



ECONOMISTS for PEACE & SECURITY

"If the human race wishes to have a prolonged and indefinite period of material prosperity, they have only got to behave in a peaceful and helpful way toward one another."

-Winston Churchill

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EPS News

Crisis in the States and Cities: What Should Be Done?

An EPS Bernard Schwartz Symposium

States and cities face tax increases and sharp cuts in vital public services, with likely harsh effects on economic activity and competitiveness going forward.

This public symposium on April 12, organized by EPS discussed the budget crises faced by state and local governments including cuts to social services and increasing taxes. Will budget cuts help, as some claim or hurt, as others believe the economies of affected jurisdictions and the country?

The panelists presented action plans for a federal role, including revenue sharing, and the possible federalization of Medicaid.

Crisis in the States and Cities: What Should Be Done? was hosted by Economists for Peace and Security; Bernard Schwartz; and the New America Foundation.

For more information about the event, see
<http://www.epsusa.org/events/411conf/statecrisisprogram.htm>.

The 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.

For more information, visit <http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2011>

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Video of our latest **Bernard Schwartz Symposium - Crisis in the States and Cities: What Should Be Done?** is available on the EPS website. This public symposium was held Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, Washington DC.

For more information and to view the symposium, go to <http://www.epsusa.org/events/411conf/statecrisisprogram.htm>.

EPS raised \$65 last 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**. With every search you do, EPS receives a penny; when everyone uses it, the pennies add up.

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EPS now has a group page on **LinkedIn**. If this is your preferred social network, check in with us at www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2009987&trk=anetsrch_name&goback=.gdr_1263369639671_1.

Don't forget EPS is on Facebook. Become a fan and keep up with our latest activities and upcoming events.

Become a fan of EPS at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Economists-for-Peace-and-Security/114370951337>.

Links

The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook Volume 35, Part 1, 2010.

This volume compiles the resolutions and decisions of the previous General Assembly, their voting patterns in the General Assembly and the First Committee, lead sponsors, sponsors and co-sponsors, references to First Committee report and dates of adoption.

Contains a quick view of votes by cluster for an easy handle on resolution numbers, titles and votes in the Assembly and in the First Committee.

For more information or to view the yearbook, see <http://www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/ODAPublications/Yearbook/>.

Does paying taxes make you happy?

National Priorities Project Tax Day 2011

National Priorities Project offers you several ways to learn about how the federal government spent each 2010 federal income tax dollar. Find out what other revenue sources were used to pay our nation's bills in 2010.

To read the full report, see <http://nationalpriorities.org/en/publications/2011/taxday-2011/>.

Afghanistan: Negotiating Peace

New Report by The Century Foundation

For nearly ten years, the US and the international community have been engaged in the struggle to secure a stable peace in Afghanistan. The international [task force](#) organized by The Century Foundation, under the leadership of Ambassadors Lakhdar Brahimi and Thomas Pickering, just released their report, *Afghanistan: Negotiating Peace*. Their findings and recommendations seek to determine what kind of political path might lead to ending the war.

The Century Foundation Report can be found at <http://tcf.org/publications/2011/3/afghanistan-negotiating-peace>.

In Other News

United States Peace Index

The Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) released the inaugural United States Peace Index April 6, 2011.

The United States Peace Index (USPI) is the first-ever national ranking of US states by their levels of peacefulness. The Index provides an analysis of the economic costs related to a lack of peace in the United States, and finds that a reduction in violence and crime would result in hundreds of billions of dollars, comprised of savings for government at the federal and state level and additional economic activity. The Index also looks at how economic, health, education and demographic indicators across the country impact peace and the US economy.

To see the rankings, visit <http://www.visionofhumanity.org/info-center/us-peace-index/>.

The missing piece of Obama's energy security plan: cities

The Deficit Gang of Six is bipartisan but one-sided

By David Roberts, April 5, 2011 for *Grist*

"I had plenty of complaints about Obama's big energy security speech last week -- see [here](#) and [here](#). Most of them centered on his crassly political decision to put supply-side solutions first, despite the fact that supply is a red herring; all the serious solutions are demand-based."

"There's one complaint I didn't say much about, which I wanted to amplify: In the speech and in the accompanying materials, short shrift is given to land-use change, urban density, and transit"

Read the full article at <http://www.grist.org/cities/2011-04-05-the-missing-piece-of-obamas-energy-security-plan-cities>.

Call for Papers. ICAPE is now accepting submissions for a proposal for a paper, session of papers, or roundtable for ICAPE's 3rd international research conference, "Rethinking economics in a time of economic distress." Founded in 1993, the International Confederation of Associations for Pluralism in Economics (ICAPE) is an association of associations committed to promoting healthy diversity in approaches to producing economic knowledge.

For the upcoming conference, to be held at University of Massachusetts - Amherst on Nov. 11 - 13, 2011, we invite proposals for papers or sessions from any strand of interested scholarship, examining topics of cross-cutting interest for creating a more robust, socially-valuable body of economic knowledge.

The deadline for submitting proposals is April 30, 2011.

To submit proposals, please go to <https://editorialexpress.com/conference/ICAPE2011>.

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8th International Conference Developments in Economic Theory and Policy, Bilbao (Spain), June 29 - July 1, 2011

The Department of Applied Economics V of the University of the Basque Country and the Cambridge Centre for Economic and Public Policy, Department of Land Economy, of the University of Cambridge are organizing the 8th International Conference Developments in Economic Theory and Policy. The Conference will be held in Bilbao (Spain), from June 29 - July 1, 2011.

The deadline to submit papers and proposals of 'Organized Sessions' is May 25, 2011.

For full details, see

<http://www.conferencedevelopments.com/>.

Call for Papers. The 11th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, annual meeting of Network of European Peace Scientists, will take place on June 27 – 29 at the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The Jan Tinbergen Conference is interdisciplinary. There will be continuing emphasis on research methods in peace science, but also papers dealing with all aspects of the peace science field, from pure abstract theory to practical applied research will be accepted. As a guide to topics, please consider: (a) cooperation, deterrence, alliances and games, (b) game and related theory, (c) contest theory, (d) general equilibrium models of conflict and conflict management; (e) economic policies to cope with actual and potential conflicts; (f) mathematical approaches to conflict management, (g) mathematical models of arms races and wars, (h) empirical studies on the causes of wars and political violence; (i) the impact of conflicts and violence on welfare; (j) public policy aspects of both war-torn and post-conflict societies; (k) arms control, government spending and international security; (l) trade disputes, trade wars and international economic sanctions; (m) critical economic aspects of the global crises.

More information is available at

www.europeanpeacescientists.org/jtinbergen.html.

Funding & Employment Opportunities

Connect US Fund is now hiring a Fissile Materials Working Group Coordinator.

The Fissile Materials Working Group Coordinator (FMWG Coordinator) is a full-time, six-month position responsible for managing the process and substance relating to the successful implementation of the FMWG's strategic plan. After two successful years, the FMWG is in a position to think strategically about its role in the FM policymaking community and the FMWG Coordinator will be expected to take the lead in working with the Steering Committee on that process. The FMWG Coordinator will facilitate communication among members of the FMWG and the Steering Committee, and with identified stakeholders in the FM community, as well as build bridges with the US Government, international partners, and the nuclear industry.

To see the full listing, visit

<http://connectusfund.org/resources/connect-us-fund-fissile-materials-working-group-coordinator>.

The Training and Mobility Network for the Economic Analysis of Conflict (TAMNEAC) is currently recruiting Early Stage Researchers (ESR) and Experienced Researchers (ER) in Development Economics.

The overall objective of the Training and Mobility Network for the Economic Analysis of Conflict (TAMNEAC) is to train a young generation of professionals and researchers in tackling the challenges associated with mass violent conflict in developing countries. This training will range from rigorous research methods to knowledge-based policy responses and program implementation in conflict-affected countries.

TAMNEAC analyses the drivers, forms and socio-economic consequences of various types of mass violent conflict, including war, from an economic perspective, as well as the risk management strategies of individuals and households to cope with conflict.

Read the full listing here

http://www.diw.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=diw_01.c.363130.en.

Project on Government Oversight is searching for their first Beth Daley Impact Fund Fellow.

The first Daley Fellow will work specifically in Communications. This Fellow will join POGO's public education team and assist with their blog, social networking, traditional media, and other communications to their supporters. A prospective Fellow will have a working knowledge or expertise in one or more of these areas: blogging, video editing, podcasting, videography, photography, and web design. It is important that the Fellow understand the strategic use of social media; he or she will assist in maintaining and improving their presence on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and other social networking platforms.

The Fellow must be able to grasp complicated policy issues and to deftly translate those issues into clear and compelling content aimed at a general audience. Previous journalism or public relations coursework or experience is preferred.

A full description of the position is available here

<http://www.pogo.org/about/bd/beth-daley-impact-fund-fellow.html>.

EPS Publications

The Annual Budget Issue, EPS Quarterly, March 2011. In this annual budget issue we take on conservative and tea partier's loud cries for cuts in federal spending, we bring you two pieces, from a self-described conservative and two libertarians, joining their voices in asking for defense cuts along with any other belt tightening measures. Also to assist in sorting out the defense budget and its relative merits, we are happy to include brief excerpts from the new handbook-guide to the Defense Department, The Pentagon Labyrinth: 10 Short Essays to Help You Through It from the Strauss Military Reform Project. This issue also contains several pieces which examine the Obama administration's policies and processes. On the back cover of this issue is our Statement on Federal Spending and the Recovery, released February 28.

To read this issue of EPS Quarterly, see

<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2011/mar2011/mar2011.html>.

Economics of Peace and Security Journal Vol. 6, No 1 - On collective punishment, California water, and the Austrian School is now available online. Articles by Keisuke Nakao and Sun-Ki Chai on criminal conflict and collective punishment; David Zetland on intra-organizational conflict: origin, persistence, cost, and closure (parts I and II); and Christopher Westley, William L. Anderson, and Scott A. Kjar on War and the Austrian School: Mises and Hayek (part II of a series on war and the Austrian School).

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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 "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 Bernard Schwartz 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 watch video of the symposium, see
<http://www.epsusa.org/events/510conf/afghanprogram.htm>.

Action Corner

Friends Committee on National Legislation: Genocide Prevention Month

April is Genocide Prevention month, marking a series of commemorative anniversaries for the Holocaust and the Armenian, Bosnian and Cambodian genocides. Seventeen years ago, the rapid slaughter of innocent civilians started in Rwanda. After each of these horrific events, the US and the international community vowed "never again." Yet today, [the US is still not well-equipped](#) to carry out its commitment to help prevent genocide. Over the past decades the international community, including the US, has largely stood by and watched as mass atrocities were perpetrated in Srebrenica and Darfur. Years of underinvestment in civilian tools like diplomacy, development, and international cooperation have crippled the US' ability to help prevent atrocities across the world. Leadership and pressure from Congress is needed now to ensure that the policy gaps and capacities in the US government are filled and maintained beyond any one administration.

To contact your senators and representative on the issue of Genocide Prevention, see
<http://www.capwiz.com/fconl/issues/alert/?alertid=40743501&type=CO>.

Get the word out on the topics that matter most to you! The ACLU has a tool that helps write and send letters to local papers. With such a letter, 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.

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.

Upcoming Events

- **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, go to <http://www.weainternational.org/>.

- **May 13 - 15, 2011.** The Newark Peace Education Summit
The Newark Peace Education Summit is a three day conference focusing on peacemaking practices from around the world. It features panels and workshops with His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama, Newark Mayor Cory Booker, Somaly Mam, Nobel Laureates and peace advocates from a wide cross section of cultures, disciplines and perspectives. The summit will explore the programs, policies, and methods used by communities to establish peace, why and how they work, and how to replicate them in America and around the world. The event will be held at the NJPAC (New Jersey Performing Arts Center) in Newark, New Jersey, May 13-15, 2011. Do not miss this precious opportunity to cultivate peace.

For more information, see <http://www.newarkpeace.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, visit

<https://portal.idc.ac.il/en/schools/Government/events/dm/Pages/homepage.aspx>.

- **June 10 - 11, 2011.** The 4th International Summit on Conflict Resolution Education will be held in Cleveland, Ohio. The 4th International Conference on CRE is an opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary collaboration and research on issues related to the development of infrastructure in CRE. Presentations will focus on innovations in the fields that are making broad impacts in local, state, national, and international communities.

Details are available at

http://www.creeducation.org/cre/global_cre/about_global_network/4th_intl_cre_summit_2011/.

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For more information, see <http://www.conferencedevelopments.com/>.

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

Details are available at <http://www.weainternational.org/>.

- **September 6 - 7, 2011.** Conflict Research Society Annual Conference will be held at the Richardson Institute for Conflict and Peace Research, Lancaster University, UK. The theme for this year's conference is Has War Gone Bust? Peace, Conflict and the Global Financial Crisis.

For more information, go to <http://www.crs2011.org/index.php>.

- **November 11 - 13, 2011.** ICAPE's 3rd international research conference, Re-thinking economics in a time of economic distress will be held at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Amherst, MA.

The 2007-08 financial crisis and subsequent economic downturn have raised many questions about how well prevailing economic approaches identify and explain pressing economic problems and suggest sound ways to solve them. Exploring what needs to change in economics and identifying productive paths forward are the central themes of The International Confederation of Associations for Pluralism in Economics 3rd international research conference.

For more information, see <http://www.icafe.org/conferences.html>.

How Can I Help?

Become a member of EPS. Your annual membership entitles you to discounts on publications, invitations to events, our informative newsletters, and more. Most importantly, by joining us you help to ensure that reasoned perspectives on essential economic issues continue to be heard. Membership dues and other donations are fully tax-deductible.

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