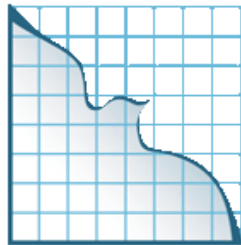


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One cannot subdue a man by holding back his hands. Lasting peace comes not from force.

~David Borenstein

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EPS News

16th Annual International Conference on Economics and Security June 21 – 22, 2012, Cairo, Egypt.

The American University in Cairo is honored to host the 16th Annual International Conference on Economics and Security. The conference aims to provide an opportunity for defense and peace economists from around the world to share ideas and discuss future developments in the following areas:

- Security in the Balkan region
- European security
- Economics of security
- Globalization and the restructuring of the MIC
- Militarism and development
- Security sector reform
- Economics of conflict and war
- Economics of post-conflict reconstruction
- Economics of arms procurement, trade and offsets
- Arms races and alliances
- Peace science
- Conversion and demilitarization
- Economics of terrorism
- Technology and civil security
- Disaster management and civil security

For more information about the conference, see <http://conf.aucegypt.edu/ICES-2012>.

Registration information is available at
<http://conf.aucegypt.edu/Conferences/ConfHome.aspx?Conf=ICES-2012&Title=Registration>.

EPS Netherlands/Belgium affiliate has launched its new website.

The EPS European portal is evolving with more European affiliate websites coming soon.

The Dutch-Flemish Affiliation of Economists for Peace and Security (EPS NL/FL) is a cooperation of Dutch and Flemish economists. It was founded in 1990 by Nobel Prize Laureate in economics Jan Tinbergen.

EPS NL/FL emphasizes the relationships between economy and peace in the conviction that knowledge of these relationships and the desire to act accordingly are essential conditions for sustainable peace.

EPS is part of a global community of experts on the economics of military affairs, research and policy institutes, grass-roots and grass-tops activists, and working groups on peace and security policy. Among them are Nobel Prize Laureates in economics Kenneth Arrow, Lawrence Klein, Amartya Sen, Robert Solow and Joseph Stiglitz.

Visit the new website here:

<http://www.epseu.org/index.php/nl-about-us>.

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Become a fan of EPS at

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Economists-for-Peace-and-Security/114370951337>.

EPS now has a group page on LinkedIn. If this is your preferred social network, check in with us.

Keep up with EPS at

www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2009987&trk=anetsrch_name&goback=.gdr_1263369639671_1.

Links

Tax Day 2012

National Priorities Project looks at where the federal government spent your income taxes—down to the penny.

By Mattea Kramer

"On April 17, 2012, your 2011 federal income tax return is due to the IRS. Where did the federal government spend your income taxes during fiscal year 2011?"

"When you pay federal income taxes, the US Treasury designates that money as "federal funds." That means Congress and the president can spend that money on any government activity – and the NPP's chart shows how they chose to spend federal funds in 2011. The chart does not include your payroll taxes, also called Social Security and Medicare taxes, which are designated as "trust funds" and can only be used by the Treasury to fund those two programs. But some federal funds are also used to pay for Social Security and Medicare."

For more information on the NPP chart and other Tax Day guides, visit

<http://nationalpriorities.org/en/analysis/2012/taxday-2012/>.

The UNODA Disarmament Yearbook for 2011 – Volume 36, part 1 – is now available

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs Yearbook 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

It also contains a quick view of votes by cluster for an easy handle of resolution number, titles and votes in the Assembly and in the First Committee

To read or download the Yearbook, go to

<http://www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/ODAPublications/Yearbook/>.

In Other News

The Global Teach-In

The Global Teach-In will take place simultaneously in seven countries and multiple cities, starting on April 25, 2012 at 12:00 Noon Eastern Daylight Time.

This interactive and participatory event will include discussions by experts, grassroots activists and citizens-at-large concerned about developing solutions to policy problems and creating alternative institutions. The Teach-In will involve face-to-face deliberation, teleconferencing and an internet-based broadcasting network. Local teach-in groups already exist or are in formation. Participate by organizing a teach-in, joining a local group or listening to the broadcast.

Find out how to participate at

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

Trends in international arms transfer

New SIPRI Fact Sheet

by Paul Holtom, Mark Bromley, Pieter D. Wezeman and Siemon T. Wezeman

The SIPRI Arms Transfers Database now contains information on all international transfers of major conventional weapons from 1950 to the end of 2011. It is the only publicly available resource providing consistent data on international arms transfers for this length of time. This Fact Sheet describes the trends in international arms transfers that are revealed by the new data. It lists the main suppliers and recipients for the period 2007–11 and describes the changes in regional trends.

For more information or to download the fact sheet, see

http://books.sipri.org/product_info?c_product_id=443.

Call for papers

Submissions are invited for the 6th Annual Conference on the Political Economy of International Organizations, to be held at the Universities of Mannheim and Heidelberg, Germany, February 7–9, 2013. The conference brings together economists and political scientists to address political economy issues related to international organizations such as the World Trade Organization, the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and the European Union, and also other international organizations that have as yet received less attention in the academic literature.

For details on submission requirements, visit

<http://www.peio.me/>.

Call for papers

There is a dramatic rise across the world in cross-border, transnational corporation-driven and foreign government-driven, large-scale land deals. Such "land grabs" revolve around the production and sale of food and biofuels, conservation and mining activities. Understanding the social, economic and political consequences is an important challenge.

As a follow-up to the highly successful [International Conference on Global Land Grabbing](#) held in 2011 at Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, Brighton, UK, the [Land Deal Politics Initiative](#) (LDPI) is organizing a second international academic conference to be held October 17–19, 2012 at the Africana Studies Center at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, and have just announced a [call for papers](#).

The organizers invite papers that offer rigorous and innovative analysis based on recent, original field research. Doctoral students and younger researchers, particularly from the global South, are especially encouraged to participate. The deadline for submission of abstracts to [landpolitics\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:landpolitics(at)gmail.com) is May 31, 2012.

Information about submission requirements can be found at <http://www.future-agricultures.org/land/7669-call-for-papers-land-grabbing-conference-october-2012-usa>.

Funding & Employment Opportunities

SIPRI launches international search for new Director

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, SIPRI, is a leading international institute, with staff drawn from around the world, dedicated to independent research into conflict, security, armaments, arms control and disarmament. SIPRI consistently ranks as one of the world's top think tanks, based on the reliability of its data, analysis, consultations and recommendations, which are all highly valued by policymakers, practitioners, experts and the media.

Based in Stockholm, Sweden, and established in 1966, SIPRI has in recent years considerably expanded its staff, budget and overseas presence while building a dynamic research and outreach agenda to illuminate and respond to the fast-changing international security order. SIPRI also has research staff based in Beijing and Washington DC, and well-established, on-the-ground partnerships and operational networks across the globe.

As the current director's successful tenure draws to a close, SIPRI seeks a successor to lead this world-renowned institute.

We seek candidates with:

- Strategic vision, global perspective, intellectual energy, and a commitment to SIPRI's values as an international, independent, impartial and empirically authoritative research institution
- World-class leadership, managerial and fundraising skills, who thrives in a dynamic, open and intercultural environment
- Strong record of accomplishment and representational abilities working with international diplomatic, academic, media and philanthropic stakeholders
- High professional standing in the fields of international security and foreign affairs

For full details on this position, go to <http://www.sipri.org/about/vacancies/sipri-director>.

PhD position on land governance reform in Burundi

The African Studies Centre in Leiden is the only multidisciplinary academic research institute in the Netherlands devoted entirely to the study of Africa. Within the framework of a collaborative project on land governance with Mbarara University in Uganda, Nijmegen University, and Wageningen University, they are looking for a PhD candidate.

The candidate will work in a team with 2 other PhD candidates and a post-doc researcher to investigate how land governance evolves in post-conflict situations, as an outcome of the interaction between multiple stakeholders, including government, traditional authorities, NGOs, and local people. Preferably, the research project will be carried out in Burundi; however, proposals for research carried out in DRC, Rwanda, or South Sudan will also be considered. The research includes several periods in the Netherlands for proposal writing and training (6 months) and thesis writing (6 months). For the rest of the time the candidate will be based at a field work site.

Details about this position are at

<http://www.ascleiden.nl/About/Vacancies.aspx>.

EPS Publications

EPS Quarterly, March 2012 – *The Economics of Regime Change Issue*

This issue contains summaries of the proceedings from the *Economics of Regime Change* session at the January 2012ASSA/AEA annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

Table of contents

- Local Foundations for Strong Democracy
Roger Myerson
- Who Profited from the Iraq War?
Linda Bilmes
- The Economics of Arab Spring: A view from Egypt
Hamid Ali
- Women in Transitions
Jennifer Olmstead
- Report from the South American Spring
Mark Weisbrot

Read this issue of EPS Quarterly at

<http://epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2012/mar2012/mar2012.pdf>.

Audio recordings from the session are at

<http://www.epsusa.org/events/aea.htm>.

The Economics of Peace and Security Journal Vol. 7, No. 1 – *On Algeria, airlines and the onset of peace*

January 2012

This issue contains articles on Algeria, the global airline industry, the duration of war and the onset of peace, and the final installment of their trilogy on the Austrian school's views on war and peace.

Contents:

[The onset of peace](#)

Ron Smith and Ali Tasiran

[Natural resources and military expenditure: the case of Algeria](#)

Sam Perlo-Freeman and Jennifer Brauner

[Terrorism, war, and global air traffic](#)

Jurgen Brauer and J. Paul Dunne

[War and the Austrian School: Modern Austrian economists take on aggressive wars](#)

William L. Anderson, Scott A. Kjar, and James D. Yohe

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 \$32; for EPS members, it's only \$24! 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>.

Learn more about this issue or subscribe to EPSJ by visiting

<http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/Vol7/No1/issue.php>.

EPS Quarterly, December 2011 – *Pressures on the Paradigm Issue*

This issue contains summaries of the proceedings from the *Pressures on the Paradigm* session at the January 2011ASSA/AEA annual meeting in Denver Colorado, as well as articles from James K. Galbraith, Paul Cantor and Joseph E. Stiglitz.

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- From Tunisia to Wall Street: The Globalization of Protest
Joseph E. Stiglitz
- Session Articles:
William K. Black
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Marshall Auerback
Jan Kregel
- Closing Remarks
James K. Galbraith
- The Myths of the Market
Paul Cantor
- Europe on the Brink
James K. Galbraith

Read this issue of EPS Quarterly at

<http://epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2011/dec2011/dec2011.pdf>.

Audio recordings from the session are available at

<http://www.epsusa.org/events/aea.htm>.

Action Corner

Help Ban Nuclear Test Explosion

Since 1999 the United States Senate has failed to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). The CTBT would ban explosive nuclear weapons tests around the world. Such a ban would help prevent new countries from developing nuclear weapons.

The United States and seven other hold-out countries must ratify the CTBT in order for the treaty to come into force. Many senators voted against ratification because of concerns about US ability to maintain the nuclear stockpile without testing, and the ability of the international community to monitor effectively the nuclear testing ban. On March 30, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) released a report on the technical issues relating to the CTBT addressing those concerns.

Write to your senators to ask them to consider the new information on the CTBT provided by the NAS report:

<http://capwiz.com/fconl/issues/alert/?alertid=61138461>.

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

- **June 16 – July 14, 2012** The 2012 Bologna Italy Symposium on Conflict Prevention, Resolution & Reconciliation will be hosted by The International Peace and Security Institute in cooperation with Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). The Symposium will bring together the globe's brightest young minds from top graduate institutions, NGOs, international organizations, grassroots peace movements, and the armed services. Over a four-week period, from June 16 through July 14, participants will undergo intensive training by the field's premier political leaders, academic experts, practitioners, and advocates in the practical skills necessary to foster peace and security in their communities and the world.

To learn more or to apply for the Symposium, visit

<http://ipsinstitute.org/bologna2012/>.

- **June 18 – 20, 2012** Take Back The American Dream Conference 2012, to be held in Washington DC, will be tackling some pressing questions:
 - How do we compel candidates to embrace a jobs agenda big enough to end our economic crisis?
 - How can we stop unlimited corporate campaign cash from buying this election?
 - How many progressive champions can we help win in congressional, state and local races?
 - How will we take back our democracy—to Take Back the American Dream?

For more details or to register for the conference, see

<http://www.ourfuture.org/conference/2012/main>.

- **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.

A timeline for the conference is available at

http://conf.aucegypt.edu/Conferences/ConfHome.aspx?Conf=ICES-2012&Title=Important_Deadlines.

For more details contact Hamid E. Ali hali@aucegypt.edu.

- **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.

Find out more and/or register for the WEAI conference at

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

- **July 21 – August 18, 2012** The Hague Symposium on Post-Conflict Transitions & International Justice will be hosted by The International Peace and Security Institute in partnership with the Clingendael Institute of International Relations. The Symposium will be held in The Netherlands, and will bring together 60–80 of the world's brightest young minds from top law schools, graduate institutions, international organizations, judiciaries, grassroots justice movements, and the military. Over a four-week period, participants will undergo intensive training from the field's premier political leaders, academic experts, practitioners, and advocates in the skills necessary to holistically restructure a society after the cessation of violent conflict and/or authoritarian rule, as well as bring those responsible for human rights violations to justice. Participants will gain a broad understanding of this emerging field, including concepts, controversies, and institutions, as well as critically examine the historical and contemporary uses of different justice interventions through direct interactions with the actual decision makers.

For more information or to apply for the symposium, see

<http://ipsinstitute.org/the-hague-2012/>.

- **October 19 – 20, 2012** Conflict Studies Conference: The New Generation of Ideas, Ninth Biennial Graduate Student Conference organized by the UMass Boston Graduate Programs in Conflict Resolution, Conflict Studies.

The New Generation of Ideas brings together graduate students from a variety of fields to present their work and share ideas. Since 1996, graduate students and recent graduates from universities across the United States, Canada, and numerous other countries have gathered in Boston for this biennial event.

Full details on the event are available here:

http://www.umb.edu/academics/mgs/crhsgg/conflict_studies_conference/.

How Can I Help?

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