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"Our task must be to free ourselves from the prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty...We shall require a substantially new manner of thinking if mankind is to survive."

- Albert Einstein

## EPS News

- \*\*\*Volume 5, No. 2 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. Previous contributors include Joseph Stiglitz, James Galbraith, and Lawrence Klein. The Journal's website also features book reviews submitted by members and subscribers.

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To become a member of EPS (and to qualify for the subscription discount), visit <http://www.epsusa.org/membership/membership.htm>.
- Stiglitz Says US Faces "Anemic Recovery," Needs More Stimulus in *Bloomberg* article by Michael Heath

and Rishaad Salamat, August 5, 2010.

“Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph E. Stiglitz said the US economy faces an ‘anemic recovery’ and the government will need to enact another round of ‘better designed’ stimulus measures.

“The Obama administration took ‘a big gamble and it doesn’t look like it’s paying off,’ Stiglitz told Bloomberg TV in an interview in Sydney.. ‘The recovery is so weak that it is not strong enough to generate new jobs for the new entrants in the labor force, let alone to find jobs for the 15 million Americans who would like a job and can’t get one.’”


Read the full article at <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-08-05/stiglitz-says-anemic-u-s-recovery-means-obama-should-look-for-more-stimulus.html>.

 **Can we afford endless war?** In *The Chicago Tribune* on August 5, 2010, Steve Chapman says **Minding our own business would be cheaper – and safer.**


“Scholars Joseph Stiglitz of Columbia and Linda Bilmes of Harvard published a book in 2008 called ‘The Three Trillion Dollar War,’ which gives a more realistic estimate. But that, too, is an understatement. They figure that when all long-run costs are factored in, the tab will be at least \$5 trillion and could reach \$7 trillion, or nearly twice as much as this year’s entire federal budget.

“And that was two years ago. I asked Bilmes for an update, and she said some obligations, like veterans’ medical and disability compensation costs, ‘have exceeded our earlier projections.’ Do I hear \$8 trillion?”

To read the full article, see <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/columnists/ct-oped-0805-chapman-20100805,0,4478215.column>.


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 EPS now has a group page on **LinkedIn**. If this is your preferred social network, check in with us at [http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2009987&trk=anetsrch\\_name&goback=.gdr\\_1263369639671\\_1](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2009987&trk=anetsrch_name&goback=.gdr_1263369639671_1)

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“Our goal is to inspire a generation by creating a clean automobile propulsion technology that serves the needs of the 21st Century and delivers performance that is a reflection of the driver’s spirit. By creating this new power technology we hope to reduce the demand for petro-fuels enough to eliminate the need for war over energy supplies, thereby enhancing the security of the USA and other nations throughout the world.”

For more information about the LincVolt, see [http://www.lincvolt.com/lincvolt\\_redesign](http://www.lincvolt.com/lincvolt_redesign).

 **Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies**. INEE is an open, global network of practitioners

and policy makers working together to ensure all persons the right to quality education and a safe learning environment in emergencies and post-crisis recovery.


More information is available at the INEE website: <http://www.ineesite.org/>.

 The **Journal of Economic Perspectives (JEP)**, published by AEA, is now available online at no charge to the public. The JEP consists of articles that serve several goals such as synthesizing and integrating lessons learned from active lines of economic research and providing economic analysis of public policy issues.

To view all issues of the JEP published since 1999 online, compliments of the AEA, visit <http://www.aeaweb.org/jep/contents/index.php>.

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## In Other News

 **UN head shows resolve to realize nuke-free world within his lifetime**  
from The Associated Press, New York, August 2, 2010.

“The United Nations chief reiterated his commitment Monday to realizing a world without nuclear weapons within his lifetime and expressed his will to serve a second term to continue working on world problems such as nuclear disarmament, poverty reduction and climate change.

“UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon made the remarks in an exclusive interview with Kyodo News at John F. Kennedy International Airport prior to his departure for Japan, where he will visit Hiroshima and Nagasaki to send a ‘strong message to the international community’ calling for nuclear disarmament.

“Asked whether he hopes to see a world without nuclear weapons during his lifetime, Ban said, ‘That’s my goal.’”

For the full article, see [http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=D9HBKA401&show\\_article=1](http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=D9HBKA401&show_article=1).

 **How to make Smart Growth affordable** by Jonathan Hiskes for *Grist*, August 4, 2010

“Let’s say you want to live in one of those fancy Smart Growth developments that green urbanists are always going on about. Let’s say you want to live in *any* neighborhood with transit service and a grid that encourages walking and biking. Great. Living in a walkable, transit-connected neighborhood can save you money on gas and car maintenance, and maybe even eliminate the need for a car altogether. But it will cost you too, because housing in dense areas is pricier on average than housing in spread-out suburbs.

“Mortgage lenders could help make walkable urban homes more attainable by offering location-efficient mortgages (more on those later) – but it would take a concerted effort from the Obama administration to make it happen.”

To read the full article, see <http://www.grist.org/article/2010-08-04-location-efficient-mortgages-smart-growth-housing-affordability>.

 **A Detailed Analysis of the Fiscal 2010 War Supplemental**, by Louis Hellman and Laicie Olson, July 31, 2010, for The Center For Arms Control And Non-Proliferation

“The final version of the fiscal 2010 war supplemental was approved by the House on July 27, 2010 by a vote of [308-114](#).

“After [some amount of back and forth](#), the Senate’s original version of the bill, passed May 27, was approved by the House. The bill contains \$58.8 billion in spending, including \$37.1 billion for the war, over \$13 billion for Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange, \$5.1 billion for FEMA, and \$2.9 billion for Haiti disaster relief, as well as a host of smaller expenditures.”

The full analysis is available at

[http://www.armscontrolcenter.org/policy/securityspending/articles/Fiscal\\_2010\\_Supplemental/](http://www.armscontrolcenter.org/policy/securityspending/articles/Fiscal_2010_Supplemental/).

**Call for Papers:** Proposals are invited for the **Eurasian Peace Science Conference** which will take place January 7 – 8, 2011 at Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey.

The Conference's goals are to broaden cooperation among Eurasian and Middle Eastern peace science scholars, encourage interaction with the worldwide peace science community, and bring together research on conflict and peace-related topics from throughout the world. All aspects of the peace science field are welcome including in particular: (a) empirical studies of political violence and peaceful resolution, (b) quantitative and formal analyses of conflict and peace processes, (c) peace science methodology and theory, (d) alliances, investment, trade, and conflict, (e) economic and political causes of international and domestic violence encompassing war, ethnic conflict, and terrorism, (f) contemporary regional conflicts in Eurasia and Middle East, (g) security and foreign policy, and (h) conflict analysis and management.

Proposals will only be considered if there are presentation slots available. **All submissions, with tentative titles, abstracts (150-300 words) and contact information for authors, should be sent to [Eurasiaps@ku.edu.tr](mailto:Eurasiaps@ku.edu.tr) (or [Eurasiaps@gmail.com](mailto:Eurasiaps@gmail.com)).**

**Request for submissions:** The book series *Contributions to Conflict Management, Peace Economics and Development* now totals 15 volumes. Published by Emerald Publishing, UK, the series presents theoretical and empirical papers on conflict and peace related to economic, social and political development, primarily of the developing countries. EPS Fellow Manas Chatterji is General Editor. Colleagues interested in submitting a manuscript for possible publication may contact him at [mchatter@binghamton.edu](mailto:mchatter@binghamton.edu).

For information about the series, go to <http://info.emeraldinsight.com/products/books/series.htm?id=1572-8323>.

**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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## Funding and Employment Opportunities

**The United States Institute of Peace (USIP)** is looking to hire several **research assistants**. USIP provides the analysis, training and tools that help to prevent, manage and end violent international

conflicts, promote stability and professionalize the field of peacebuilding. To be eligible you must be a full time student at one of the following schools in the Washington DC area: American University, the Catholic University of America, Corcoran College of Art and Design, Gallaudet University, Georgetown University, George Mason University, The George Washington University, Marymount University, National Defense Intelligence College, National Defense University, Southeastern University, Trinity University, University of the District of Columbia, Howard University, the University of Maryland at College Park.

For more information, see <http://www.usip.org/work-us/research-assistant-positions>.


 **Rotary Peace Fellows** are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities. Fellows can earn either a master's degree in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a related field, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict resolution. Fellows are chosen from countries and cultures around the globe based on their ability to have a significant, positive impact on world peace and conflict resolution during their careers. Interested candidates must apply for Rotary Peace Fellowships through their local Rotary club.

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## EPS Publications and Resources

 ***The Jobs, Investment and Energy Symposium Issue***, EPS Quarterly, July 2010. This issue contains the proceedings from The Jobs, Investment and Energy Symposium held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Washington DC Tuesday, March 23, 2010. The Symposium was organized by Economists for Peace and Security and co-sponsored by The New America Foundation, and The International Trade Center Washington DC.

To read this issue of EPS Quarterly, go to

<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2010/march2010/march2010.pdf>

To see video of the symposium, go to <http://www.epsusa.org/events/310conf/investmentprogram.htm>


 ***The Obama First Year Issue***, EPS Quarterly, March 2010. This issue takes a closer look at President Obama's foreign policy during his first year in office.

To read this issue of EPS Quarterly, visit

<http://epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2010/march2010/march2010.pdf>

The full list of articles is available at

<http://epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2010/march2010/march2010.htm>

 ***"The Next Stage" Symposium Issue***, EPS Quarterly, December 2009. This issue contains the proceedings from *The Next Stage: Financial Reforms, Jobs and Housing, the Dollar and the International System* Symposium held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Washington DC on Friday, November 13, 2009. The Symposium was organized by Economists for Peace and Security and co-sponsored by the Foundation for Human Progress' Initiative for Rethinking the Economy, [the New America Foundation](#), and the International Trade Center Washington DC.

See video or read transcripts from the symposium by visiting

<http://www.epsusa.org/events/09conf/bankingprogram.htm>.

The Initiative for Rethinking the Economy also has a webpage devoted the symposium at

[http://www.i-r-e.org/index\\_en.html](http://www.i-r-e.org/index_en.html).

To read this issue of EPS Quarterly, go to

<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/newsletter.htm>.

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## Action Corner



**The new MillionPleas initiative is now officially launched!** The campaign is an initiative of [ICAN](#), the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear weapons, and was launched August 6, 2010, the 65th anniversary year of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

This new initiative aims to gather **one million pleas** from people all over the globe calling on the leaders of nine nations to finally retire the bomb. They're asking people from all over the globe to upload a video clip of themselves saying the word "please." The "pleases" will then be edited into a long virtual chain letter, which will act as a petition to abolish nuclear weapons, worldwide.

To see the pleas or record your own, visit [www.millionpleas.com](http://www.millionpleas.com).



The Friends Committee on National Legislation urges you to **Help Prevent a War with Iran**.

"A new House resolution could lead to a US war with Iran – even if the bill never becomes law. H. Res. 1553, claims to assert Israel's right to defend its sovereignty but actually signals to Israel that the United States will unconditionally back Israeli 'use of military force' against Iran. It's a green light to war."

To urge your representative to oppose and denounce this resolution, visit

<http://www.fcnl.org/action/2010/lam0727.htm>.



Last year E3 Network launched [Real Climate Economics](#), an online guide to the economics literature that supports immediate and aggressive measures to mitigate the risks of climate change. Its launch was widely applauded as an effective counter-weight to claims that economics does not support climate stabilization efforts.

Now E3 Network has launched the [Real Climate Economics blog](#) to provide timely commentary by economists on the challenges and opportunities wrought by climate change. They will feature regular contributions by E3 climate taskforce economists, including Frank Ackerman, Eban Goodstein, James Boyce, Elizabeth Stanton, James Barrett, Stephen DeCanio and others.

To join their economists in this important dialogue, visit <http://realclimateeconomics.org/wp/>.



**Get the word out on the topics that matter 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. For 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, see [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. **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](mailto:theaharvey@epsusa.org).

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## Upcoming Events

October 27 – 29, 2010. **International Greening Education Event** in the "green" city of Karlsruhe, Germany. This event will take academia, education and environmental policy makers, senior members of academic institutions, representatives of government and non-governmental organisations and international development agencies, teachers, sustainable development and environmental management professionals and other stakeholders through the need for greening education and then discuss effective initiatives that can be taken to translate "education for sustainability" in to actions.

Event details are available at <http://www.etechgermany.com/IGEE2010.pdf>.

Nov.18 – 19, 2010. **The second International Conference on Conflict Management, Peace Economics and Peace Science meeting** will be held at Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing, China. The theme of the meeting is *Cooperation for a Peaceful and Sustainable World*.

If interested in attending, please contact Manas Chatterji at [mchatter@binghamton.edu](mailto:mchatter@binghamton.edu).

January 7 – 9, 2011. **The annual meetings of the Allied Social Sciences Associations/American Economics Association** in Denver, Colorado. EPS will be hosting two sessions, "Afghanistan - Costs and Exit Strategies" and "Pressures on the Paradigm." Registration will begin in mid-September.

For more information, see <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/>.

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