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"I do not believe war the most certain means of enforcing principles. Those peaceable coercions which are in the power of every nation, if undertaken in concert and in time of peace, are more likely to produce the desired effect."


~Thomas Jefferson

EPS News

- Please join us for the next **EPS Symposium - Afghanistan and National Security** Monday, May 17 in Washington DC, 9:00am - 2:00pm. For more information, visit [our website](#). Please contact [Thea Harvey](#) to register.
- EPS will host a session at the Western Economics Association meetings June 30 - July 3 in Portland, Oregon. Chaired by Lloyd J. Dumas, **Climate Change, Security and Prosperity** will feature:
 - Eban Goodstein, Bard Center for Environmental Policy
Economic (or Financial) Security and Climate Change
 - Kristen A. Sheeran, Economics for Equity and the Environment Network
Equity and Prosperity in Global Emissions Reductions: What Role for Carbon Markets?
 - Woodrow Clark, Clark Strategic Partners
Renewable Energy Generation in the USA Makes Our Nation Secure
 - Michael Intriligator, University of California at Los Angeles
A Novel Approach to Energy/Climate Change via a New Manhattan Project


More information on the conference is at <http://www.weainternational.org/>

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 EPS US and UK affiliates, Izmir University of Economics, Middle East Technical University (METU), and University of the West of England, Bristol are pleased to announce the **call for papers** for the **14th Annual International Conference on Economics and Security**. The conference will take place June 17 and 18, 2010 in Izmir, Turkey.

The conference aims to provide an opportunity for defense and peace economists from around the world to share ideas and discuss the future developments.

More information on the conference is at <http://ekolider.ieu.edu.tr/eab/DEFENCE2010/>.

 ***Volume 5, No. 1 of the Economics of Peace and Security Journal is now available online.*** 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. Joseph Stiglitz, James Galbraith, and Lawrence Klein have been previous contributors. The Journal's website also includes book reviews submitted by members and subscribers.


This issue contains symposia on defense innovation and the economics of conflict:

- Scott A. Kjar and William A. Anderson on war and the Austrian School
- Peter M. Li on military alliances
- Alexandre Debs on economic theories of dictatorship
- Joel Potter and John L. Scott on issues in third-party intervention and the role of destruction in conflict
- Yang-Ming Chang, Shane Sanders, and Bhavneet Walia on conflict persistence and third-party intervention'
- C. Jill Stowe, Kate Krause, and Janie M. Chermak on preferences for privacy and security
- Neil Cooper on voluntarism, regulation, and supervision

EPS members receive a **25% discount on the annual subscription** to the Economics of Peace and Security Journal. A regular one-year subscription is \$40; for EPS members, it's only \$30! Non-subscribers can access the abstracts and contents pages.



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In Other News


-  **Where Do Your Tax Dollars Go?** With this annual publication from the National Priorities Project, taxpayers can take stock of how the federal government spent each 2009 income tax dollar: from 26.5 cents for military-related spending, to 13.6 cents for military and non-military interest on the debt, to 2 cents for education. , the publication also breaks down sources other than individual income taxes that funded 2009 federal spending. <http://www.nationalpriorities.org/TaxDay2010>.
-  To coincide with world leaders' meeting in Washington to tackle nuclear challenges facing the international community, POGO (the Project on Government Oversight) has released a list of five ways the US can **improve nuclear security here at home**.


There are several notable cost-saving items on the list. Downblending highly enriched uranium, for example, would not only reduce security costs, but could generate at least \$20 billion for the US Treasury.

<http://www.pogo.org/pogo-files/alerts/nuclear-security-safety/nss-nwc-20100412.html>
-  You are invited to an **Exclusive Screening & Reception for "Soldiers of Peace"** at Tribeca Cinemas on opening night of Tribeca Film Festival, Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 7:15pm. Directed by Tim Wise, the award-winning documentary will show at Tribeca Cinemas, home to the Festival.

Ticket/Pass holders receive access to the screening that begins at 7:15pm, followed by a Q&A session with Producer Steve Killelea and reception at Tribeca Cinema's historic bar. The Q&A will be moderated by Lauren Kesner O'Brien, Founder of [telegraph 21](#).

This event will benefit the work of the [Institute for Economics and Peace](#) and its quest to support the paradigm that peace is a pre-requisite for survival in the 21st century.

http://soldiersofpeacenyc.eventbrite.com/?ref=eivte&invite=MzlwNjAxL3RoZWFoYXJ2ZXIAZXBzdXNhLm9yZy8w%0A&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=invite
-  The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the availability in print and electronic formats of ***The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook Volume 34 (Part I): 2009 - Disarmament Resolutions and Decisions of the Sixty-fourth Session of the United Nations General Assembly***.

Order a print copy at <https://unp.un.org/Search.aspx?keyword=disarmament%20yearbook%202009>. Download the pdf document at <http://www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/ODAPublications/Yearbook/2009/PDF/DY2009-PartI-web.pdf>.
-  Women hold less than 30 percent of senior positions in the US Executive Branch, according to a new study by Women in International Security (WIIS), a global organization that supports women in peace and security careers.

The new WIIS study, entitled *Progress Report on Women in Peace & Security Careers: US Executive Branch*, is the first ever produced on this topic. Based on over 90 interviews, this study attempts to fill the information gap on women in international security at the federal level. The report reveals that there is no shortage of women who want to pursue a career in government, but there are gaps in leadership training, formal mentoring programs, and support for workplace flexibility. According to the research, effective leadership and management are critical factors in women's retention and advancement. The study reveals that women seldom receive the support necessary to take on and succeed in leadership positions.

<http://wiis.georgetown.edu/92624.html>

Since 2002, the US has spent \$6 billion in an effort to create an effective Afghan police force - but the program has been a disaster. **\$6 Billion Later, Afghan Cops Aren't Ready to Serve.**

http://www.alternet.org/story/146144/%246_billion_later%2C_afghan_cops_aren't_ready_to_serve

Call for Papers: The Network of European Peace Scientists (NEPS) invites the submission of papers for the **10th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference** to take place in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, June 28 – 30, 2010.

Proposals will be considered if any presentation slots are still available. The complete call for papers is at http://www.europeanpeacescientists.org/jantinbergen_call.pdf.

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 the following address: conference@europeanpeacescientists.org. Participation fee will be 80 euros for senior researchers and 50 euros for PhD students. Fees also include annual membership in NEPS.

Request for submissions: The book series *Contributions to Conflict Management, Peace Economics and Development* now totals 15 volumes. The series, published by Emerald Publishing, UK, presents theoretical and empirical papers on conflict and peace related to economic, social and political development, primarily of the developing countries. For information about the series, visit <http://info.emeraldinsight.com/products/books/series.htm?id=1572-8323>.


EPS Fellow Manas Chatterji is General Editor. Colleagues interested in submitting a manuscript for possible publication are requested to contact him at mchatter@binghamton.edu.


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.

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<http://www.rotary.org/EN/STUDENTSANDYOUTH/EDUCATIONALPROGRAMS/ROTARYCENTERSFORINTERNATIONALSTUDIES/Pages/HowToApply.aspx>.

 The Core Fulbright Scholar competition for 2011-2012 is now open. Over 800 grants are available for teaching, conducting research, or combining both in more than 125 countries around the globe. The deadline is August 2. For information on Fulbright Scholar Awards, consult our website at www.iie.org/cies. To request information, email scholars@iie.org.

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EPS Publications and Resources

 A conference entitled *The Financial Crisis, the US Economy, and International Security in the New Administration* was held at the Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis, New School University, New York, New York on Friday, November 14, 2008. The conference was organized by Economists for Peace and Security, the Charles Leopold Mayer Foundation Initiative for Rethinking the Economy, and the Levy Economics Institute of Bard College. **See video or read transcripts from the conference** by visiting <http://www.epsusa.org/events/08conf/program.htm>.


The Initiative for Rethinking the Economy also has a webpage devoted the conference at <http://www.i-r-e.org/article50.html>.

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Action Corner

 Last week, US and Russian Presidents Obama and Medvedev met in Prague to sign the **new START treaty** that makes significant cuts in both countries' dangerous nuclear arsenals - an incredibly important step forward in moving toward a world free of nuclear weapons. This agreement reduces the deployed strategic nuclear weapons for each country by 30% and sets the stage for negotiations for deeper cuts in the world's 23,000 nuclear weapon stockpile. This Treaty enhances international stability and is essential for strengthening US security.


Before the US can follow through on this historic commitment though, the treaty must be approved by the Senate. You can play a critical role in ensuring its success. To send your Senators a letter urging them to ratify START, please visit <http://www.capwiz.com/clw/issues/alert/?alertid=14912526&type=CO>.

 Senators John Kerry (D-MA), Lindsay Graham (R-SC) and Joe Lieberman (I-CT) are expected to unveil their new climate bill in the next week or two. Published reports indicate that the bill will include subsidies for the nuclear power industry.

Nuclear power is both ineffective at reducing carbon emissions (its carbon footprint is 6 times greater than wind power for the same amount of electricity, 2-3 times greater than solar) and the most dangerous and expensive electricity source available. In no way would it fight climate change; in fact, it would be counterproductive.


To send an email to your Senators requesting they **reject nuclear power in a climate bill** and instead to come up with real climate solutions, follow this link:

http://org2.democracyinaction.org/o/5502/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=2255.

 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, 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**. They offer a list of media outlets by state, with 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. To access the Foreign Policy Staffer Locator, go to <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

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 June 3 – 5, 2010. The **International Confederation of Associations for Pluralism in Economics (ICAPE)** 3rd International Conference: “Failing Economies, Failing Economics: Rebooting Economics after the Crash” at Western New England College, Springfield, Massachusetts. More information at <http://www.icafe.org/>.

 June 7 – 11, 2010. The Transitional Justice Institute is pleased to announce its 3rd annual **Summer School on Transitional Justice 2010: Gender, Conflict and Transition** at University of Ulster, Magee campus, Londonderry, Northern Ireland. The Summer School is a week long residential course, consisting of a series of interactive lectures, workshops and roundtable discussions which

this year will address the theme of gender and transitional justice.

http://transitionaljustice.ulster.ac.uk/events_news/summer_school_2010.html

June 17 – 18, 2010. **14th Annual International Conference on Economics and Security** sponsored by EPS-UK, Izmir University of Economics, Middle East Technical University (METU), and University of the West of England, Bristol. The conference will take place at Izmir University of Economics, Izmir, Turkey. Call for papers and conference information is at <http://ekolider.ieu.edu.tr/eab/DEFENCE2010/>.

June 24 – 26, 2010. The Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) 22nd Annual Meeting will take place at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. The theme is **Governance Across Borders: Coordination, Regulation, and Contestation in the Global Economy**. To register, see http://www.sase.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=190&Itemid=46.

June 28 – 30, 2010. **10th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference** organized by the Network of European Peace Scientists in Amsterdam at the Tinbergen Institute, Roeterstraat 31, 1018 WB Amsterdam, the Netherlands. More information at <http://www.europeanpeacescientists.org/jtinbergen.html>.

June 29 – July 3, 2010. **85th Annual Conference of the Western Economic Association International** in Portland, Oregon. EPS will host a session on *Climate Change, Security and Prosperity*. More information at <http://www.weainternational.org/conferences.htm>.

November 19 – 20, 2010. **Second International Meeting on Conflict Management, Peace Economics and Peace Science** at the Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing, China. This year's theme is *Cooperation for a Peaceful and Sustainable World*. Contact Manas Chatterji mchatter@binghamton.edu or Chen Bo ICCPIDEM@126.co.

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