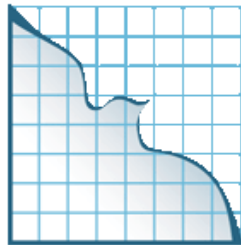


## NewsNotes

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*Never think that war, no matter how necessary, nor how justified, is not a crime.*

~Ernest Hemingway

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### EPS News

#### 16th Annual International Conference on Economics and Security

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

You are cordially invited to submit abstracts and papers on these topics. Offers of papers on other related topics are also welcome.

Deadline for submission of abstracts (300 words or less) is **March 22, 2012**. Final papers for accepted abstracts are due on **May 21, 2012**.

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

For full details on the call for papers, go to [http://conf.aucegypt.edu/Conferences/ConfHome.aspx?Conf=ICES-2012&Title=Call\\_for\\_papers](http://conf.aucegypt.edu/Conferences/ConfHome.aspx?Conf=ICES-2012&Title=Call_for_papers).

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## EPS at the AEA

Economists for Peace and Security participated in the AEA/ASSA annual meetings in Chicago Illinois, hosting two sessions and our annual dinner, this year honoring Robert J. Gordon. Audio recordings of both sessions and the dinner are now available on our website.

Session One:  
**The Economics of Regime Change (Panel discussion)**

Session Two:  
**Sustainability (Panel discussion)**

**Dinner in honor of Robert J. Gordon**, including Dr. Gordon's talk, "Is US Economic Growth Over? Lessons from the Long 20<sup>th</sup> Century."

Audio recordings have been posted at <http://www.epsusa.org/events/aea.htm>.

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**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, go to <http://www.goodsearch.com/about.aspx>.

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**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](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2009987&trk=anetsrch_name&goback=.gdr_1263369639671_1).

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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>.

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## Links

### The Center for Climate and Security

The Center for Climate and Security provides policy analysis, consolidates existing reports into short, policy-ready documents, facilitates policy development processes and dialogues, and conducts research in the climate and security field. The Center for Climate and Security works on independent projects and provides consulting services for clients.

The Center for Climate and Security explores the security risks of climate change, at the sub-national, national, regional, and international levels, and offers solutions for mitigating those risks.

To find out more about The Center for Climate and Security, see <http://climateandsecurity.org/about/>.

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### **Measuring Peace in the Media 2011**

Measuring Peace in the Media is an analysis of global TV networks coverage of peace and violence related issues.

"For the second year, the Institute for Economics and Peace and Media Tenor have jointly analyzed global TV networks' coverage of peace and violence issues using a fact-based approach which compares various measures from the Global Peace Index against Media Tenor's database of global media.

"Over 160,000 news items from 31 news and current affairs programs that air on 4 continents were analyzed. Each of the news networks covered on average 70 countries. The TV program with the broadest coverage was the BBC World Service, which covered 119 countries.

"The report explores media coverage, or lack of coverage, of peace and conflict with a special emphasis on news themes that may help to create stable, peaceful societies. This edition of the report includes a case study of the Arab Spring and compares a timeline of major events to reporting on violence in Egypt, Tunisia and Libya."

More information and the full report are available at <http://www.visionofhumanity.org/info-center/measuring-peace-in-the-media-2011/>.

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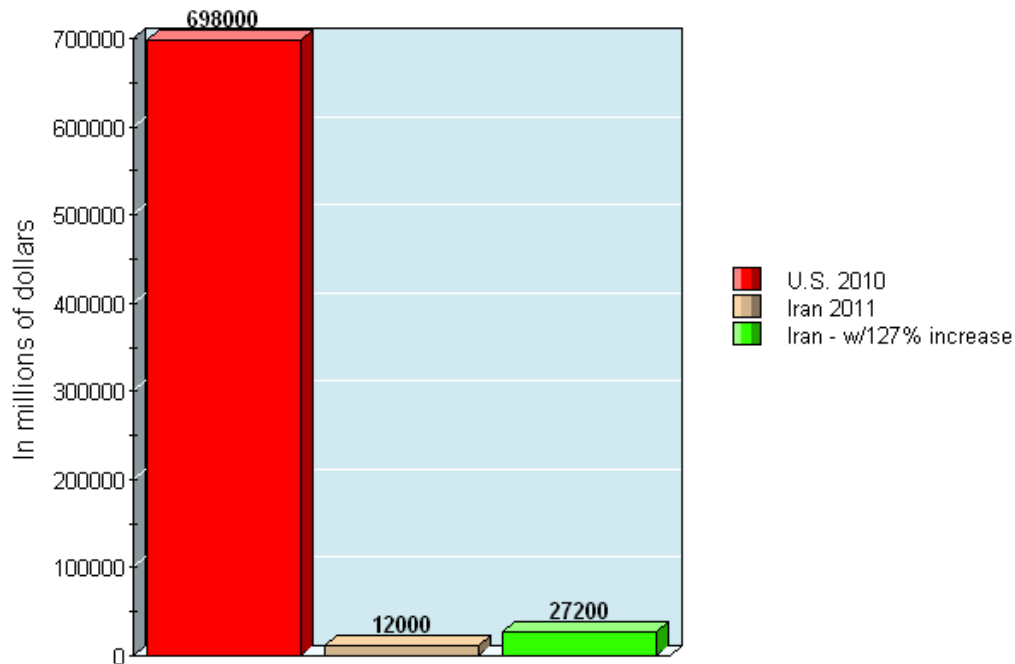
## **In Other News**

### **The growing Iranian Military Behemoth**

By Glenn Greenwald for *Salon*, February 4, 2012

"...That Ahmadinejad claims that Iran will increase its military budget for next year by 127% was widely reported this week. For a variety of reasons relating to Iran's economic difficulties, that plan is quite infeasible – typical Ahmadinejad blustering – but let's assume for the moment that it will actually happen. According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) Military Expenditure Database, Iran's total annual military spending is \$7 billion; an increase of 127% would take it to \$15.8 billion, also known as: **less than 2% of total US military spending** (\$698 billion for fiscal year 2010). According to *Defense News*, Iran's official military budget for 2011 is actually \$12 billion; an increase of 127% would bring it to \$27.2 billion, also known as: **less than 4% of US military spending**. Taking the largest number possible for Iranian military spending (the one provided by *Defense News*), behold the frightening, Nazi-like military threat Iran poses:"

## Military Spending: Iran v. U.S.



To read the full article, go to

[http://www.salon.com/2012/02/04/the\\_growing\\_iranian\\_military\\_behemoth/](http://www.salon.com/2012/02/04/the_growing_iranian_military_behemoth/).

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### Call for papers

March 29–30, 2012, the Maastricht School of Management and Club de Madrid are jointly hosting an International Workshop Maastricht School of Management, Maastricht, The Netherlands: *Can the Economics of Shared Societies Support More Resilient Economies and Global Sustainability? Challenges and opportunities in an interdependent world.*

Original papers dealing with the economics of shared societies are invited. The deadline for abstracts is February 19, 2012.

More information about the call for papers can be found at

<http://www.msm.nl/Introduction/Events/Latest-Events/CALL-FOR-PAPERS--MsM-and-Club-de-Madrid-Internatio.aspx>.

Abstracts, accompanied by a CV, should be submitted to [MSMResearch@msm.nl](mailto:MSMResearch@msm.nl).

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### 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>.

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## Call for papers

Africa Peace and Conflict Journal, June 2012 issue on the theme: Governance and Security in Africa

The Africa Peace and Conflict Journal seeks to provide a vehicle for African scholars, and those focusing on Africa, to publish their views on issues of peace and conflict affecting the continent.

The APCJ deals with peace and conflict issues from a multi-disciplinary and distinctly African perspective. Researchers from any discipline peace and conflict studies, international relations, history, sociology, political science, media studies, law, etc. are invited to submit papers, book reviews, and briefings for publication. The APCJ will endeavor to publish articles reflecting a diversity of topics and a diversity of approaches.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES FOR JUNE PUBLICATION IS MARCH 31, 2012.

For more information about the APCJ, visit

[http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/forum/topic/show?id=780588%3ATopic%3A683967&xgs=1&xg\\_source=msg\\_share\\_topic](http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/forum/topic/show?id=780588%3ATopic%3A683967&xgs=1&xg_source=msg_share_topic).

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## Funding & Employment Opportunities

### Doctoral fellowships in economic sociology and political economy

The International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE) is a joint international PhD Program of the [Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies \(MPIfG\)](#) and the [Department of Management, Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Cologne](#).

The IMPRS-SPCE invites suitable candidates to apply. Applicants must hold a Diploma or a Master's degree in political science, sociology, organization studies or related fields. Deadline for applications is March 15.

Program details are posted here:

<http://imprs.mpifg.de/>.

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### Change.org Hiring for Many Positions (including International Campaign Directors)

Change.org is a rapidly expanding, profitable social venture growing by hundreds of thousands of members a month and empowering people across the globe to win social action campaigns on a wide range of issues such as human rights, global poverty, and environmental protection.

Available positions are listed at

<http://www.change.org/hiring>.

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## EPS Publications

### 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](#)

Sam Perlo-Freeman and Jennifer Brauner

[expenditure: the case of Algeria](#)

[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>.

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### *Pressures on the Paradigm Issue*

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

#### Table of contents

- From Tunisia to Wall Street: The Globalization of Protest  
*Joseph E. Stiglitz*
- Session Articles:  
*William K. Black*  
*L. Randall Wray*  
*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://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2011/dec2011/dec2011.pdf>.

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### *The Piracy Issue*

EPS Quarterly, September 2011. The articles in this issue explore not only the effects of piracy on economics, but also how the discipline of economics applies to underlying conditions that give rise to piracy.

#### Table of contents

- 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>.

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## **Action Corner**

### **Council for a Livable World asks you to sign the Petition to Prevent War with Iran**

"With a second aircraft carrier group steaming toward the Persian Gulf, tens of thousands of US troops stationed throughout the region, and unrest in many neighboring countries, it seems that war with Iran could be imminent.

"But Council for a Livable World won't wait for the bombs to drop to make our voices heard. Over the next few weeks, we want to generate thousands of signatures to counter the war drums. Then we will deliver our petitions to the White House.

**"Please take a moment to sign Council for a Livable World's petition calling on the President to use all means at his disposal to prevent a military strike on Iran - by either the US or Israel.**

We know we can have an impact on the President's efforts to prevent a possible attack by Israel if we act right away."

Sign the Petition at

[http://livableworld.org/action/petitions/petition\\_to\\_prevent\\_war\\_with\\_iran\\_2012/](http://livableworld.org/action/petitions/petition_to_prevent_war_with_iran_2012/).

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**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](http://action.aclu.org/site/PageServer?pagename=LTE_SOTU_2007&JServSessionIdr001=3bu4_9o8t91.app20a).

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**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>.

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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**

- **February 16, 2012** The Global Security Seminar is holding its February dinner meeting at the UCLA Faculty Center on *North Korea's Future: Implications for the United States*.

For details about the dinner meeting, visit

<http://www.psr-la.org/february-16-the-next-era-for-north-korea-can-kim-jong-un-survive-implications-for-the-united-states/>.

- **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/>.

- **March 23 – 25, 2012 The Economics of Happiness Conference**, will be held at the David Brower Center in Berkeley, California and will be hosted by the International Society for Ecology and Culture (ISEC). The conference will offer clarity on the way forward towards more truly sustainable ways of living and will address many of the themes explored in ISEC's new documentary film, *The Economics of Happiness*.

More details about the conference and the film are listed here:

<http://theeconomicsofhappiness.org/conference>.

- **March 29 – 30, 2012 Maastricht School of Management and Club de Madrid International Workshop: *Can the Economics of Shared Societies Support More Resilient Economies and Global Sustainability? Challenges and opportunities in an interdependent world.***

For more information about the workshop, see

<http://www.msm.nl/Introduction/Events/Latest-Events/CALL-FOR-PAPERS--MsM-and-Club-de-Madrid-Internatio.aspx>.

- **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=ImportantDeadlines>.

For more details contact Hamid E. Ali [hali@aucegypt.edu](mailto:hali@aucegypt.edu).

- **June 22 – July 13, 2012 Summer conflict resolution course/study tour of Bosnia and Herzegovina.** The program will focus specifically on the roots of conflict and the dynamics of justice, reconciliation, and peacebuilding as experienced in Bosnia more than a decade after the signing of the peace accord.

For more information or to apply, visit

[http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/forum/topic/show?id=780588%3ATopic%3A683661&xgs=1&xg\\_source=msg\\_share\\_topic](http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/forum/topic/show?id=780588%3ATopic%3A683661&xgs=1&xg_source=msg_share_topic).

- **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>.

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### ***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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