



ECONOMISTS for PEACE & SECURITY

The goal toward which all history tends is peace, not peace through the medium of war, not peace through a process of universal intimidation, not peace through a program of mutual impoverishment, not peace by any means that leaves the world too weak or too frightened to go on fighting, but peace pure and simple based on that will to peace which has animated the overwhelming majority of mankind through countless ages. This will to peace does not arise out of a cowardly desire to preserve one's life and property, but out of conviction that the fullest development of the highest powers of men can be achieved only in a world of peace.

-Robert Maynard Hutchins

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EPS News

FEDERAL SPENDING AND THE RECOVERY

A Statement by Directors, Trustees and Fellows of Economists for Peace and Security

The budget adopted by the House of Representatives on February 19, 2011 does not make economic sense and is likely to do more harm than good. First, the rationale for the measure is based on a false premise. Secondly, the budget cuts being proposed will impede and may end the recovery. If the recovery fails, unemployment will increase and the financial crisis could re-emerge.

The premise that the US government is broke is false. The US government has never defaulted and will not default on any of its financial obligations. Deficit spending is normal for a great industrial nation with a managed currency, and it has been our normal economic condition throughout the past century. History proves, and sensible economic theory confirms, that in recessions, increased federal spending - not balancing the budget - is the tried and true way to return to a path of sustained growth and high employment.

Eliminating waste in government spending is desirable. But that is not what the House proposes; indeed the House budget failed to address the largest waste in federal government, namely in the military, and the House failed to remove our most egregious subsidies, such as to oil companies. To adopt a policy of deep budget cuts at this stage of recovery is to surrender to irrational fears in the service of a political, not an economic, agenda.

As economists, as citizens, and as long-time critics of waste in government, we call on the Senate to reject the House proposal and to craft an alternative that places first priority on sustaining economic recovery and on dealing with the country's true economic and social problems, which include unemployment, home foreclosures, the fiscal crisis of states and cities, our infrastructure needs, energy security and climate change.

To read the full statement with current signators, see <http://www.epsusa.org/publications/policybriefs/federalspendingandtherecovery.pdf>.

EPS signs budget priorities letter

Congress is in the midst of an epic budget battle. Drastic funding cuts are proposed for vital programs like education and health care, while the bloated Pentagon budget grows. This is the time to weigh in about our nation's budget priorities! Join the growing coalition of voices calling for sensible budget priorities that restrain excessive military spending.

WAND is joining with organizations nationwide to circulate an annual budget letter which calls on Congress to cut excessive military spending and support smart budget priorities. We invite any organizations that you know – community, religious, human needs, environmental, women's organizations and others – to sign onto this [letter](#) to Congress. The letter will be delivered to all members of Congress by the end of next month

Read the letter at

<http://e2ma.net/go/6978455850/208481897/219862163/1407851/goto:http://www.wand.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/WAND-Org-Letter-Final2.pdf>.

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.

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.

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

Video of our latest [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, go to <http://www.epsusa.org/events/1010conf/ssprogram.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.

To start using Goodsearch, see <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 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

Straus Military Reform Project:

The Pentagon Labyrinth

The Pentagon Labyrinth aims to help both newcomers and seasoned observers learn how to grapple with the problems of national defense. Intended for readers who are frustrated with the superficial nature of the debate on national security, this handbook takes advantage of the insights of ten unique professionals, each with decades of experience in the armed services, the Pentagon bureaucracy, Congress, the intelligence community, military history, journalism and other disciplines.

More information about the handbook is available here: <http://www.cdi.org/program/index.cfm?programid=37>.

The Human Security Report Project announces a new website to host the popular Afghanistan Conflict Monitor and Pakistan Conflict Monitor

The Conflict Monitors provide concise and current information on peace and security issues in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Each Monitor is a comprehensive knowledge hub that contains the best available news, research, and data.

Visit the new website at <http://www.conflictmonitors.org/>.

In Other News

Gang warfare in the Senate

The Deficit Gang of Six is bipartisan but one-sided

By Darrell Delamaide, March 9, 2011 for *Market Watch*

"A bipartisan group of half a dozen senators is embarking on a road show to alert the American public to a coming 'financial Armageddon' as the Senate is mired in a stalemate over the budget.

"Bipartisan, of course, does not mean balanced. The three Republican members of the new Gang of Six are among the most conservative members of the world's greatest deliberative body. Two of the three Democratic members are certified deficit hawks."

To read the full article, see <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/deficit-gang-warfare-in-the-senate-2011-03-09>.

Peacebuilding That Pays Off

by Anthony C. Zinni, March 7, 2011 for *The New York Times*

"In voting last month to eliminate financing for the United States Institute of Peace, members of the House of Representatives did not do their research. You will find the institute's competent work behind practically every American success in Iraq and Afghanistan. It has undertaken missions from the Balkans and Sudan to the Philippines and Somalia, where I supported the institute's efforts to mediate conflicts, promote the rule of law and encourage democracy."

Read the full article at http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/08/opinion/08zinni.html?_r=2&ref=opinion.

Call for Papers and Sessions. Has War Gone Bust? Peace, Conflict and the Global Financial Crisis. Conflict Research Society Annual Conference of 2011.

The conference embraces theory, evidence and practice – it invites presentation and discussion. It seeks to bring together developments in the 'real' world and developments in academic understanding... topical issues and enduring issues. Moreover, it recognizes the existence of disagreement: concepts, theories and approaches can be contested.

An initial expression of interest would be extremely helpful. Contributions will be accepted on the basis of a 200-300 word abstract which should be submitted – very preferably before March 31, 2011 - to Steve Pickering s.pickering@lancaster.ac.uk.

For more information, see <http://www.conflictresearchsociety.org.uk/activities.html>.

Call for Papers. The 11th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, annual meeting of NEPS, 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

The World Conference of Religions for Peace is now hiring a Conflict and Child Protection Program Manager.

Religions for Peace, the world's largest and most representative multi-religious coalition that works to advance peace, and UNICEF, the United Nation's agency mandated to promote and protect children's rights, are in a unique partnership designed to strengthen the engagement of religious communities, particularly inter-religious mechanisms, and child protection actors to work in partnership to enhance the protection of children affected by conflict. Religions for Peace and UNICEF seek a uniquely qualified person to manage the program. The selected candidate will be seated in and administratively supervised by Religions for Peace, with technical supervision shared with UNICEF.

For more information, visit <http://www.idealists.org/view/job/hPBDXDxDchSP/>.

The Connect US Fund is seeking a Program Coordinator, World Resources Institute.

The Development Department of the World Resources Institute (WRI) is seeking a dynamic, energetic, highly motivated person to fill the position of Development Coordinator. This position will provide programmatic and administrative support to staff managing government sector partnerships and funding (including US government, foreign aid agencies, and multilateral organizations). This position provides a valuable growth opportunity to learn about environment and development policy, institutional and fundraising strategy, and donor cultivation and stewardship. The ideal candidate will be comfortable working in a fast-paced department with multiple projects, activities, and deadlines that require the ability to juggle competing priorities. S/he will be very detail-oriented, a quick study and possess excellent interpersonal skills.

A full description of the position is at <http://www.connectusfund.org/resources/program-coordinator-world-resources-institute>.

Other job listings for Connect US Fund can be found at <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs087/1101483031206/archive/1103139187301.html>.

EPS Publications

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).

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>.

The "Jobs, Investment and Energy" Symposium Issue, EPS Quarterly, July 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 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>.

Action Corner

Friends Committee on National Legislation: *10 Days to Cut Pentagon Spending*

Right now, your senators are hammering out the details of legislation that would cut tens of billions of dollars in US government spending. No serious proposals are on the table in the Senate to make significant cuts in Pentagon spending. Instead, senators are preparing to accept proposals that would slash funding for programs that create jobs, help people living in poverty, and work to prevent wars.

Your phone calls to senate offices in the next 10 days could help persuade senators to make significant cuts in Pentagon spending that would free up money for other priorities.

For more information, visit <http://www.fcnl.org/action/alert.htm>.

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=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.

Upcoming Events

- **March 30 – 31, 2011.** ACCO Climate Change Leadership Series presents: Defense, National Security & Climate Change: Mitigating Risks and Seizing Opportunities in a Rapidly Changing Global Environment in Washington DC.

For more information, see <http://www.ACCOonline.org/ccls/defense-march2011.html>

- **March 30 – April 1, 2011.** TRANSCEND-USA in collaboration with TRANSCEND International present their 2nd annual conference. This year's topic will be Transcending Borders: Canada, Mexico, and the United States. They will be exploring narratives for future cross border engagement collaboration and policy debate. The symposium will be held at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

For more information, visit http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/events/event/show?id=780588%3AEvent%3A382720&xgs=1&xg_source=msg_share_event

- **April 6, 2011.** The Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) cordially invites you to attend the release of the inaugural United States Peace Index at the National Press Club, Holeman Lounge 529 14th St. NW, Washington, DC 20045.

For more information, see <http://uspeaceindex.eventbrite.com/>.

- **April 14 – 15, 2011.** Defense and its Realms, an international conference, will be hosted by ENSIETA and the University of Western Brittany (UBO) on the ENSIETA Campus, Brest, France. Details are available at <http://www.defense-realms.com/>.
- **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 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.creducation.org/cre/global_cre/about_global_network/4th_intl_cre_summit_2011/.

- **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 is available at <http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2011>.

- **June 16 - 19, 2011.** 11th annual Netroots Nation conference will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

For more information, see <http://www.netrootsnation.org/>.

- **June 27 – 29, 2011.** 11th Annual Jan Tinbergen Peace Science Conference, organized by the Network of European Peace Scientists, will be held at University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

For details, visit <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.

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>.

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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