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We can best help you to prevent war not by repeating your words and following your methods but by finding new words and creating new methods.

Virginia Woolf

EPS News

- After 7½ half years, I am stepping down as editor of NewsNotes and handing the reins over to our Communications Director, Ellie Warren. I am confident that Ellie will continue the tradition of informative and provocative content aggregation that NewsNotes represents. As always, if you have suggestions for improvements, compliments, or items for inclusion, we welcome them.
~Thea Harvey
- Western Economics Association meetings**
EPS will host a session Wednesday, June 30 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?

- Michael Intriligator, University of California at Los Angeles
A Novel Approach to Energy/Climate Change via a New Manhattan Project

For more information on the conference, visit <http://www.weainternational.org/>.

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. Previous contributors include Joseph Stiglitz, James Galbraith, and Lawrence Klein. The Journal's website also features 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.

For more information about the Journal or to subscribe, see <http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/>.

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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.

Join us on **Facebook**. Become a fan and keep up with our latest activities and upcoming events at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Economists-for-Peace-and-Security/114370951337>.

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Links

2010 Global Peace Index

In the 21st century peace is the pre-requisite for the survival of humanity as we know it. No longer viewed in the domain of the altruistic, it is in everyone's fundamental best interest. The 2010 rankings are here! This year 149 nations of the world have been ranked by their peacefulness and the results have stimulated some very interesting analysis. Discover the thermal maps, and download the Results Report and the Discussion Paper.

See the Global Peace Index here <http://www.visionofhumanity.org/>

In Other News

"Obama's National Security Strategy" by Doyle McManus, *Los Angeles Times*, June 6, 2010.

"When Barack Obama arrived at the White House, he quickly acted on the foreign policy promises he'd made in his presidential campaign, drawing up a timetable for withdrawing troops from Iraq, seeking diplomatic 'engagement' with adversaries such as Iran and North Korea, and trying to 'reset' the contentious US relationship with Russia.

"But until last month, he hadn't laid out his broader approach to the world beyond our borders. Now he has, in the recently released National Security Strategy, a lengthy essay required by Congress.

"The short version ... is this: We still want to do a little bit of everything, but after almost a decade of war, we're overstretched and need to concentrate first on fixing the domestic economy. When it comes to problems overseas, we'll do what we can as long as it doesn't cost too much."

The complete article is available at

http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/commentary/la-oe-mcmanus-20100606_0,1433841.column

Read President Obama's National Security Strategy in full here

http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/rss_viewer/national_security_strategy.pdf

"War Makes you Poor? Who Knew?!" by Stephen Donahoe, *Of Peace and Politics*, May 24, 2010.

"May 24, something amazing happened: the connection between war funding and poverty was finally made in Congress, thanks to Rep. Grayson of Florida, who introduced the '[War is Making You Poor Act](#).' It doesn't get anymore direct than that title!

"...If this bill were passed, it would ensure that the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are funded completely through the \$549 billion allocated for the Pentagon budget. This would leave the additional \$159 billion for 'emergency war funding' for a good old-fashioned tax break. With this money, the first \$35,000 of every individual's income and \$70,000 of every married couple's income will be tax free. This would put more money in the hands of everyone in the US - an economic stimulus with a multiplier effect that would help put our economy back on track and America back to work. Additionally, it will lower the national debt by \$16 billion."

To read the full article, visit

<http://ofpeaceandpolitics.wordpress.com/2010/05/24/war-makes-you-poor-who-knew/>

See information on the "War is Making You Poor Act" at

<http://www.thomas.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c111:H.R.5353:>

"The F-35 Boondoggle" EPS Fellow Winslow Wheeler interviewed on *Electric Politics*, May 21, 2010.

George Kenny runs the *Electric Politics* website, conducting extended interviews on core issues like the environment, politics and defense. The subject of his May 21 interview with Winslow Wheeler, director of the Straus Military Reform Project and EPS Fellow, was the F-35 "Joint Strike Fighter." The interview covers not just why this gigantic defense program should be cancelled, but won't; it also probes other sacred cows of modern defense technology, for example, addressing why we no longer can mass produce fighters and the bane of modern combat aircraft - the "multi-role" fighter design.

Hear the full interview at

http://www.electricpolitics.com/podcast/2010/05/the_f35_boondoggle.html

Read more about the F-35 in Winslow Wheeler's article "Stimulate the Economy: Cut the Defense Budget" at <http://epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2009/mar2009/wheeler.pdf>

■ **Call for Papers:** Proposals are invited for the **Eurasian Peace Science Conference** which will take place on 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.

All submissions before August 1, 2010 will be considered for the conference. Proposals after that date 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 (or 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 are requested to contact him at 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.

For more information, please visit www.bepress.com/peps.

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Funding and Employment Opportunities

■ **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.

For more information, see


<http://www.rotary.org/EN/STUDENTSANDYOUTH/EDUCATIONALPROGRAMS/ROTARYCENTERS/FORINTERNATIONALSTUDIES/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 their website at www.ije.org/cies. To request information, email scholars@ije.org.

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EPS Publications and Resources

 **"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.

To read this issue of EPS Quarterly, go

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

 ***The Financial Crisis, the US Economy, and International Security in the New Administration*** conference 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

 **Peace and Collaborative Development Network** is a professional networking site that fosters dialogue and sharing of resources between individuals and organizations worldwide involved in international development, conflict resolution, gender mainstreaming, human rights, social entrepreneurship and related fields.

On May 27, the Peace and Collaborative Networking site's membership reached over 14,700. There are currently members from over 190 countries around the world, including North America, Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the Mid-East. Experiences and backgrounds of individuals on the site range from undergraduate students to senior-level professionals.

To help further develop the site please take a few minutes to visit

<http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/>.

 **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. 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.

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

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

June 25 - 26, 2010. **G-8 Summit: Leadership on development, peace and security** Canada will assume the 2010 G-8 Presidency and will host this year's G-8 summit in Canada's Muskoka region. More information is available at <http://g8.gc.ca/g8-summit/>.

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. For more information, visit <http://www.europeanpeacescientists.org/jtinbergen.html>. To view the program for the conference, see <http://www.europeanpeacescientists.org/jantinbergen10pgm.pdf>.

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*. For more information, go to <http://www.weainternational.org/conferences.htm>.

October 25 – 28, 2010. **The Global Evaluation Conclave** will take place in New Delhi, India. A new vision is emerging of how evaluation can serve development. The questions are changing, from "What was the outcome of this project?" to "What needs to happen to bring about deeper change in societies and system?" This event is designed for stakeholders from evaluation research, theorizing, or practice who seek opportunities to push their thinking in new directions and are interested in application of new ideas. For more information or to register, please visit <http://www.evaluationconclave.org/>.

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