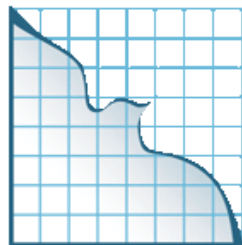


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*No weapon has ever settled a moral problem. It can impose a solution but it cannot guarantee it to be a just one.*  
-Ernest Hemingway

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### EPS News

#### **Pentagon a ripe target for cuts**

by Linda Bilmes for *The Boston Globe*, July 31, 2013

A common theme connects recent protests in Turkey, Brazil, Egypt, and elsewhere. That theme is the rising discontent of the middle class brought about by the failure of their governments to deliver popular priorities. Apart from the brief Occupy Wall Street movement, people aren't taking to the streets here in the United States. Nonetheless, there's growing evidence that some of the trends unfolding abroad also are at work in our own backyard.

Last fall, a coalition of 85 grass-roots organizations, including teachers, veterans, unions, and community activists, placed something called the "Budget for All" on the Massachusetts ballot. The referendum urged the federal government to end the war in Afghanistan, reduce military spending, shift funding to domestic priorities, and increase taxes on the wealthy. Voters in the Commonwealth approved the measure by margins of nearly 3 to 1 in all 91 cities and towns where it was on the ballot, including many places that voted for Mitt Romney in the presidential race.

The Legislature has now taken up the matter. State Senator Dan Wolf, Representative Carl Sciortino, and 34 co-sponsors have proposed a Budget for All resolution that calls on President Obama and the US Congress to embrace these priorities.

Read the full op-ed at

[http://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/2013/07/31/common-sense-budget-for-all/nl3mUXCMpOkWQd4TYDxQmO/story.html?s\\_campaign=8315](http://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/2013/07/31/common-sense-budget-for-all/nl3mUXCMpOkWQd4TYDxQmO/story.html?s_campaign=8315).

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## The Changing of the Monetary Guard

by Joseph E. Stiglitz for *Project Syndicate*, August 5, 2013

With leadership transitions at many central banks either under way or coming soon, many of those who were partly responsible for creating the global economic crisis that erupted in 2008 – before taking strong action to prevent the worst – are departing to mixed reviews. The main question now is the extent to which those reviews will influence their successors' behavior.

Many financial market players are grateful for the regulatory laxity that allowed them to reap enormous profits before the crisis, and for the generous bailouts that helped them to recapitalize – and often to walk off with mega-bonuses – even as they brought the global economy to near-ruin. True, easy money did help to restore equity prices, but it might also have created new asset bubbles.

To read the entire article, go to

<http://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/guidelines-for-new-central-bankers-by-joseph-e--stiglitz>.

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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*

### A trade in iron and blood: the impact of American guns on armed violence in Mexico

by Jacob Parakilas for *Action on Armed Violence*, July 30, 2013

For all the news and emotion surrounding the debate over mass-shootings and gun control within the United States, another related tragedy has been unfolding simultaneously just across the border. Unlike in the US, however, this tragedy has much greater bloodshed and much less media attention.

Since 2006, tens of thousands of people have been killed in Mexico in drug-related violence. The numbers dead are similar to a conventional war. But, in contrast to other conflicts with comparable casualty figures, the violence in Mexico is largely carried out with small arms. Admittedly, there have been a few notable incidents that involved grenades, anti-tank rockets and incendiary weapons, but the victims in Mexico are generally dying by gunfire.

And the guns that are killing them are mostly imported from the United States.

The article in full can be found at:

<http://aoav.org.uk/2013/impact-of-american-guns-on-armed-violence-in-mexico/>.

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## Call for papers: *Journal of Internal Displacement*, FORCED MIGRATION AND DISPLACEMENT: IMPACT ON WOMEN, January 2014

The Journal of Internal Displacement (JID) is a scholarly and inter-disciplinary platform for raising the profile of internally displaced persons through discussions, critical dialogue, emerging themes, reflections and explorations on a wide range of topics and regions around the globe. Our mandate is to raise the agenda and prioritize internally displaced people concerns through scholastic exchange of information. With eighteen international editorial team members, JID supports open and free online access.

Displacement is an all-pervasive phenomenon and the post-Cold War world is confronting this situation on an unprecedented scale, more so in the developing world. Exposed to atrocities and difficulties in conflict situations or natural calamities, civilians are forced to flee their homelands. The flight nevertheless does not bring an end to their problems. A long struggle for survival, settlement and return await the displaced at the places they land.

Find more about the call for papers at

[http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/forum/topic/show?id=780588%3ATopic%3A864201&xgs=1&xg\\_source=msg\\_share\\_topic#.Uga6o23NmYA](http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/forum/topic/show?id=780588%3ATopic%3A864201&xgs=1&xg_source=msg_share_topic#.Uga6o23NmYA).

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## Links

### Major Powers Fuelling Atrocities.

#### Why the world needs a robust Arms Trade Treaty

*An Amnesty International Report March 2013*

Every year, thousands of people are killed, injured, raped and forced to flee from their homes as a result of abuses and atrocities committed with conventional arms and ammunition. This briefing illustrates the role of each of the UN Permanent Five (China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the US) in the global arms markets, and highlights key measures in the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) that need to be improved. Amnesty International is calling on political leaders and state officials to use their influence to secure an effective ATT by the end of March 2013.

Download the full report here:

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ACT30/001/2013/en>.

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### Arms and Influence in Syria: The Pitfalls of Greater U.S. Involvement

#### *A Policy Analysis*

by Erica D. Borghard for The CATO Institute August 7, 2013

In the midst of growing public wariness about large-scale foreign interventions, the Obama administration has decided to arm the Syrian rebels. Those who call for increasing the scope of US aid to the Syrian rebels argue that (1) arming the rebels is the cheapest way to halt a humanitarian catastrophe, hasten the fall of the Assad regime through a rebel military victory or a negotiated settlement, and allow the Obama administration to influence the broader direction of Syrian politics in a post-Assad world; (2) failure to step up US involvement will damage America's credibility and reputation in the eyes of our allies and adversaries; and (3) US objective scan be accomplished with a relatively small level of US commitment in Syria.

These arguments are wrong on all counts. There is a high risk that the decision to arm the Syrian rebels will drag the United States into a more extensive involvement later, the very scenario that the advocates for intervention claim they are trying to avoid. The unique characteristics of alliances between states and armed non state groups, in particular their informal nature and secrecy about the existence of the alliance or its specific provisions, create conditions for states to become locked into unpalatable obligations. That seems especially likely in this case.

To read the analysis, see

[http://www.cato.org/publications/policy-analysis/arms-influence-syria-pitfalls-greater-us-involvement?utm\\_source=Cato+Institute+Emails&utm\\_campaign=5ea0ea6afa-Cato\\_Weekly\\_Dispatch&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_395878584c-5ea0ea6afa-141767030&mc\\_cid=5ea0ea6afa&mc\\_eid=0a194abc1a](http://www.cato.org/publications/policy-analysis/arms-influence-syria-pitfalls-greater-us-involvement?utm_source=Cato+Institute+Emails&utm_campaign=5ea0ea6afa-Cato_Weekly_Dispatch&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_395878584c-5ea0ea6afa-141767030&mc_cid=5ea0ea6afa&mc_eid=0a194abc1a).

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## **Funding & Employment Opportunities**

### **SIPRI seeks a Programme Director to establish a new research programme on the macro-economics of security and development**

Following the appointment of its new Director, SIPRI is set to expand its activities in the field of conflict and development, subject to additional funds being acquired. The strategic aim of the new programme is to establish SIPRI as a global leader in the analysis of the economics of security and development, building on the traditional strengths of SIPRI in the collection, analysis and dissemination of policy-relevant security data, especially in the area of arms transfers, arms production and military spending. Building on these existing data-sets in related programmes, the focus of the new programme is expected to be on macro-economic and public finance issues of conflict and development.

Details about the position are available here:

<http://www.sipri.org/about/vacancies/programme-director>.

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## **Educational Funding and Awards**

*American Association of University Women*

One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 245 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2013-14 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities – breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women worldwide.

For more information about funding and awards, see

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>.

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## **EPS Publications**

### ***The Economics of Peace and Security Journal*, Vol. 8, No. 1: On the defense and firearms industries, growth, and foreign aid – April, 2013**

Contents:

[Military expenditure and economic growth: A survey](#)

J. Paul Dunne, Nan Tian

[Armed conflict, terrorism, and the allocation of foreign aid](#)

Piotr Lis

[The defense industry in an age of austerity](#)

Ron Smith

[Demand and supply of commercial firearms in the United States](#)

Jurgen Brauer

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<http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/>.

To become a member of EPS (and qualify for the subscription discount):

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

Learn more about this issue of the *Journal* by visiting

<http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/Vol8/No1/issue.php>.

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### EPS Quarterly, June 2013 – *Challenges and Barriers to Recovery from the Crisis*

Economists for Peace and Security presented two sessions at the AEA/ASSA meetings in San Diego on Friday, January 4, 2013. This issue is comprised of edited transcripts from the first session, "Up from Here? Challenges and Barriers to Recovery from the Crisis."

Read this issue of EPS Quarterly at

<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2013/jun13/jun2013.pdf>

To see EPS participation at this and past AEA/ASSA meetings, visit

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

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### EPS Quarterly, March 2013 – *25th Anniversary "Is War Over?" Issue*

On Friday, January 4, 2013, at the AEA/ASSA meetings in Los Angeles, EPS presented the second of two sessions: "Is War Over? The Economics of National Security after Iraq and Afghanistan." This issue of EPS Quarterly is comprised of edited transcripts from the session. To see EPS participation at this and past AEA/ASSA meetings, visit <http://epsusa.org/events/aea.htm>.

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- The Financial Legacy of Iraq and Afghanistan: How Wartime Spending Decisions Will Constrain Future National Security Budgets  
*Linda Bilmes*
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Read this issue of EPS Quarterly at

<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2013/mar13/mar2013.pdf>.

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### Action Corner

#### **Sixty-Eight Years Since Hiroshima and Nagasaki**

##### *Support nuclear disarmament on this anniversary*

August 6th marked the 68th anniversary of the first use of a nuclear weapon. Tens of thousands of people in Japan and around the world commemorated this attack with prayers, vigils and other events. In Hiroshima, people

remembered those who died and prayed for peace at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony.

Your members of Congress need to hear from you. Back in June, it was announced that military leaders had agreed to reduce the nuclear arsenal by one-third, a commonsense reduction that cuts the Cold War-style stockpile to better reflect the security needs of today.

**Join in supporting nuclear disarmament by visiting**

<http://www.capwiz.com/fconl/issues/alert/?alertid=62739716&type=CO>.

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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 records, 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

- **September 17 – 18, 2013 Peace and Conflict: an International Interdisciplinary Conference** hosted by The Conflict Research Society at the University of Essex, UK.

The CRS is an interdisciplinary forum linking professionals and academics concerned with co-operation and conflict, and provides a meeting point for sharing their work. The conference embraces theory, evidence and practice, inviting 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 2013 conference carries forward the work of the annual conferences running since 2003. Tuesday and Wednesday constitute the "core" of the conference and follow the pattern of previous years (Streams A to D). Thursday, repeating last year's innovation, is for those who have a special interest in the scientific study of peace and conflict.

**Find out more about the conference at**

<http://www.conflictresearchsociety.org.uk/2013%20CRS%20Annual%20Conference%20.html>

For details about the conference, email [crs2013essex@gmail.com](mailto:crs2013essex@gmail.com).

- **November 7 – 9, 2013** The 8<sup>th</sup> European Peace Research Association (EuPRA) Conference will be held at Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus.

The conference theme will be Building Positive Peace in Europe and Its Neighborhood.

Details, including calls for papers, are available here:

[http://www.euprapeace.org/eupra/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=9:getting-started-2&catid=2:uncategorised&Itemid=483](http://www.euprapeace.org/eupra/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9:getting-started-2&catid=2:uncategorised&Itemid=483).

- **November 7 – 9, 2013** The 25th EAEPE annual Conference will be held at Université Paris Nord, Paris, France.

The conference theme will focus on the state and future of industries in Europe, with a special emphasis on policy.

More information is available at:

<http://www.eaepc.org/node/17311>.

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