economic policy and for the international financial and monetary system (IFMS). It will take explicit account of the deep political nature of the IFMS and its effect on international security relations and peace in the world.

The conference will take up four specific themes: the nature of the current crisis, economic policy challenges facing the US, the design of a new domestic financial architecture, and the design of a new international financial architecture, if and as it becomes needed. This conference will bring together an exceptional international group of close observers of the financial system including James K. Galbraith, Joseph Stiglitz, Warren Mosler, Allen Sinai, Jeff Madrick and many others.

The complete program is listed at <http://www.epsusa.org/events/08conf/program.htm>.

**Pre-registration is requested; please email [theaharvey@epsusa.org](mailto:theaharvey@epsusa.org).**

*You are cordially invited to a benefit for EPS*

*Friday, November 14, 7:00pm  
An evening with Joseph Stiglitz  
at the Manhattan home of Alan Harper*

*Suggested donation for this event, including wine and hors d'oeuvres, is \$250.  
Please email Thea Harvey ([theaharvey@epsusa.org](mailto:theaharvey@epsusa.org)) if you would like to attend.*

*You are cordially invited to celebrate 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; \$50 for EPS members who register before December 19; \$20 for students.

To register, please email Thea Harvey ([theaharvey@epsusa.org](mailto: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 register by mail, you will get an email confirmation within 2 weeks. If you do not receive a confirmation within these time frames, contact ASSA staff at [assa@vanderbilt.edu](mailto: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](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 10:00am until 12:30pm Monday, January 5 in the Hilton Executive Board Room. This event is by invitation only. For more information, contact Thea Harvey ([theaharvey@epsusa.org](mailto: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!

-  Chair of EPS-Israel Alex Mintz and Lesley Terris are organizing an international conference on *New Directions for*

**International Relations** at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy at IDC-Herzliya, Israel. The conference will take place July 10–12, 2009 and will cover the following topics:

- 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 International Relations

The conference will also include a special panel on Conflict Resolution in the Middle East: Bridging the Gap between Academia and Practice. This conference is a follow-up to the conference on New Directions for IR that was organized by Alex Mintz and Bruce Russett at Yale University in 2004. Papers summarizing the Yale conference appear in *New Directions for International Relations: Confronting the Method-of-Analysis Problem* (Lexington 2005).

Prof. Mintz invites you to submit a 100 word proposal on any one of the above topics to Lesley Terris at [ltorris@idc.ac.il](mailto:ltorris@idc.ac.il) or Alex Mintz at [mintz.alex@idc.ac.il](mailto:mintz.alex@idc.ac.il). The **deadline for proposal submission is November 30, 2008**.

September 21–24. The American Neurological Association annual meeting discussed **Neurological Injuries Caused by War: What Have We Learned from Iraq and Afghanistan?** Included was a new paper by EPS Board member Linda Bilmes on the long-term financial consequences to the health care system and society that arise from providing long-term medical care and disability benefits to soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Over 4,000 US soldiers have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since the war began over five years ago, and many more have been injured. The changed nature of warfare in Iraq has resulted in a far higher percentage of casualties with brain injuries than seen in World War II and Vietnam. Long-term consequences, including persistent disability, epilepsy and mental disorders are rising, straining not only military facilities, but civilian facilities that provide long-term medical and supportive care.

[http://www.aneuroa.org/index.php?src=gendocs&ref=2008\\_Registration&category=2008\\_SaltLake\\_Default](http://www.aneuroa.org/index.php?src=gendocs&ref=2008_Registration&category=2008_SaltLake_Default)

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Details on the competition can be found on [www.roetprize.org](http://www.roetprize.org) or [www.peaceprize.org](http://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:

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A conference website will be shortly set up for further details regarding the conference.



***"Symposium: Palestine - an economy in conflict." Vol. 3, No. 2 of the Economics of Peace and Security Journal is now available online.*** Non-subscribers can access the abstracts and contents pages.

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



Two thumbs up from James Galbraith for the new film, ***Johnny Got His Gun***. Dr. Galbraith calls it "a powerful statement about the costs of war, delivered in the voice of a maimed veteran of WWI." This new film adaptation of Dalton Trumbo's classic anti-war novel follows the thoughts of "Joe Bonham," a young American soldier hit by an artillery shell on the last day of the First World War. As a quadruple amputee who has also lost his eyes, ears, nose and mouth, he lies in a hospital bed but remains conscious and able to reason, all the while struggling to communicate with the outside world. The film explores the interplay between science, medicine, religion, and politics.

The movie begins a short run in New York City on October 24. Please visit <http://www.johnnygothisgunthemovie.com/home.htm> to see if it might be coming to a theatre near you.



The UN Office of Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce its newly revamped website, <http://www.un.org/disarmament>. The new site allows visitors to navigate directly to specific disarmament issues pages, including Weapons of Mass Destruction; Conventional Arms; and Regional Disarmament Centers. The site includes resources and research tools including: texts of treaties; UN General Assembly resolutions and decisions; and a document library.

## In Other News



A new report from [Foreign Policy In Focus](#), a project of the [Institute for Policy Studies](#), offers a comprehensive proposal for re-balancing military, international engagement, and homeland security spending. In this fifth annual edition of the ***Unified Security Budget*** a nonpartisan task force of military, homeland security, and foreign policy experts laid out the facts of the imbalance between military and non-military spending.

The report makes the case for reductions in military spending on outdated or unproven weapons systems totaling \$61 billion, as well as an additional \$10 billion in savings that could be achieved by rescinding funds that were appropriated in previous years but have not yet been spent. And it identifies \$65 billion in reallocated spending to address key neglected non-military security priorities. In addition to spelling out the specifics of what needs to be done, this year's report tackles the question of how to overcome the political forces that will amass to prevent it from happening.

To view the report, please visit <http://www.ips-dc.org/reports/#676>



According to a new report from National Priorities Project (NPP), the United States is spending between \$97 and \$215 billion dollars annually on military action to defend access to oil and natural gas reserves around the globe. ***The Military Cost of Securing Energy*** provides a critical analysis of the military cost of defending US energy concerns overseas. The report estimates that the military spends up to 30 percent of its annual budget to secure access to energy resources internationally.

[http://www.nationalpriorities.org/auxiliary/energy\\_security/full\\_report.pdf](http://www.nationalpriorities.org/auxiliary/energy_security/full_report.pdf)



Common Cause recently released a report entitled ***Ask Yourself Why...They Didn't See This Coming***. The report is about how the lending industry has prevented the government from doing more to prevent the current financial crisis or help families who have been hurt by it. It discusses the connection between the lobbying and campaign contributions of mortgage bankers and brokers and Congress' failure to stop or even respond forcefully to one of the biggest financial crisis in recent history. <http://www.commoncause.org/site/pp.asp?c=dkLNK1MQIwG&b=4542875>



**Call for papers:** UNU-WIDER (United Nations University - World Institute for Development Economics Research) Project Workshop on ***Entrepreneurship and Conflict*** on 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 though 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 centre 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](mailto: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/](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](http://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, 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](mailto:elsevierpublishers@live.co.uk)

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## Funding and Employment Opportunities

-  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.miiis.edu/npr/contest.htm>.

-  In memory of Kenneth J. Koford, editor of the *Eastern Economic Journal* from 1999–2004, the Eastern Economic Association has established a **prize to help junior foreign scholars to attend the annual EEA meetings and to present a paper**. The next EEA conference will be held February 27–March 1, 2009, at the Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers in New York City. The winner of the Koford Prize will receive \$1000 toward travel, registration, and accommodations at the conference.

The objective of the Koford Prize is to assist junior economists with completed PhD who have not yet been considered for tenure, and who are not citizens of the US.

To apply, please send a cover letter, vita, and manuscript to Alexandra Bernasek, Department of Economics, Colorado State University at [Alexandra.bernasek@colostate.edu](mailto:Alexandra.bernasek@colostate.edu). Please include contact information, an abstract, and three JEL codes with your paper. The maximum paper length is 10,000 words. **The deadline for paper submissions is December 15, 2008.**



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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/>



The peer-reviewed journal *Global Change, Peace and Security* announces **the 2008 Routledge-GCP&S Essay competition**. The editors invite entries from students and eligible early career academics that explore aspects of political, economic, and cultural life as these impact relations across national borders. The winner will be awarded \$US500, a certificate from the publisher, and consideration of the entry for publication in their journal. Essays submitted should be 6000–8000 words in length.

The competition is open to those enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree, or who have graduated within the previous four years. Previously published research articles, or those that are being considered for publication, will not be acceptable. Essays currently being assessed as part of a degree will also not be accepted.

The style must conform strictly to the guidelines set out on the journal's website and be accompanied by the author's name, contact details, and details of institutional affiliation if applicable. For guidelines refer to <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/cparauth.asp>.

Please send entries (in English and as email attachments only) to [gcpes@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:gcpes@latrobe.edu.au) by no later than Friday, November 7, 2008.

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## Food for Thought









"If there was ever any doubt that what happens to one happens to all, the international financial market's roller coaster ride—from the western hemisphere to the east—should clinch the point. Our 21st century world is an interconnected web. . .

"While the rest of the world is watching financial markets rise and fall, fearing the worst for themselves, let us remember that our interconnectedness can be a strength. The increasing relative stability of neighbors and partners in Africa and beyond can be assets to economic growth, building blocks for peace. Lessons learned in Burundi can inform plans and policies in Brazil. Stories of courage in Cambodia can inspire actions for change in Canada... [I]n Africa, locals and internationals alike are debating the relationship between military and humanitarian assistance. The launch this week of AFRICOM operations brings the imbalance of attention and funding between defense and diplomacy to the fore."

Commentary by Molly Mayfield Barbee on Week X Week, a publication of Peace X Peace  
<http://weekxweek.wordpress.com/2008/10/08/from-connectedness-strength/>.



## EPS Publications and Resources

-  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](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 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](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



Outraged about genocide in Sudan? Incensed about lack of access to essential medicines in the Global South? Fuming about university apparel being produced in sweatshops? Concerned about the relationship of economics and security policy?

[Americans for Informed Democracy](#) (AID) is currently offering several \$200 mini-grants for college students to implement innovative human rights campaigns on their campuses. In addition to the \$200, student groups will be working closely with AID staff to develop essential skills, contacts and materials for their campaign. Proposals will be evaluated on how well the campaign connects global human rights challenges to local issues, its creativity and its potential to create substantive change at your university.

Click <http://aidemocracy.org/rcareplicates.php> for more information about the application process.



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.

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[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)



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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



October 27–29, 2008. An international forum, *Confronting Biological Threats: Biosecurity, Biological Weapons Nonproliferation, and Regional Cooperative Mechanisms* will be held in Amman, Jordan. The event brings together academic experts and practitioners from governments, inter-governmental organizations, academic institutions, civil society and the private sector. The conference is organized by the Arab Institute for Security Studies. More information at <http://www.acsis.org/announcements.asp>.



October 29–30, 2008. *Global Whole of Community Coordination on Conflict Prevention*, a conference coordinated by the [3D Security Initiative](#) to explore how civil society can interact with new military and government efforts to promote conflict prevention in Annapolis, Maryland. Please visit <http://afpannualconference.eventbrite.com/> for more information.

<input type="checkbox"/>	November 11, 2008. <b>swisspeace Annual Conference 2008</b> , focusing on <i>The Politics of Peace: From Ideology to Pragmatism?</i> More information and registration can be found at <a href="http://www.swisspeace.org">www.swisspeace.org</a> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	November 14, 2008. <b><i>The Financial Crisis, the US Economy, and International Security in the New Administration</i></b> , a conference organized by Economists for Peace and Security, the Institute for Re-thinking the Economy, and the Levy Economics Institute, at the New School in New York, NY. See <a href="http://www.epsusa.org/events/08conf/program.htm">http://www.epsusa.org/events/08conf/program.htm</a> for more information.
<input type="checkbox"/>	November 14, 2008. A benefit evening for EPS with Joseph Stiglitz at the Manhattan home of Alan Harper. See <a href="#">above</a> for more details.
<input type="checkbox"/>	January 3–5, 2009. <b>Allied Social Sciences Associations/American Economics Association meetings</b> in San Francisco, California. <b>Please note the meetings are Saturday through Monday this year.</b> EPS is organizing 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 <a href="#">above</a> for more details.
<input type="checkbox"/>	March 20–21, 2009. <b><i>Entrepreneurship and Conflict</i></b> a UNU-WIDER Project Workshop in Londonderry, Northern Ireland. <a href="http://www.wider.unu.edu/events/project-meetings/2009-project-meetings/en_GB/20-03-2009/">http://www.wider.unu.edu/events/project-meetings/2009-project-meetings/en_GB/20-03-2009/</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	March 20–22, 2009. Midwest Economics Association annual meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. <a href="http://web.grinnell.edu/MEA/">http://web.grinnell.edu/MEA/</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>July 10–12, 2009. <b><i>New Directions for International Relations</i></b>, 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.</p> <p>Proposals on any one of the above topics are invited. Please send 100 word summary to Lesley Terris at <a href="mailto:ltorris@idc.ac.il">ltorris@idc.ac.il</a> or Alex Mintz at <a href="mailto:mintz.alex@idc.ac.il">mintz.alex@idc.ac.il</a>. The deadline for proposal submission is November 30, 2008.</p>
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