# **NewsNotes**

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The means by which we live have outdistanced the ends for which we live. Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles

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### **EPS News**

Fifteenth Annual International Conference on Economics and Security June 16 - 17, 2011, Burwalls Centre, University of Bristol, Clifton, Bristol UK

Hosted by EPS (UK), The University of the West of England, the University of Bristol. Registration forms are available, early bird registration deadline is

For more information or for registration forms, see <a href="http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2011/">http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2011/</a>.

# Reassessing The Cost Of The Post-9/11 Era, Post Bin Laden

By Dan Froomkin, May 11, 2011. For The Huffington Post

"Osama bin Laden's death doesn't end the post-9/11 era, but it does provide an occasion to look back at everything that's happened since the attacks no costs."

"It's been a long, grueling and enormously expensive time for this country, a time of endless war and massive fortification, of borrowed money and of m

"There's the human toll. More than twice as many Americans - over 6,000 - have now died in the two wars that followed 9/11 than did in the original at Iraqis and Afghans. Over three million Iraqis and 400,000 Afghans remain displaced. Several hundred thousand U.S. soldiers suffer from long-term war-ru with more than 200,000 diagnosed with traumatic brain injury alone."

# Read the full article at

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/05/11/reassessing-the-cost-of-9-11-bin-laden n 860186.html.

### 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 forw

This public symposium on April 12, organized by EPS, discussed the budget crises faced by state and local governments including cuts to social services a 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 transcripts, video, and photos of the event, go to <a href="http://www.epsusa.org/events/411conf/statecrisisprogram.htm">http://www.epsusa.org/events/411conf/statecrisisprogram.htm</a>.

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 With every search you do, EPS receives a penny; when everyone uses it, the pennies add up.

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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 <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2009987&trk=anetsrch\_name&goback=.gdr\_1263369639671\_1">www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2009987&trk=anetsrch\_name&goback=.gdr\_1263369639671\_1</a>.

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 Moral Equivalent of War: A Short-Term Program for Energy Security.

Roosevelt Institute Campus Network

"Amidst devastating oil shocks, President Carter first warned the nation of the impending energy catastrophe facing the United States. More than three policy-makers has only exacerbated this insecurity."

"Embracing the urgency of the issue, the Defense and Diplomacy Center of the Roosevelt Institute Campus Network has initiated *The Moral Equivalent a* program is to break the stalemate in Washington and deliver a series of short-term, politically moderate policies. The policies will be designed to imme environmental threats facing the United States, and to promote future political action."

To learn more about the project, see

http://www.rooseveltcampusnetwork.org/policy-center/16/moral-equivalent-war-short-term-program-energy-security.

### **Economic Policy Institute's Economy Track**

An interactive look at the US labor market

Economy Track adds context to current unemployment levels and other economic data through a series of interactive charts that are both in-depth and understand the story behind the numbers or to get some historic or demographic perspective on the current economy.

View the charts at

http://www.economytrack.org/mainchart 1.php? tab=out.

## In Other News

### A National Security Strategy That Doesn't Focus on Threats

By Jim Dwyer, May 3, 2011. For The New York Times

"Here's a proposition: The death of Osama bin Laden brings a moment to talk about something other than threats — not because they don't exist, but be speak of nothing else is mortally dangerous."

"So listen for a moment to two military strategists, working at the highest level of government, as they turn to the subject of leaky air-conditioners in g Poorly fitted air-conditioners cost New York City 130 to 180 million dollars a year in extra energy consumption, one of the strategists, Capt. Wayne Port generate 370,525 extra tons of carbon dioxide."

To read the full article, visit

 $\underline{\text{http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/04/nyregion/a-strategy-for-national-security-focused-on-sustainability.html? r=1 \&emc=eta1.}$ 

### World not prepared for climate conflicts - security experts

By Laurie Goering, April 28, 2011 for AlertNet

"Accelerating climate change and competition for limited supplies of water, food and energy are poised to ignite long-simmering conflicts in fragile stat resources and hampering development efforts, security experts say."

"Defusing these new 21st century conflicts - or at least preparing governments and citizens to cope with them - will require a broad range of innovative Department for International Development (DFID) heard earlier this month."

"Mitigation measures include borrowing business risk-management strategies, getting military officials to talk publicly about the constraints they face, t unstable countries, and ensuring billions in climate aid go to the right places and aren't lost to corruption, experts said."

### Read the full article at

http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/world-not-prepared-for-climate-conflicts-security-experts.

### Call for Papers.

DIW Berlin and the Economics of Security Initiative invite submissions for a one-day workshop on The Economics of Walls on November 9, 2011 to c fall of the Berlin Wall.

At the workshop DIW would like to discuss the economic determinants, functions and impacts of walls from both a microeconomic and macroeconomic ;

More information is available at

http://www.diw.de/en/diw 01.c.372194.en/publications and events/events/calendar/calendar.html.

# Funding & Employment Opportunities

### Graduate Program Manager, Kroc Institute, University of Notre Dame

The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame (<u>kroc.nd.edu</u>) is searching for a Graduate Program Manager. The Grac the Kroc Institute's MA and PhD programs. The MA program enrolls approximately 40 students, many of whom are international students. Students in the completing an internship at field site locations around the world. The PhD program will grow to an enrollment of 20-25 students over the next few years.

The full job description can be found at

http://jobs.nd.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=56845.

### The Institute for Economics and Peace has partnered with Monash University to establish the first ever Research Chair in

Monash University is seeking an outstanding appointee to provide academic leadership and fulfill the role of the IEP Research Chair in Peace Economics. on the relationship between economics and positive peace-building outcomes for the global challenges of today.

The successful appointee will be an international-level researcher who can provide strong leadership in peace economics, foster excellence in research communicator. Specifically, the Chair will be an acknowledged expert in some or all of the fields of: econometrics and development economics, peace a

Working closely with the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) this position will have a dual reporting line to the Dean, Faculty of Arts and the Dean, I promote collaboration and foster cross-disciplinary research. The IEP Research Chair in Peace Economics will play a leading and coordinating role in pro understanding causal links for peace, and consequences of peace.

### Full job listing is available at

 $\label{local-bounds} $$ \frac{http://jobs.monash.edu.au/jobDetails.asp?sJobIDs=495508\&sKeywords=senior+research+position+to+focus+on+the+relationship+between+economics+and+positive+peace-building+outcomes+for+the+global+challenges+faced+today, &tWorkTypeID=&LLocationID=&LCategoryID=&BrandID=&SJobNo-senior+research+position+to+focus+on+the+relationship+between+economics+and+positive+peace-building+outcomes+for+the+global+challenges+faced+today, &stp=AW&sLanguage=en.$ 

## 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 substant 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 policyl Coordinator will be expected to take the lead in working with the Steering Committee on that process. The FMWG Coordinator will facilitate communicated the Steering Committee, and with identified stakeholders in the FM community, as well as build bridges with the US Government, international part

### 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 (E 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 professiona challenges associated with mass violent conflict in developing countries. This training will range from rigorous research methods to knowledge-based pc 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 persp 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.

### **EPS Publications**

The Annual Budget Issue, EPS Quarterly, March 2011. In this issue EPS takes on conservatives' and Tea Partiers' loud cries for cuts in federal spending self-described conservative and two libertarians, joining their voices in asking for defense cuts along with any other belt-tightening measures. To assist i its relative merits, we are happy to include brief excerpts from the new handbook-guide to the Defense Department, "The Pentagon Labyrinth: 10 Short the Strauss Military Reform Project. This issue also contains several pieces which examine the Obama administration's policies and processes. On the ba Statement on Federal Spending and the Recovery, released February 28.

# Read this issue of EPS Quarterly at

 $\underline{http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2011/mar2011.html.}$ 

Economics of Peace and Security Journal Vol. 6, No 1 - On collective punishment, California water, and the Austrian School is now a Nakao and Sun-Ki Chai on criminal conflict and collective punishment; David Zetland on intra-organizational conflict: origin, persistence, cost, and closs 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 econ international, and global peace and security. Previous contributors include Joseph Stiglitz, James Galbraith, and Lawrence Klein. The Journal's website by members and subscribers.

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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 proceedings from the Bernard Schwartz symposium held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Washington DC on May 17, 2010. 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**

### HR 1735, the Afghanistan Exit and Accountability Act.

A bipartisan group of Representatives introduced the Afghanistan Exit and Accountability Act, HR 1735, requiring the Obama Administration to present a Afghanistan.

After nearly ten years, a death toll of over 1,500 US soldiers, and with Americans struggling to afford basic necessities, it is clear that we cannot afford Jim McGovern (D-MA) stated, "The war in Afghanistan adds \$100 billion a year - \$2 billion each week, \$8 billion each month to our debt. We're told that funding, but we should continue to borrow billions and billions of dollars for nation-building in Afghanistan. That's nuts. Instead, we should be doing so home."

H.R. 1735 calls on President Obama to provide Congress with a timeframe and completion date for the transition of US military presence in Afghanistan and financial costs of continuing the war and the estimated savings of ending the war within 6 months.

Read the full text of HR 1735 here

 $\underline{\text{http://www.wandactioncenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/HR1735.pdf.}}$ 

To contact your representative in support of the Afghanistan Exit and Accountability Act, see

http://capwiz.com/wand/issues/alert/?alertid=45649516.

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 not only to your neighbors but directly to the offices of your Members of Congress, where staffers and our lawmakers themselves follow opinions from h

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 <a href="http://action.aclu.org/site/PageServer?pagename=LTE">http://action.aclu.org/site/PageServer?pagename=LTE</a> SOTU 2007&JServSessionIdr001=3bu4 908t91.app20a.

Do you have a foreign policy alternative that should be heard in the halls of government? Citizens for Global Solutions provides an easy policy staffer for your Member of Congress.

To access the Foreign Policy Staffer Locator, go to <a href="http://globalsolutions.org/hill/fpstaff">http://globalsolutions.org/hill/fpstaff</a>.

If you would like to post an EPS flyer on a departmental bulletin board or similar venue, please contact Thea Harvey at <a href="mailto:thea-harvey@epsusa.org">thea-harvey@epsusa.org</a>.

# **Upcoming Events**

 May 26, 2011. Global Peace Index Discussion at the United Nations, Peace and Social Sustainability: What Peace Metrics Can Tell Us abou 26, 2011, 1:15pmn - 3:00pm, United Nations Headquarters, NLB Building, Conference Room 7, Visitors entrance at 45th Street and 1st Avenue N

With the world facing mounting economic, social, environmental, and political pressures in the coming decades, research from five years of the compact shape the debate around how nations can create the optimal environment to handle these growing challenges.

The panel will discuss the results of the 2011 GPI and will explore the societal structures that make diverse countries peaceful and resilient.

### Further details at

http://2011gpiny.eventbrite.com/?

ref=enivtefor&invite=OTE0OTAxL2VsbGlld2FycmVuQGVwc3VzYS5vcmcvMA%3D%3D%0A&utm\_source=eb\_email&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaigr

May 30 - June 1, 2011. International Academic Conference on Behavioral Decision-making, hosted by The Lauder School of Government
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 resear development of infrastructure in CRE. Presentations will focus on innovations in the fields that are making broad impacts in local, state, national

### Details are available a

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 a
 England (Bristol), and University of Bristol.

### More information is available at

http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2011.

June 24 - 25, 2011. Department of International Economics 2011Conference on Development Economics and Policy, hosted by the KfW
German Institute for Economic Research. The keynote speeches will be delivered by Alan Winters (Sussex University and Chief Economist at DFID)
University, Italy).

# For full details, please refer to

www2.vwl.wiso.uni-goettingen.de/ael/index.htm.

June 27 - 29, 2011. 11th Annual Jan Tinbergen Peace Science Conference, organized by the Network of European Peace Scientists, will t
The Netherlands.

## For more details, visit

http://www.europeanpeacescientists.org/jtinbergen.html.

• June 29 - July 1, 2011. 8th International Conference Developments in Economic Theory and Policy.

The Department of Applied Economics V of the University of the Basque Country and the Cambridge Centre for Economic and Public Policy, Depar University of Cambridge, are organizing the 8th International Conference Developments in Economic Theory and Policy. The Conference will be here

### 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, Cali

### 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 Resea theme for this year's conference is Has War Gone Bust? Peace, Conflict and the Global Financial Crisis.

## For more information, go to

 $\underline{http://www.crs2011.org/index.php}.$ 

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

The 2007-08 financial crisis and subsequent economic downturn have raised many questions about how well prevailing economic approaches iden

problems and suggest sound ways to solve them. Exploring what needs to change in economics and identifying productive paths forward are the c Confederation of Associations for Pluralism in Economics 3rd international research conference.

Full details about the conference are available at <a href="http://www.icape.org/conferences.html">http://www.icape.org/conferences.html</a>.

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