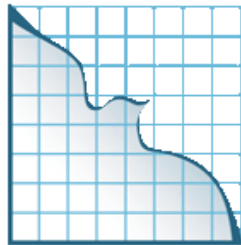


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Hungry people cannot be good at learning or producing anything, except perhaps violence.

-Pearl Bailey

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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

Jeffrey Sachs

Saturday, January 4, 2014
6:30 – 10:00pm
at Philadelphia Marriott Downtown
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Host committee chaired by Richard Parker

If you are interested in attending the EPS dinner honoring Jeffrey Sachs, please contact [Thea Harvey-Barratt](mailto:theaharvey@epsusa.org) (theaharvey@epsusa.org).

EPS at the AEA / ASSA meetings

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 3 – 5, 2014, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

Security Economics (Panel discussion)

Friday, January 3, at 2:30pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Meeting Room 305

- Panel Moderator: Richard Kaufman (Bethesda Research Institute)

- Linda Bilmes (Harvard University)
- Michael Lind (New America Foundation)
- Cyrus Bina (University of Minnesota-Morris)
- Heather Hurlburt (National Security Network)
- William Hartung (Center for International Policy)

Costs and Consequences of Austerity (Panel discussion)

Saturday, January 4, 10:15am, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Grand Ballroom - Salon B

- **Panel Moderator:** Allen Sinai (Decision Economics)
- Carmen Reinhart (Harvard University)
- Robert Pollin (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)
- Olivier Blanchard (International Monetary Fund)
- Susan Collins (University of Michigan)
- Robert Zoellick (Peterson Institute for International Economics)

In order to attend the EPS sessions you must be registered for the AEA conference. Please visit http://www.aeaweb.org/Annual_Meeting/index.php.

**Invitation
from Lloyd Jeffrey Dumas**

Professor of Economics at U Texas at Dallas
and
Member of the Board of EPS
to attend the
Annual Meeting of the Society of Socio-Economists,
January 2, 2014, New York Hilton Midtown.

Find out about the event at

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=fikx5dkab&oeidk=a07e8jbzyqudf3f2a99>.

Support EPS while shopping for the holidays this year. The more you use GoodSearch and GoodShop, the more money is raised for EPS, just by searching the internet or shopping online — *at no cost to you*. Every time you search the web with GoodSearch, EPS receives a penny; when everyone uses it, the pennies add up. Shopping with GoodShop generates a percentage of your purchase for EPS. Check out the sites below, before you start your holiday shopping!

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<http://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop.aspx>.

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Become a fan of EPS at

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

EPS 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.

In Other News

Mexico Peace Index

The Mexico Peace Index measures the state of peace in Mexico over the last decade.

The Mexico Peace Index (MPI) aims to provide a more localized view of peace within Mexico and to determine what conditions are associated with peace at the state level. The Index measures the state of peace in all 32 Mexican states from 2003–2012.

The MPI uses the same definition of peace as the Global Peace Index (GPI) whereby peace is "the absence of violence or the fear of violence."

For more information, visit

<http://visionofhumanity.org/#/page/about-mpi>.

World of Drones: How Unmanned Aircraft Are Extending American Hegemony

by Alejandro Garcia De La Garza for *Alternet*

The expanding global net of drones extends into the Pacific, linked to the surveillance operations of the National Security Agency.

Drones were initially developed for surveillance missions. The iconic MQ-1 Predator debuted during the Balkan wars, surveying the operations over Bosnia, tracking the movement of Serbian troops in real time and providing hours of surveillance data by staying in the air for longer than previously possible. The use of drones for offensive operations was only fully realised with the US-led "war on terror," targeting al-Qaida and its associates. "Signature strikes" in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Yemen have generated much controversy, especially covert operations by the Central Intelligence Agency, with many civilians killed, many more feeling targeted, and little or no accountability from the authorities.

Read the full article here:

<http://www.alternet.org/world/unmanned-aircraft-extend-american-hegemony>.

Call for applications: United States Institute of Peace Training Courses for Individuals Working on Conflict Issues

Develop your peacebuilding skills through the United States Institute of Peace's Academy for International Conflict Management and Peacebuilding. The Academy offers onsite, online, and customized courses on conflict prevention, management, and resolution. Join practitioners from diverse professional and international backgrounds to acquire the analytical skills and tools required for working in transitional environments. Taught by field practitioners, courses mix theory and practice with applied exercises, case studies, simulations, and group challenges.

View a list of current courses at

<http://www.usip.org/category/course-type/courses-at-usip>.

Call for papers: The 8th Annual Meeting of the Portuguese Economic Journal

The 8th Annual Meeting of the Portuguese Economic Journal will take place in the School of Economics and Management, University of Minho, July 4 – 5, 2014.

Submissions in all fields of Economics are welcome until March 31, 2014.

For more information, see

<http://www3.eeg.uminho.pt/economia/nipe/PEJ2014/>.

Links

UN Launches audio content by phone

DPI will launch a new service which offers UN audio content by phone. This innovative new service is offered by provider AudioNow. It allows mobile users to access UN audio content by calling in a local access number without the need for a smartphone or apps, and using voice minutes rather than data plans, making it the least expensive way to access such content. The numbers are also accessible from landlines.

The UN Audio channels will include UN Radio broadcasts, live coverage of meetings, press briefings, news and feature segments, all available through a “call to listen” service to mobile phone users in multiple languages in regions across the globe. The service will launch in the US, followed in early 2014 by South Africa, Brazil, and Switzerland, then in selected countries in Europe, Middle East and North Africa, and the Caribbean.

The local access numbers in the US are on the UN Multimedia site:

http://www.unmultimedia.org/audio_by_phone.html.

Human Development Index

Human development is defined as the process of enlarging people’s freedoms and opportunities and improving their well-being. Human development is about the real freedom ordinary people have to decide who to be, what to do, and how to live.

The human development concept was developed by economist Mahbub ul Haq. At the World Bank in the 1970s, and later as minister of finance in his own country, Pakistan, Dr. Haq argued that existing measures of human progress failed to account for the true purpose of development – to improve people’s lives. In particular, he believed that the commonly used measure of Gross Domestic Product failed to adequately measure well-being. Working with Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen and other gifted economists, in 1990 Dr. Haq published the first Human Development Report, which was commissioned by the United Nations Development Programme.

More about the Human Development Index here:

<http://www.measureofamerica.org/human-development#top>.

Funding & Employment Opportunities

Assistant Professor, Peace Studies

Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland

The Peace Studies program at Goucher College invites candidates for a tenure-track position in Peace Studies, to begin August 2014. Candidates must have solid grounding in Peace Studies; areas of expertise may include peace and conflict studies, urban economic conflict, race and urban peacebuilding, urban geography and planning, or urban environmental justice. The successful candidate will teach Introduction to Peace Studies, a course on cities, and develop courses at the intermediate and upper level. This program places a great emphasis on interdisciplinarity, community-based learning, active experience with students and the broader community, and engaged or critical pedagogy, and welcomes candidates with organizing as well as scholarly experience. Peace Studies at Goucher College is a highly collaborative, energetic, and growth-oriented program that places a strong emphasis on visionary, innovative thought and action.

The full job description is available at

<http://goucher.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=43449>.

Programme Director, Arms Transfers

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) is recruiting a Programme Director to lead its Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-proliferation Programme.

Established in 1966, SIPRI is consistently ranked as one of the world's top think tanks. The institute is dedicated to independent research into peace, conflict and security, and is known worldwide for its flagship publication, the *SIPRI Yearbook*. SIPRI is based in Stockholm with offices in Beijing and Washington DC, and well-established, on-the-ground partnerships and operational networks across the globe. The staff of SIPRI is international and the working language is English. In recent years, SIPRI has expanded its staff and budget while building a dynamic research and outreach agenda that reflects the fast-changing international security order.

See the entire position description here:
http://www.sipri.org/about/vacancies/PD_armstransfers.

EPS Publications

The Economics of Peace and Security Journal, Volume 8, Number 2 – October, 2013 On Nepal, constitutional rights, and the economics of envy

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- ***Litigated conflict over fundamental rights: A static model***
William C. Bunting
- ***Envy in the process of development: Implications for Social Relations and Conflict***
Boris Gershman
- ***A spacial-temporal analysis of civil war: The case of Nepal***
Shikha Silwal
- ***The political economy of peace building: The case of women's cooperatives in Nepal***
Smita Ramnarain
- ***Bringing the economy back in: The political economy of security sector reform***
Guro Lien

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 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/No2/issue.php>.

EPS Quarterly, Volume 25, Issue 2 – 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>.

EPS Quarterly, Volume 25, Issue 1 – 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***
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- ***Group Inequality and Conflict: Some Insights for Peacebuilding***
Michelle Swearingen
- ***From the Director***
Thea Harvey
- ***Economics of US National Security: A View from the Outside***
J. Paul Dunne

Read this issue of EPS Quarterly at

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

Action Corner

Support a Level Playing Field for Clean Energy

Master Limited Partnerships (MLP) Parity Act

Right now, Congress has an opportunity to level the playing field on which renewable energy competes with fossil fuels for private investment.

For decades, fossil fuel producers have benefited from the ability to form a special kind of corporate structure, known as Master Limited Partnerships, that gives them access to low-cost financing and special tax benefits. But when Congress created Master Limited Partnerships in 1980, they left out renewable energy.

Congress can unlock billions of dollars of low cost financing for clean energy by allowing renewables to be eligible for an important tax benefit that the oil, natural gas, and coal industries have had for decades.

Find out how you can take action on this issue by visiting

http://blog.ucsusa.org/master-limited-partnerships-lowering-financing-costs-for-renewable-energy-projects-110?_utma=17653163.686447337.1381869721.1385086804.1386975281.3&_utmb=17653163.1.10.1386975281&_utmc=17653163&_utmz=17653163.1386975281.3.2.utmcsr=ucsusa.org|utmccn=%28referral%29|utmcmd=referral|utmct=/action/&_utmv=-&_utmk=148415351

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 links with which to check your elected officials' voting records, and the ACLU Congressional Scorecard.

Check out the ACLU list of topics and your representatives' votes here:
<http://www.aclu.org/action-center>.

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 addresses, phone and fax numbers, or websites of your elected officials in Congress, enter your zip code at
<http://www.contactingthecongress.org/>.

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

- **January 3 – 5, 2014** The annual AEA/ASSA meetings in Philadelphia, PA. EPS will host two panel discussions: *Security Economics*, and *Costs and Consequences of Austerity*. This year's EPS Annual Dinner will honor Jeffrey Sachs.

Specifics can be found under the second item of "EPS News" in this issue of NewsNotes, or on our website:

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

- **March 14 – 16, 2014** The 40th Annual Eastern Economics Association Conference will take place in Boston Massachusetts.

Conference details can be found at

<http://www.ramapo.edu/eea/2014-conference/>.

- **June 19 – 20, 2014** The 18th Annual International Conference on Economics and Security will be hosted by the University of Perugia, Economists for Peace and Security (Italy).
For more information contact Luca Pieroni at luca.pieroni@unipg.it.
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