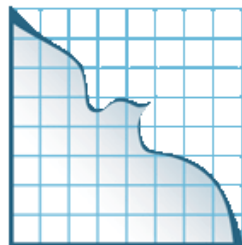


NewsNotes

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ECONOMISTS for PEACE & SECURITY

The pursuit of peace resembles the building of a great cathedral. It is the work of a generation. In concept it requires a master-architect; in execution, the labors of many.

-Hubert Humphrey

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EPS News

*You are cordially invited to join
Economists for Peace & Security
for our Annual Dinner*

This year's dinner honors

Robert J. Gordon

Saturday, January 7, 2012
6:30 - 10:00pm
at Swissotel
Chicago, Illinois

For more information on attending the EPS dinner honoring Robert J. Gordon, please visit our events page <http://www.epsusa.org/events/events.htm>.

The sixteenth International Conference on Economics and Security will be held in Cairo, Egypt June 21 – 22, 2012, hosted by Economists for Peace and Security (Egypt), American University in Cairo.

If you would like to present a paper, please send a title and an abstract of less than 300 words as soon as possible, to the contact below. **Both should be sent before April 1, 2012**

For more information contact
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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

SIPRI is pleased to co-publish, with The EU Non-Proliferation Consortium, a set of reports on key challenges for the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC). Papers #3, #4, and #5 were posted this month. Paper #3 is entitled *Strengthening the BTWC through laboratory best practices and biosecurity*.

The Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) remains the cornerstone of the regime to prevent the use of biological weapons, embodying the norm against biological weapon proliferation. The inherent challenges and complexities of the fight against biological weapons are best addressed by a multilayered approach that combines top-down and bottom-up actions and initiatives. The 2011 anthrax attacks, which caused widespread panic and disruption, highlighted the need to take into account the threats posed by both state and non-state actors. These events also led to more thorough consideration of one of the most difficult threat to deal with, the threat from inside.

In this context, enhancing biosafety and biosecurity measures and raising awareness at the laboratory level have been identified as in accordance with the aims and objectives of the convention. This paper considers how to strengthen the BTWC and focuses specifically on the involvement of the life sciences community and the need to engage scientists and laboratory workers, as well as on the role of the European Union.

Download the full report here
<http://www.nonproliferation.eu/documents/nonproliferationpapers/elisandenxon4ed77d757f975.pdf>.

The US Employment Effects of Military and Domestic Spending Priorities: 2011 Update

This study focuses on the employment effects of military spending versus alternative domestic spending priorities, in particular investments in clean energy, health care and education. It first presents some simple alternative spending scenarios, namely devoting \$1 billion to the military versus the same amount of money spent on clean energy, health care, and education, as well as for tax cuts which produce increased levels of personal consumption.

For more details and to read the full report, go to

<http://www.peri.umass.edu/236/hash/0b0ce6af7ff999b11745825d80aca0b8/publication/489/>.

In Other News

Eurozone Catastrophe: How Saving the Euro Could Mean Blood on the Streets

The whole future shape of Europe must be resolved in a week or so. It's a high-stakes game of poker that the Germans are determined to win--at the expense of misery for many.

by Marshall Auerback, December 2, 2011 for *AlterNet*

"The eurozone story is changing by the hour. Here's what you need to know to understand developments that will impact the entire global economy and potentially cause major social upheaval.

"The eurozone is facing two distinct, but related, problems: Problem #1 is a national solvency issue, which only the European Central Bank (ECB) can solve. Problem #2 is deficient 'aggregate demand' (a fancy term for the spending power of consumers), which calls for a stronger fiscal policy response to offset declining investment and purchases in the private sector."

To read the full article, see

http://www.alternet.org/economy/153297/eurozone_catastrophe%3A_how_saving_the_euro_could_mean_blood_on_the_streets.

Call for papers

The 12th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, annual meeting of NEPS, has announced a call for papers.

All abstracts (150-250 words) with tentative title submitted before February 18, 2012 will be considered for the conference. Proposals received after February 18, 2012 will only be considered if any presentation slots are still available.

For more details about this call for papers, visit

<http://www.europeanpeacescientists.org/jan.html>.

Funding & Employment Opportunities

National Priorities Project is seeking a Director of Development

The Development Director is responsible, in conjunction with the Executive Director, for an aggressive growth plan to scale up NPP's annual revenue from \$750,000 to \$1.5 million over the next five years from high net-worth individuals, foundations and other organizations. The Development Director will raise funds primarily through personal cultivation, solicitation, and retention of current and prospective donors along with overseeing direct mail, email, and social media solicitations. Additionally, s/he will support the Executive Director in foundation prospecting, grant writing and stewardship.

To see the full job listing, go to

<http://nationalpriorities.org/en/about/jobs/director-of-development/>.

The Department of Development and Security at DIW Berlin is hiring four Postdoctoral Researchers in the Economics of Security and Related Disciplines

The German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin) is one of the leading economic research institutes in Germany. DIW is an independent, non-profit institute involved in economic research, service and policy advice. They cooperate closely with universities in Berlin and Brandenburg and in international academic networks.

The Department of Development and Security at DIW Berlin is a young and growing research team conducting high quality research on key global challenges and deriving policy advice from this research. The department contributes significantly to the Households in Conflict Network and the Network for the Economic Analysis of Terrorism.

For full details, see

http://www.diw.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=diw_01.c.388908.en.

EPS Publications

The Piracy Issue

EPS Quarterly, September 2011. The articles in this issue explore the effects of piracy on economics and the possible uses of the discipline of economics on the problem of piracy.

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- Letter from the Director
- Keeping Pirates At Bay: The Atalanta Mission In The Horn Of Africa
Renaud Bellais
- The Economic Cost of Piracy
Oceans Beyond Piracy Project
- Governance and Piracy
Olaf J. de Groot and Anja Shortland

Read this issue of EPS Quarterly at

<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2011/sept2011/sept2011.pdf>.

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

EPS Quarterly, June 2011. This issue contains summaries of the proceedings from the Bernard Schwartz symposium held at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, Washington DC on April 12, 2011. The Symposium was organized by Economists for Peace and Security and co-sponsored by The New America Foundation, Washington DC.

Read this issue of EPS Quarterly at

<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2011/jun2011/jun2011.pdf>.

To watch video of the symposium, visit

<http://www.epsusa.org/events/411conf/statecrisisprogram.htm>.

Economics of Peace and Security Journal Vol. 6, No 2 - On peace, war, and violence - is now available online

Contents

- Sterling Huang and David Throsby on economic, political, and social determinants of peace
- Alvaro Riascos and Juan Vargas on violence and growth in Colombia
- Steve Pickering on the (supposed) bellicosity of “mountain people”
- Vincenzo Bove on the demand and supply of peacekeeping
- John Gilbert, Tanigawa Takahiko, Krit Linananda, Edward Tower, and Alongkorn Tuncharoenlarp on the deadweight cost of war
- Zachary Tambudzai on determinants of military expenditure in Zimbabwe

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 \$25! Non-subscribers can access the abstracts and contents pages.

For more information about the Journal or to subscribe:

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

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Action Corner

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Economists Statement in Support of Occupy Wall Street

"We are economists who oppose ideological cleansing in the economics profession. Equally, we oppose political cleansing in the vital debate over the causes and consequences of our current economic crisis.

"We support the efforts of the Occupy Wall Street movement the country and across the globe to liberate the economy from the short-term greed of the rich and powerful one percent.

"We oppose cynical and perverse attempts to misuse our police officers and public servants to expel advocates of the public good from our public spaces.

We extend our support to the vision of building an economy that works for the people, for the planet, and for the future, and we declare our solidarity with the Occupiers who are exercising our democratic right to demand economic and social justice."

To join other EPS members in signing the statement, send an email to

info@econ4.org

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 email Thea Harvey: theaharvey@epsusa.org.

Upcoming Events

- **January 6 – 8, 2012** Annual meetings of the Allied Social Sciences Association and American Economics Association in Chicago, IL.

EPS will present two sessions on Friday, January 6. This year's Annual Dinner, in honor of Robert J. Gordon, will be held Saturday, January 7.

Details are now available at our website's events page <http://epsusa.org/events/events.htm>

- **January 13 – 14, 2012** EURASIAN PEACE SCIENCE CONFERENCE at Koç University in 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.

For more information, visit <http://conflictstudiescenter.ku.edu.tr/call.html>.

- **March 9 – 11, 2012** Eastern Economic Association 38th Annual Conference will be held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA. The Eastern Economic Association is a not-for-profit corporation whose object is to promote educational and scholarly exchange on economic affairs. Towards that end, the Association encourages the freedom of research and discussion.

Further information about the conference is available at <http://www.ramapo.edu/eea/>.

- **June 21 – 22, 2012** The sixteenth International Conference on Economics and Security will be held in Cairo, Egypt, hosted by Economists for Peace and Security (Egypt), and the American University in Cairo.

For more information contact

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- **June 25 – 27, 2012** The 12th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, and annual meeting of NEPS, will be held at the DIW Berlin, Department of Development and Security, Mohrenstr. 58, 10117 Berlin, Germany.

Details about the conference can be found here

<http://www.europeanpeacescientists.org/jan.html>.

- **June 29 - July 3, 2012** The 87th annual Western Economics Association International conference will be held in San Francisco California at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square.

For more information or to register for the WEAI conference, see

<http://weai.org/AnnualConf>.

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