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***-Beltway hawks should not enjoy a presumption that military spending necessarily advances national security.***

-Christopher Preble and John Samples, from the article [\*Will the Tea Tempest Storm the Pentagon?\*](#)

## EPS News

- EPS will host two sessions at the Annual Meetings of the Allied Social Sciences Associations/American Economics Association in Denver, Colorado.**

Session 1: Friday, January 7, 2011 2:30pm, Sheraton, Plaza Court  
***Pressures on the Paradigm*** (Panel Discussion)

Panel Moderator: James Galbraith (University of Texas, Austin)  
Marshall Auerback (RAB Capital PLC)  
Robert Johnson (Institute for New Economic Thinking)  
William K. Black (University of Missouri, Kansas City)  
Warren Mosler (Valance Co, Inc)

Session 2: Saturday, January 8, 2011 2:30pm, Sheraton, Majestic Ballroom  
***Afghanistan - Costs and Exit Strategies*** (Panel Discussion)

Panel Moderator: Michael Intriligator (University of California, Los Angeles)  
Thomas Schelling (University of Maryland)  
Roger Myerson (University of Chicago)  
Linda Bilmes (Harvard University)  
Lloyd J. Dumas (University of Texas, Dallas)


EPS will also host a dinner in honor of Thomas Schelling  
Saturday, January 8, 6:30 to 10:00pm, Sheraton, Majestic Ballroom  
For more information or to register for the dinner, contact [TheaHarvey@epsusa.org](mailto:TheaHarvey@epsusa.org).

More information about the ASSA/AEA meetings is at [http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/Annual\\_Meeting/index.htm](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/Annual_Meeting/index.htm).

 **How the Wars Are Sinking the Economy** by Linda Bilmes for *The Daily Beast*, 10/27/10.

"Nobel Prize recipient Joseph Stiglitz and Harvard budget guru Linda J. Bilmes are revising their original \$3 trillion war cost estimate. As Bilmes reports, the Iraq and Afghanistan wars are at least 25 percent costlier than previous projections."


To read the full article, go to <http://www.thedailybeast.com/blogs-and-stories/2010-10-27/the-economic-crisis-and-the-hidden-cost-of-the-wars/>.

 **Mr. Broder's war and economic myths** by James K. Galbraith, Wednesday, November 3, 2010 in *The Washington Post*.


In response to David S. Broder's editorial *The War Recovery?* EPS Chair James Galbraith published a [letter to the editor](#) of *The Washington Post* on Tuesday, November 2, 2010.


Read the letter at [http://www.epsusa.org/publications/jamie\\_letter\\_wapo\\_nov10.htm](http://www.epsusa.org/publications/jamie_letter_wapo_nov10.htm).

Read David S. Broder's editorial here: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/10/29/AR2010102907404.html>.

 Video of our latest *EPS Bernard Schwartz Symposium - A Strategic Policy: Investment, Social Security and Economic Recovery* is available on the EPS website. This public symposium was held Friday, October 1, 2010, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Washington DC.

For more information and to view the symposium, visit <http://www.epsusa.org/events/1010conf/ssprogram.htm>

 **EPS raised \$65 this year with GoodSearch.** The more you use GoodSearch the more money you can Raise for EPS just by searching the internet or shopping online - at no cost to you. EPS gets a penny for every search you do; when everyone uses it, the pennies add up. <http://www.goodsearch.com/about.aspx>.

 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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## Links

 **International Peace & Security Institute's PEACE & SECURITY REPORT**

"IPSI's Peace & Security Report (PSR) is a concise weekly e-publication intended to keep busy students, academics, advocates, and practitioners in the conflict management community briefed on pertinent global news, events, and trends. Meticulously researched and written by IPSI, the PSR empowers us all to take a step back from our immediate deadlines each Friday and gain a greater understanding of the week's global events."

To read the Peace & Security Report, see [http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?llr=cx5atidab&v=001UIzoyTILna3oc5HHC1q1vM0B6IV\\_jh-qTiNV9IMAjzG4RCJtm0WNWLq5WE\\_pyfE0LbhNhs0kvmV58vERLVgLSkDhjR6DE0Hc\\_062GVzaFPHIRr5ABiEmC8C7IPcgYKLPNzC4KX3aEX6gtYNLkypUWbuVELZ287DkmPsbY9dj0s%3D](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?llr=cx5atidab&v=001UIzoyTILna3oc5HHC1q1vM0B6IV_jh-qTiNV9IMAjzG4RCJtm0WNWLq5WE_pyfE0LbhNhs0kvmV58vERLVgLSkDhjR6DE0Hc_062GVzaFPHIRr5ABiEmC8C7IPcgYKLPNzC4KX3aEX6gtYNLkypUWbuVELZ287DkmPsbY9dj0s%3D)

 **Gov-arrgh-nance: Jolly Rogers and Dodgy Rulers**, by Olaf J. de Groot and Anja Shortland, September 28, 2010.

"In this paper, we argue that the effect of governance on the emergence of crimes of different levels of sophistication is highly non-linear. State failure, anarchy and a lack of infrastructure are not conducive to establishing any business, including illicit enterprises. At the bottom of the spectrum, therefore, both legal business and criminal gangs benefit

from improved governance. With further improvements in governance criminal activities decline. We find strong and consistent support for this hypothesis using the International Maritime Bureau's dataset on piracy. Piracy is reported by ship-owners, giving a unique insight into crime in badly governed countries which were systematically excluded from previous analyses. We show that profitable forms of piracy flourish where on the one hand there is stability and infrastructure, but on the other hand the state does not have the capacity to intervene and/or bureaucrats can be bribed to turn a blind eye. For minor acts of theft from ships the pattern is quadratic: piracy first rises and then falls as governance improves."


Read the full paper at [http://www.diw.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=diw\\_01.c.361841.de](http://www.diw.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=diw_01.c.361841.de).

#### **Debt, Deficits, & Defense: A Way Forward**

Report of the Sustainable Defense Task Force, Project on Defense Alternatives, June 11, 2010.

The Task Force illustrates how the Pentagon can contribute significantly to deficit reduction while advancing national security goals. The report presents options for reducing DoD's budget - in sum saving nearly \$1 trillion over the next decade.

To read the report, see <http://www.comw.org/pda/fulltext/1006SDTFreport.pdf>.

 **EPS Fellow Jurgen Brauer has converted his monthly columns into blog format.** The columns - written monthly since August 1997, and irregularly since the mid-1980s - are first and foremost extensions of his classroom. But he now invites students worldwide to join him in the writing of columns, ordinarily less than 800 words in length. Email ideas to [brauer.jurgen@gmail.com](mailto:brauer.jurgen@gmail.com).

The latest column, called *The Myth of War*, is available here: <http://stonegardeneconomics.com/blog/?p=660>

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### In Other News

 **"Wartorn 1861 – 2010" New Documentary Chronicles Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder from Civil War to Iraq and Afghanistan.**

A new documentary, *Wartorn 1861–2010*, aired on HBO on Veterans Day, chronicling the lingering effects of war on military veterans throughout American history, from the Civil War through today's conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.


*Democracy Now!* spoke with the filmmakers Jon Alpert and Matt O'Neill, and with the parents of two soldiers who committed suicide after coming home from Iraq.

Watch the interviews at [http://www.democracynow.org/2010/11/10/war\\_torn\\_1861\\_2010\\_new\\_doc](http://www.democracynow.org/2010/11/10/war_torn_1861_2010_new_doc)

 **Re-examining the Nuclear Deterrence Theory** by Aditi Malhotra, November 2, 2010 for University for Peace, *Peace & Conflict Monitor*.

"Aditi Malhotra revisits the theory of nuclear deterrence in light of current trends including nuclear proliferation, increasing multipolarity in global power, and terrorism. The article concludes that the cold war logic of nuclear deterrence cannot be used to justify continued development and maintenance of nuclear weapons systems."

To read the full article, see [http://www.monitor.upeace.org/innerpg.cfm?id\\_article=752](http://www.monitor.upeace.org/innerpg.cfm?id_article=752)

 **Call for Papers: Fifteenth Annual Conference on Economics and Security** will be held in Bristol, UK June 16 – 17, 2011, hosted by Economists for Peace and Security (UK), UWE, Bristol and Bristol University.

If you would like to present a paper please send a title and an abstract of less than 300 words as soon as possible. Both should be sent before April 1, 2011 to [John2.Dunne@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:John2.Dunne@uwe.ac.uk).

For more information, visit <http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2011> or contact J. Paul Dunne [John2.Dunne@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:John2.Dunne@uwe.ac.uk).

**Request for submissions:** The Eastern Economic Association welcomes individual submissions and organized session proposals for its annual conference at the Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers for February 25 – 27, 2011.

For full details please visit the conference website at [www.ramapo.edu/eea](http://www.ramapo.edu/eea). Any questions may be asked by emailing [eea@ramapo.edu](mailto:eea@ramapo.edu).

**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)).

Information about the conference is available at [http://home.ku.edu.tr/~eurasiaps/Eurasian\\_Peace\\_Science\\_Conference/main\\_page.html](http://home.ku.edu.tr/~eurasiaps/Eurasian_Peace_Science_Conference/main_page.html).

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## Funding and Employment Opportunities

**One Earth Future Foundation** is hiring a Quantitative Research Director and Quantitative Research Associate. One Earth Future is a private foundation based in Colorado, with a mission of a world beyond war through effective systems of governance, and business as partners.

For more information about job positions, go to [http://www.oneearthfuture.org/index.php?id=96&pid=8&page=Employment\\_at\\_OEF](http://www.oneearthfuture.org/index.php?id=96&pid=8&page=Employment_at_OEF).

NAFSA seeks innovative, action-oriented ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS to manage international education issue portfolio; execute effective Hill strategy; handle policy analysis, consensus building, advocacy. NAFSA is an association of individuals worldwide advancing international education and exchange, and global workforce development.


A full description of the position's requirements is at <http://www.connectusfund.org/resources/associate-director-government-relations-nafsa-association-international-educators>.

**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, visit <http://www.usip.org/work-us/research-assistant-positions>.


## EPS Publications and Resources

 *The "War in Afghanistan: Problems and Prospects in the Wake of Karzai's Visit" Symposium Issue*, EPS Quarterly, October 2010. This issue contains summaries of the proceedings from The War in Afghanistan: Problems and Prospects in the Wake of Karzai's Visit symposium held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Washington DC on May 17, 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, see <http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2010/oct2010/oct2010.pdf>

To see video of the symposium, see

<http://www.epsusa.org/events/510conf/afghanprogram.htm>

 *The Jobs, Investment and Energy Symposium Issue*, EPS Quarterly, July 2010. This issue contains summaries of the proceedings from The Jobs, Investment and Energy Symposium held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Washington DC on 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>

 **\*\*\*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.

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: <http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/>.

To become a member of EPS (and to qualify for the subscription discount):<http://www.epsusa.org/membership/membership.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.

Read this issue of EPS Quarterly at <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>

## Action Corner


 **Helping to Peacefully Prevent Deadly Conflict**

Support the resolution calling for the United States to improve its capacities to prevent genocide and mass atrocities. Preventing violent conflict is more than an ideal; it's something that the US government can help do, but only with the right tools and policies.


Two senators, Russ Feingold (WI) and Susan Collins (ME), have now introduced a bipartisan resolution that calls for the US to improve its capacities to prevent the most horrific violence the world faces: genocide and mass

atrocities. Senators Russ Feingold (WI) and Susan Collins (ME) introduced the bipartisan resolution, [S. Con. Res. 71](#), this summer, and it now has 11 cosponsors.


For more information about the resolution, see <http://capwiz.com/fconl/issues/bills/?bill=15852521>.


 **Comment on *The Hill* Blog regarding the Debt Commission and military budget reductions:** *The Hill* asked for comments on the released draft of President Obama's Debt Commission, which included military budget reductions. Some of the nation's top political commentators, legislators and intellectuals offer insight into the biggest questions burning up the blogosphere today. Comments on the blog are encouraged.

To read and comment on the blog, go to <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/economy-a-budget/128807-the-big-question-what-is-the-best-worst-idea-from-the-debt-panel>.

 **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=3bu4\\_9o8t91.app20a](http://action.aclu.org/site/PageServer?pagename=LTE_SOTU_2007&JServSessionIdr001=3bu4_9o8t91.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

 November 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 6 – 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 is now open.

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


 February 25 – 27, 2011. **The Eastern Economic Association's 37th Annual Conference** will be held at The Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers, New York City.

Details are available at <http://www.ramapo.edu/eea/2011/>.

 April 26 – 29, 2011. **The 9th Biennial Pacific Rim Conference** will be held in Brisbane, Australia, hosted by Queensland University of Technology's School of Economics and Finance. Program highlights include keynote addresses by Edward J. Kane, Boston College, and WEAI President Paul A. David, Stanford University.

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



 May 30 – June 1, 2011. **International Academic Conference on Behavioral Decision Making**, hosted by The Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy and the New School of Psychology at IDC (Interdisciplinary Center), Herzliya, Israel.

For more information, see <https://portal.idc.ac.il/en/schools/Government/events/dm/Pages/homepage.aspx>.

 June 16 – 17, 2011. **Fifteenth Annual Conference on Economics and Security** will be held in Bristol, UK, hosted by Economists for Peace and Security (UK), University of West England (Bristol), and University of Bristol.

More information can be found at <http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2011>.

 June 27 – 29, 2011. **11th Annual Jan Tinbergen Peace Science Conference** will be held at University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.


For more information, see <http://www.europeanpeacescientists.org/jtinbergen.html>.

 June 29 – July 3, 2011. **The 86th Annual Conference of The Western Economics Association International** will be held in San Diego, California.

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


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## How Can I Help?

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