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*"Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organized conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither persons nor property will be safe."*

*-Frederick Douglass*

## 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 2:30 pm, 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 2:30 pm, 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)

For more information about the ASSA/AEA meetings, see  
[http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/Annual\\_Meeting/index.htm](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/Annual_Meeting/index.htm)

**EPS mourns the passing of our Fellow and benefactor Andrew Ehrenberg.**

Andrew Ehrenberg (May 1, 1926 – August 25, 2010) was honored at a September 14 funeral service in London. Three of his long time colleagues from England and Australia spoke about his empirical approach to marketing research, and his two daughters and his oldest grandson gave personal tributes. He is survived not only by his wife, three children and six grandchildren, but by two major research institutes, the Ehrenberg-Bass Institute [www.MarketScience.info](http://www.MarketScience.info) at the University of South Australia in Adelaide, and the Ehrenberg Centre for Research in Marketing at South Bank University, London. Both are supported by major corporations that benefit from the work of Prof. Ehrenberg and the ongoing legacy of his approach to finding patterns of human behavior.

Video of our latest *EPS Bernard Schwartz Symposium - A Strategic Policy: Investment, Social Security and Economic Recovery* is now posted 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, go to  
<http://www.epsusa.org/events/1010conf/ssprogram.htm>

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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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## Links


Each year, National Priorities Project (NPP) reports on military recruitment in an effort to better understand these expenditures by focusing on active-duty Army recruits. Approximately one quarter of all military spending goes towards the recruitment, retention, wages and benefits for military personnel.

**This year's National Priorities Project report on military recruitment** examines the demographics of FY09 Army recruits to see if they reflected those of the nation. For fiscal year 2009, the Army recruited the fewest new active-duty service members since NPP began their analysis in 2004. More FY09 recruits had high school diplomas or better than in past years and had higher scores on the qualifying tests that indicate better trainability. More recruits continue to come from the South, and more recruits come from

rural than urban areas. Indeed, Secretary Gates in a recent address noted these very trends and voiced concern that a “narrow sliver of our population” is fighting our wars.

For more information or to read the full report, see

<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/publications/military-recruitment-fy09>

 **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

 **Economic Freedom Suffers Global Setback**

The Economic Freedom of the World: 2010 Annual Report, released this week by the **Cato Institute**, revealed the very first regression in economic freedom since the inception of the index in 1996 . The average economic freedom score rose from 5.55 (out of 10) in 1980 to 6.70 in 2007, but fell back to 6.67 in 2008, the most recent year for which data are available. Of the 123 countries with chain-linked ratings in 2007 and 2008, 88 exhibited rating decreases and only 35 recorded rating increases. In this year's index, Hong Kong retains the highest rating for economic freedom, 9.05 out of 10, followed by Singapore, New Zealand, Switzerland, Chile, the United States, Canada, Australia, Mauritius, and the United Kingdom.

For more information or to access the full report, visit <http://www.cato.org/pubs/efw/>


 **Threat of global warming sparks US interest in geoengineering**

By Juliet Eilperin, *The Washington Post*, Sunday, October 3, 2010

"It's come to this: Climate-conscious policymakers are beginning to contemplate the possibility of playing God with the weather in the hope of slowing global warming.

"For years it was considered downright wacky in official Washington to discuss [geoengineering](#): altering the climate by reflecting sunlight back into the sky, sucking carbon dioxide from the air – or a host of other gee-whiz schemes. But in the past year the wacky has won a following, spurred in part by the recent collapse of climate legislation as well as by growing interest among private entrepreneurs and foreign officials."

The full article can be found at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/10/03/AR2010100303437.html>

 **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 1st April 2011 to [John2.Dunne@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:John2.Dunne@uwe.ac.uk).

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

**Call for Papers: The German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), the German Foundation for Peace Research (DSF) and the Households in Conflict Network (HiCN)** are organizing an international research conference on the costs of conflict and related themes.

For that reason, DIW Berlin, DSF and HiCN will organize a conference in which scholars from all disciplines and all levels of seniority can present work that is related to the theoretical, empirical and methodological foundations of the calculation of the global costs of conflict.

Please send your completed paper and a short cv (maximum two pages) both in PDF format to Mr. Christian Staacke ([cstaacke@diw.de](mailto:cstaacke@diw.de)) by November 1, 2010. Persons whose paper is selected for presentation will be notified by November 15, 2010.

For more information, visit <http://www.diw.de/gecc> and <http://www.hicn.org>.

**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).

 The Connect US Fund is seeking a full-time administrative assistant to support their activities building a community of organizations working for more responsible US global engagement. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled; the position will be available November 1.

A full description of the position's requirements is at <http://www.connectusfund.org/resources/administrative-assistant-connect-us-fund>.

 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.

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

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## EPS Publications and Resources

 *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.

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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), visit <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>

 *"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

 **Ending the Endless Wars: Repeal the 2001 Authorization for Use of Force.**

The Friends Committee on National Legislation urges following Rep. Barbara Lee's leadership to [get H.R. 6282 enacted](#).

"The 2001 Authorization for Use of Force has been used to justify US military interventions in Iraq, Afghanistan, and many other countries; torture; holding detainees indefinitely; running up military spending; and extravagant and ineffective spending of tens of billions of tax dollars on so-called intelligence."

"Congress finds that the Authorization for Use of Military Force...signed into law on September 18, 2001, has been used to justify a broad and open-ended authorization for the use of military force and such an interpretation is inconsistent with the authority of Congress to declare war and make all laws for executing powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States."

-Excerpt from H.R. 6282



For more information, including a tool for contacting your representative to cosponsor this legislation, see [http://action.fcnl.org/enews/e-news\\_end\\_the\\_endless\\_war\\_now/](http://action.fcnl.org/enews/e-news_end_the_endless_war_now/)

**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 organizations 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" into actions.

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

November 16, 2010. **swisspeace Annual Conference 2010** will be held in Theatersaal Hotel National, Hirschengraben 24, Bern, Switzerland.

**Ballots or Bullets? The Potentials and Challenges of Elections in Conflict Contexts**

This year's annual conference analyzes under which conditions elections are likely to contribute to peace or conflict. It critically looks at some of the underlying liberal principles and explores ways of how to make electoral processes more conflict sensitive.

For more information, see <http://www.swisspeace.ch/typo3/en/etc/annual-conference/index.html>.

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 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 [www.weai.org](http://www.weai.org).

■ 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); UWE, Bristol and Bristol University.

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

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