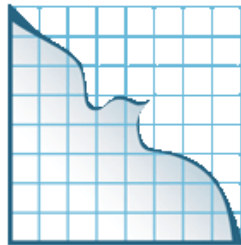


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*Let there be work, bread, water and salt for all.*

-Nelson Mandela

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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*

**Michael Intriligator**

Saturday, January 5, 2013  
6:30 - 10:00pm  
at Manchester Grand Hyatt  
San Diego, California

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

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**EPS at the ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings**  
San Diego, CA, January 4 – 6, 2013

Economists for Peace and Security will host two sessions, and a dinner in honor of Michael Intriligator, at the ASSA/AEA Annual meetings in San Diego, January 4 – 6, 2013.

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***"Up from Here? Challenges and Barriers to Recovery from the Crisis"***

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## **6 Reasons the Fiscal Cliff is a Scam**

By James K. Galbraith for *Alternet*, November 22, 2012

"Stripped to essentials, the fiscal cliff is a device constructed to force a rollback of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, as the price of avoiding tax increases and disruptive cuts in federal civilian programs and in the military. It was policy-making by hostage-taking, timed for the lame duck session, a contrived crisis, the plain idea now unfolding was to force a stampede.

"In the nature of stampedes arguments become confused; panic flows from fear, when multiple forces – economic and political in this instance – all appear to push the same way. It is therefore useful to sort through those forces, breaking them down into separate questions, and to ask whether any of them justify the voices of doom."

**Read the full article at**

<http://www.alternet.org/economy/6-reasons-fiscal-cliff-scam?paging=off>.

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## **Call for Papers : 17th Annual International Conference on Economics and Security, Stockholm, June 14 & 15, 2013**

SIPRI (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute) is pleased to announce the 17th Annual International Conference on Economics and Security. The conference is co-organized by SIPRI and Economists for Peace and Security. The conference program will include research papers selected based on the call for proposals, with a mix of plenary sessions and parallel workshop streams on particular research areas. Some of these sessions will seek to bring together SIPRI researchers and conference participants on issues related to SIPRI's areas of research.

If you would like to present a paper, please send a title and an abstract of less than 300 words before April 1, 2013.

**Further information about the call for papers can be found here:**

[http://www.sipri.org/research/armaments/milex/ICES2013/call\\_for\\_papersold](http://www.sipri.org/research/armaments/milex/ICES2013/call_for_papersold).

**Papers should be sent to Sam Perlo-Freeman at**

[perlo-freeman@sipri.org](mailto:perlo-freeman@sipri.org).

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[www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2009987&trk=anetsrch\\_name&goback=.gdr\\_1263369639671\\_1](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2009987&trk=anetsrch_name&goback=.gdr_1263369639671_1).

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## **In Other News**

### **The Global Terrorism Index**

A new report by the Institute for Economics and Peace, December 4, 2012.

The Global Terrorism Index (GTI) is the first index to systematically rank and compare 158 countries according to the impact of terrorism. Produced by the Institute for Economics and Peace, the GTI maps and analyzes trends in terrorism over the last 10 years. The index is based on data from the Global Terrorism Database (GTD) from the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) at the University of Maryland.

Read the full report here:  
<http://www.visionofhumanity.org/terrorismindex/about-the-gti/>.

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### **Call for Papers: Conflict, Crime and Violence in Colombia**

For a special issue to be published in *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy* in 2013. Juan Vargas and Raul Caruso will serve as editors of this special issue.

The special issue is intended to gather contributions from different disciplines within social science, on diverse topics and methodological perspectives regarding conflict and crime in Colombia. Papers may be theoretical or empirical and should highlight their contribution to a better understanding of the kind of social phenomena that constitute an obstacle for a resilient peace in Colombia.

Manuscripts will be subject to a conventional refereeing process. Submission deadline is March 31, 2013.

Papers should be sent to Juan Vargas at [juan.f.vargas@gmail.com](mailto:juan.f.vargas@gmail.com).

Read or download previous issues of *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy* at  
<http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/peps>.

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### **Call for papers: “Digital Testimonies on War and Trauma” Conference**

To mark the completion of the video-life stories project Croatian Memories (CroMe), the Erasmus Studio for e-research is pleased to announce the international multidisciplinary conference “Digital Testimonies on War and Trauma” to be held at the Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, The Netherlands, June 12 – 14, 2013.

The CroMe project is generating a collection of video interviews with testimonies on war-related experiences in Croatia’s past. As each interview is processed, transcribed, translated and subtitled in English, the project reaches out to both a local general and an international academic audience.

The conference aims to bring together scholars involved in the creation of oral sources, for both individual research and archival purposes, with the intent to discuss the potential use and impact of digitized collections of narratives related to war and trauma, across disciplinary and national boundaries.

**For more information about this call for papers, see**  
<http://digitaltestimonies2013.wordpress.com/>.

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## [Links](#)

### **Supporting Capacity Development in Conflict and Fragile Contexts**

A report by United Nations Development Programme, November 28, 2012

The international development community is converging on a clear consensus that countries in persistently fragile contexts, particularly affected by conflict, present deeply complex challenges with capacity development efforts. These challenges warrant priority focus on the international development agenda and continued efforts to advance collaborative partnerships.

UNDP has worked extensively on capacity development in fragile contexts in all regions ranging from countries emerging from civil war and ethnic strife, such as Sierra Leone, Liberia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo; newly emerging states, such as Timor Leste, South Sudan, and Kosovo; countries with protracted conflict and complex recovery, such as Somalia, Iraq, and Afghanistan; and countries grappling with rule of law in the context of narcotics trafficking, such as Colombia. All of these unique development contexts demand significant support to developing capacity as an inherent aspect of the overall recovery and development approach. Drawing from this extensive knowledge base, UNDP has started to examine more carefully what has been accomplished in these contexts.

**For more information and to read the full report, see**  
<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/librarypage/crisis-prevention-and-recovery/supporting-capacity-development-in-conflict-and-fragile-contexts/>.

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### **Fact Sheet: "Rebalancing our National Security: The Benefits of Implementing a Unified Security Budget"**

By Miriam Pemberton for the Institute for Policy Studies, November 21, 2012

**The issue of security spending is now enmeshed in the budget negotiations around the so-called “fiscal cliff.”** At particular issue are the sequestration cuts to the military budget due to begin January 2. Here are the bottom-line conclusions on this issue from the Task Force on a Unified Security Budget:

- If sequestration proceeds, it must not be used to protect the military accounts at the expense of the rest of the security portfolio.
- Whether or not it proceeds, the total cuts to the military accounts specified by sequestration can be achieved without threatening our security if done in a rational manner.

The case includes the following:

- Until last year, the baseline military budget – not including war spending – had grown in real terms for an unprecedented 13 straight years.

Critical to our nation’s adjustment to the post-war period will be reshaping our national security strategy and budgeting for this new era. Beginning in 2004, the Task Force on a Unified Security Budget has successfully helped

to shift the discourse toward a unified conception of national security spending and the proper balance between instruments we call Offense (military forces), Defense (homeland security) and Prevention (non-military foreign engagement).

Each year the Task Force on a Unified Security Budget, made up of experts in each of these domains, reports on the balance among them in the President's budget request and recommends changes to achieve a better balance.

**Learn more about the Fact Sheet or download the PDF at**

[http://www.ips-dc.org/articles/fact\\_sheet\\_on\\_unified\\_security\\_budget](http://www.ips-dc.org/articles/fact_sheet_on_unified_security_budget).

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## **Funding & Employment Opportunities**

### **Hewlett Foundation/Institute of International Education Dissertation Fellowship in Population, Reproductive Health, and Economic Development**

The objective of the Fellowship is to produce sound evidence on the role of population and reproductive health in economic development that could be incorporated into national and international economic planning and decision making.

The Hewlett/IIE Dissertation Fellowship in Population, Reproductive Health, and Economic Development provides both financial and research development support for dissertations on topics that examine how population dynamics and family planning, and reproductive health influence economic development. This can include economic growth, poverty reduction, and equity. Dissertations that address population and development issues pertinent to the African continent are especially encouraged.

**To find out more about the fellowship, go to**

<http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Hewlett-IIE-Fellowship>.

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### **PhD in Peace Studies**

**Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, Indiana**

The program is designed to empower students to become outstanding scholars and teachers who will make important contributions to a growing body of peacebuilding knowledge and practice that will, in the long run, alleviate violence and human suffering.

Doctoral students are prepared for a wide range of scholarly, teaching, and professional positions, including interdisciplinary academic positions; positions in which employers seek expertise in the peace and conflict subfields of history, political science, psychology, sociology, or theology; and scholar-practitioner positions in intergovernmental, governmental, or nongovernmental organizations.

The Kroc Institute welcomes applications from students of high academic ability who seek a doctoral degree in history and peace studies, political science and peace studies, psychology and peace studies, sociology and peace studies, or theology and peace studies. Highly qualified men and women from all regions of the world and from diverse religious and secular traditions are sought.

The PhD program is highly competitive, typically accepting 4-5 new doctoral students each year across all five disciplines.

**Additional information about this position and the PhD program can be found at**

<http://kroc.nd.edu/phd>.

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## **EPS Publications**

**EPS Quarterly, September 2012 – *The Inequality Issue***

The issue of inequality is a central one in this year's US presidential race. Should we be taxing the very rich more, or giving them tax breaks? Whom should we tax and how much, in order to create jobs – the point of job creation being (presumably) to lower inequality?

#### Table of contents

- America's prosperity requires a level playing field  
*Joseph Stiglitz*
- The Complex Ties among Poverty, Development, and Security  
*Terra Lawson-Remer*
- Group Inequality and Conflict: Some Insights for Peacebuilding  
*Michelle Swearingen*
- Inequality: A few comments from the front lines  
*James K. Galbraith*
- With Income Inequality Comes Violence  
*US News Staff*

Read this issue of EPS Quarterly at

<http://epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2012/sept2012/sept2012.pdf>.

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### The Economics of Peace and Security Journal Vol. 7, No. 2 – *On Afghanistan, Rwanda, Punjab* July 2012

Contents:

[Does development assistance reduce violence? Evidence from Afghanistan](#)

CHOU, Tiffany

[Intimate partner violence, female employment, and male backlash in Rwanda](#)

FINNOFF, Kade

[Designing institutions for global security](#)

GUPTA, Rupayan

[Insurgency, crime, and agricultural labor expenditure: Evidence from Punjab, 1978-1990](#)

SINGH, Prakarsh

[Analyzing the costs of military engagement](#)

DE GROOT, Olaf J.

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.

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Learn more about this issue by visiting

<http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/Vol7/No2/issue.php>.

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### EPS Quarterly, June 2012 – *The Sustainability Issue*

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

#### Table of contents

- Sustainable Growth  
*Robert J. Gordon*
- Sustainable Energy  
*J. Barkley Rosser, Jr.*
- Sustainable Jobs  
*Allen Sinai*
- Sustainable European Union  
*Richard Parker*

Read this issue of EPS Quarterly at

<http://epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2012/jun2012/jun2012.pdf>.

Audio recordings from the session are available at

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

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## ***Action Corner***

### **This holiday season, why not give the gift of peace?**

One of the best gifts you can give your colleagues and loved ones is a **gift membership in EPS**. Donations in any amount can be made easily and securely online.

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### **Get the word out on the topics that matter most to you!**

When freedom is under attack in Congress and state legislatures, an engaged populace is its first line of defense. Take action on current issues and let lawmakers know that you want them to protect your civil liberties. The ACLU website offers a list of key issues and actions you can take to make your voice heard. It also offers a tool with which to check your elected officials' voting record, and the ACLU Congressional Scorecard.

Check out the ACLU list of topics, your representatives' votes, and the Congressional Scorecard here:

<http://www.aclu.org/action-center>.

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### **Do you have a foreign policy alternative that should be heard in the halls of government?**

Citizens for Global Solutions Political Action Committee (Global Solutions PAC) works to elect federal candidates who support building effective democratic global institutions that will apply the rule of law while respecting the diversity and autonomy of national and local communities.

To learn more about Global Solutions PAC, visit

<http://globalsolutions.org/>.

To access the email or ground mail addresses of your representatives in Congress or the Senate, enter your zip code at

<http://congress.org/congressorg/directory/congdir.tt>.

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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](mailto:theaharvey@epsusa.org).

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## Upcoming Events

- **December 18 – 19, 2012 Fourth Conference on Conflict Management Peace Economics and Peace Science** hosted in cooperation with Mahatma Gandhi Center for Conflict Prevention and Management - Department of Sociology, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi (UP), India Binghamton University, State University of New York at Binghamton at Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi (UP), India.

For more information about the conference, contact

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[ravisociology@rediffmail.com](mailto:ravisociology@rediffmail.com)

Manas Chatterji, Binghamton University, NY  
[mchatter@binghamton.edu](mailto:mchatter@binghamton.edu)

- **January 4 – 6, 2013 The ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings will be held in San Diego, CA.**  
EPS will host two sessions during the Annual Meetings, and will host a dinner in honor of EPS Vice-chair Michael Intriligator.

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January 5, 2013 6:30pm – 10:00pm, Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego

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

See EPS participation in past ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings at

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



- **March 20 – 22, 2013** The 1st West Africa Microfinance Conference will be held in Accra-Ghana.

The African Center for Peace Building (ACFOPB) will host the firstWAM Conference under the theme "empowering Africa for economic peace: the role of the microfinance sector."

The WAM Conference seeks to address the challenges confronting the microfinance sector in the sub-region. The Conference aims to equip the participants from the West Africa sub-region with the needed skills in managing microfinance business and to provide a common platform for sharing ideas, resources and network.

For more information, see

[http://wamic.afcopb.org/invitation/?goback=.gde\\_2009987\\_member\\_193108690](http://wamic.afcopb.org/invitation/?goback=.gde_2009987_member_193108690).

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- **June 24 – 26, 2013** The 13th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference will be held in Milan, Italy.

The Jan Tinbergen Conference is interdisciplinary. Presentations that address any issue relating to peace and security broadly defined are welcome. As in the past, the conference strives for a multi-disciplinary program comprising contributions with a wide range of theoretical and methodological approaches, including strictly theoretical work, game theory and formal modeling, statistical and econometric analysis, qualitative studies, and experiments.

Find out more about the conference when you visit

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

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