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You cannot simultaneously prevent and prepare for war.

~Albert Einstein

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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 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/.

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http://www.epsusa.org/membership/membership.htm.

Learn more about this issue or subscribe to EPSJ by visiting http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/Vol7/No2/issue.php.

EPS Quarterly, June 2012 - The Sustainablity Issue

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

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Audio recordings from the session are available at http://www.epsusa.org/events/aea.htm.

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, grassroots and grasstops 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 EPS Netherlands/Belgium website: http://www.epseu.org/index.php/nl-about-us.

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Keep up with EPS at

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

In Other News

Afghanistan is missing from the campaign By Linda Bilmes for *The Boston Globe*, July 15, 2012

"After 11 years, 2,000 American lives, trillions of dollars, and lifelong disabilities for nearly half of the soldiers who have fought there - we are still at war in Afghanistan. Yet if you listen to the election campaign, you would hardly know it.

"The war has become an inconvenience that nobody wants to mention. President Obama — who added 30,000 troops in 2009 in a failed effort to stabilize the country — says he plans to bring these 30,000 home in the fall, leaving "only" 68,000 or so to toil for a further year alongside a similar number of unhappy NATO troops. Beyond that, he expects the troop levels to drop to a smaller "unspecified" number.

"Governor Romney is less specific. He calls for a "harder line," saying this isn't "time for America to cut and run." But he hasn't proposed his own war strategy. More troops? Staying longer? Romney isn't saying."

Read the full op-ed here:

http://articles.boston.com/2012-07-15/opinion/32661017_1_afghanistan-karzai-nato.

Call for papers: The Kinder & Braver World Project: Research Series

The Kinder & Braver World Project: Research Series (Danah Boyd and John Palfrey, editors) is presented by the <u>Born This Way Foundation</u> and the <u>Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University</u>, and supported by the <u>John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation</u>.

Objectives

This working paper series publishes short papers that synthesize existing **peer-reviewed research** or equivalent scholarship and provide **research-grounded insight** to the variety of stakeholders working on issues related to youth empowerment and action towards creating a kinder, braver world. The papers grow out of different types of research (e.g., social science, mental health, medical, legal) and are aimed at different audiences (e.g., youth, parents, teachers, school boards, religious leaders, policy makers). It will be developed in phases, and over time will cover a wide range of topics related to youth empowerment and the development of kindness and bravery. The first phase, intended to provide insights to the new foundation, involved topics related to <u>Youth Meanness and Cruelty</u>. The second phase focuses on Youth Movements for Social Change and The Role of Youth Organizations. Papers will be published on the website, and uploaded to the Working Paper Series on <u>Social Science Research Network</u>'s website in early October 2012.

For more information on this call for papers, visit http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/research/youthandmedia/kinderbraverworld.

<u>Links</u>

Case on Terrorism Homeland Security Degree

"Since the attacks on the World Trade Center buildings on September 11, 2001, the word *terrorism* has gone from a rarely heard expression, to a part of everyday lexicon. After 9/11, America declared a War on Terror, but acts of terror continued to rise. In fact, a report by EPS fellow Carl Conetta shows the monthly average <u>terrorism</u> <u>incidents</u> increased by 167% after the World Trade Center attacks of 2001. With terrorism becoming such a

constant in the news and a concern in everyday life, it is important for everyone to have an understanding of what truly constitutes a terrorist act."

Find out more about Case on Terrorism at

http://www.homelandsecuritydegree.com/resources/case-on-terrorism/.

Funding & Employment Opportunities

Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans (for Graduate School)

- There will be 30 Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans awarded in 2013 based on a single national competition.
- Each fellowship supports up to two years of graduate study in any field and in any advanced degreegranting program — in the United States.
- Each award is for up to \$25,000 in maintenance grants and up to \$20,000 in tuition support for each year of graduate study supported, a total of as much as \$90,000.
- The deadline for submission of completed applications is November 9, 2012.
- To be eligible, you must be:
 - A New American (a green card holder or naturalized citizen if born abroad; a child of naturalized citizens if born in this country).
 - Not yet 31 years old, as of the application deadline.
 - A college senior or holder of a bachelor's degree.
 - Not beyond your second year if already enrolled in the graduate degree program for which you request support.
- Selection criteria emphasize creativity, originality, initiative, and sustained accomplishment.
- The program values a commitment to the constitution and the bill of rights.
- The program promotes a strong sense of community among fellows and alumni through fall conferences for fellows and numerous events for fellows and alumni held throughout the country.
- The top 77 applicants will be designated "finalists" and will be asked to appear for interviews in New York City or Los Angeles in late-January of 2013. Reasonable expenses will be covered by the Fellowship Program.
- The 30 fellowship winners, selected from among the 77 finalists, will be announced in March of 2013.
- For full details on this fellowship, go to

http://www.pdsoros.org/competition/index.cfm.

Lecturer in Peace and Conflict Studies, National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies Otago University, Dunedin, New Zealand

Applications are invited for the position of Lecturer at the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, a Postgraduate Theory, Research and Practice Centre within the Division of the Humanities.

Candidates should have demonstrable teaching, research and practice capacities in Peace and Conflict Studies. A PhD degree in Peace and Conflict Studies or a cognate field is essential. While applications will be considered from any field within Peace and Conflict Studies, research and teaching expertise in peace education with a regional focus on the Asia-Pacific region would be desirable. The successful candidate would also assist the Director in the development of Post-graduate Distance Learning Programmes.

The successful applicant will be required to teach two papers per year or equivalent, at various levels; to supervise research at honors and postgraduate levels; and to be actively engaged in research.

The position is available from November 1, 2012, but the starting date is negotiable. The position is for a fixed term of three years.

Program Director: World Resources Institute, Washington DC

The World Resources Institute (WRI) is seeking a Director to lead its Institutions and Governance Program (IGP). IGP works with networks of analysts and advocates around the world to empower people and support institutions to foster environmentally sound and socially equitable decision-making.

By partnering with governmental and non-governmental organizations in more than 50 countries, IGP's current staff of 23 promotes greater transparency, inclusiveness, representativeness and accountability in decisions regarding natural resources and the environment. Its FY11 budget was USD 4.6 million. IGP's current projects promote systemic improvements in access to information, public participation, and access to justice; improve governance in the electricity sector and in forest management in the context of low carbon development; strengthen the environmental and social standards and safeguards of international financial institutions, including those based in emerging economies; and promote the sound management and equitable distribution of benefits derived from natural resources, particularly in Africa.

For full details on this position, visit

https://careers-wri.icims.com/jobs/1254/job?&sn=Indeed&?mode=apply&iis=Indeed&iisn=Indeed.

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.

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

Audio recordings from the session can be found at http://www.epsusa.org/events/aea.htm.

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 L. Randall Wray Marshall Auerback Jan Kregel
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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

Has the Pentagon Paid Its Fair Share?

A coalition of Pentagon contractors has launched an <u>ad campaign</u> arguing that the Pentagon has already paid their fair share and shouldn't be asked to pay any more. The Friends Committee on National legislation (FCNL) is running a campaign to encourage Congress to hold the Pentagon to its fair share.

"Is it fair to ask people who depend on food stamps to feed their children to get by with less, so the Pentagon budget can keep growing? Is it fair to cut funding from programs that help veterans find housing and jobs when they return from war, so the Pentagon can continue to waste or lose track of billions of dollars, as several reports have documented? Is it fair to let our nation's bridges and other infrastructure continue to crumble while our government continues to pay tens of billions of dollars to Pentagon contractors for advanced weapons systems that even the military doesn't think it needs?"

To write your senators and let them know you want the Pentagon to pay its real fair share, go to <u>http://fcnl.org/action/alert/2012/0712lam/</u>.

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 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.

Learn more about Global Solutions PAC at http://globalsolutions.org/. To access the email or ground mail addresses of your representatives in Congress or the Senate, enter your zipcode at http://congress.org/congressorg/directory/congdir.tt. If you would like to post an EPS flyer on a departmental bulletin board or similar venue, please contact Thea Harvey at <u>theaharvey@epsusa.org</u>.

Upcoming Events

 September 18 - 20, 2012 Peace and Conflict: an International Interdiscaplinary Conference hosted by the Conflict Research Society and

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.

The 2012 conference carries forward the work of the annual conferences we have been running since 2003. The Tuesday and Wednesday constitute the core of the conference and follow the pattern of previous years. New this year is the Thursday which is for those who have a special interest in the scientific study of peace and conflict.

For more information about the conference, see http://www.conflictresearchsociety.org.uk/2012%20CRS%20Annual%20Conference.html.

 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/.

 December 3 – 4, 2012 The 8th Annual Households in Conflict Network Workshop and 2nd AMSE Economic Development Conference, jointly organized by the Aix-Marseille School of Economics and the Households in Conflict Network, will take place in Aix-en-Provence France.

This year's workshop will have a focus on the relationship between violent conflict and socio-economic development. Submissions that address key issues in conflict and economic development analysis are invited, as well as submissions from other disciplines on the usual HiCN topics around the empirical analysis of violent conflict from a micro-level perspective. Theoretical papers about violent conflict issues are also welcome. Submissions should be in English, and be completed but unpublished papers. Submissions by early stage researchers are encouraged.

For more information about the workshop, see http://www.hicn.org/index.html.

January 4 - 6, 2013 The ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings will be held in San Diego, CA.
EPS will be hosting two sessions during the Annual Meetings, as well as hosting a dinner in Honor of EPS Vice-Chair Michael Intriligator.

Session I

Is War Over? The Economics of National Security after Iraq and Afghanistan Moderator: Michael Lind (New America Foundation) Linda Bilmes (Harvard University) Richard Kaufman (Bethesda Research Institute) Lloyd J. Dumas (University of Texas at Dallas) J. Paul Dunne (University of Cape Town)

Session II Up from Here? Challenges and Barriers to Recovery from the Crisis Moderator: James K. Galbraith (University of Texas at Austin) Kenneth Arrow (Stanford University) Robert Gordon (Northwestern University) Eric Laursen (Independent Journalist) Yanis Varoufakis (University of Athens)

For more information about our involvement at past ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings, see http://www.epsusa.org/events/aea.htm.

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