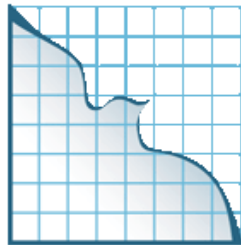


NewsNotes

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ECONOMISTS for PEACE & SECURITY

If you succumb to the temptation of using violence in the struggle, unborn generations will be the recipients of a long and desolate night of bitterness, and your chief legacy to the future will be an endless reign of meaningless chaos.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Climate change and poverty have not gone away

An economic and political system that does not deliver for most citizens is one that is not sustainable in the long run

By Joseph Stiglitz, January 7, 2013 for *The Guardian*

"In the shadow of the euro crisis and America's fiscal cliff, it is easy to ignore the global economy's long-term problems. But, while we focus on immediate concerns, they continue to fester, and we overlook them at our peril.

"The most serious is global warming. While the global economy's weak performance has led to a corresponding slowdown in the increase in carbon emissions, it amounts to only a short respite. And we are far behind the curve: because we have been so slow to respond to climate change achieving the targeted limit of a 2C rise in global temperature will require sharp reductions in emissions in the future.

"Some suggest that, given the economic slowdown, we should put global warming on the backburner. On the contrary, retrofitting the global economy for climate change would help to restore aggregate demand and growth."

To read the full article, see

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2013/jan/07/climate-change-poverty-inequality>.

EPS at the ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings

San Diego, CA

Economists for Peace and Security hosted two sessions, and a dinner in honor of Michael Intriligator, at the ASSA/AEA Annual meetings in San Diego.

Session I:

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

Panel Moderator: James Galbraith (University of Texas-Austin)

Kenneth Arrow (Stanford University)

Robert Gordon (Northwestern University)

Eric Laursen (Independent Journalist)

Yanis Varoufakis (University of Athens)

Session II:

"Is War Over? The Economics of National Security after Iraq and Afghanistan"

Panel Moderator: Michael Lind (New America Foundation)

Linda Bilmes (Harvard University)

Richard Kaufman (Bethesda Research Institute)

J. Paul Dunne (University of Cape Town)

Find more information about EPS at the ASSA/AEA and other events:

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

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.

Papers should be sent to Sam Perlo-Freeman at

perlo-freeman@sipri.org.

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

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<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](#)

5 Reasons Natural Gas Won't Be an Environmental and Economic Savior

We aren't going to be able to drill our way out of the climate crisis without creating an even bigger mess in the process.

By Tara Lohan, January 10, 2013, for *Alternet*

"If you're hoping the natural gas boom means we've solved our environmental and economic woes, you're going to be disappointed. While natural gas produces less nitrogen oxides and carbon dioxide when burned compared to coal or oil, the end product is only part of the story. The natural gas boom in recent years has been fueled by extreme extraction methods like fracking that are posing a new slurry of environmental problems before the gas even makes it to consumers.

"If you look at the complete picture of how we extract natural gas today, you begin to realize pretty quickly that we aren't going to be able to drill our way out of the climate crisis without creating an even bigger mess in the process. The list of impacts from fracking is huge, but here are five to kick off the conversation..."

Read the full article here:

<http://www.alternet.org/fracking/5-reasons-natural-gas-wont-be-environmental-and-economic-savior>.

Obama, Karzai agree to speed up military transition

US troops will shift fully to a support role this spring, said the president

By Julie Pace and Robert Burns for *Salon*, January 11, 2013

"President Barack Obama and Afghan President Hamid Karzai said they have agreed to speed up slightly the schedule for moving Afghanistan's security forces into the lead across the country, with US troops shifting fully to a support role. The leaders also said Obama agreed to place battlefield detainees under the control of the Afghan government.

"Obama, appearing in the East Room of the White House with Karzai at his side, said accelerating the transition to Afghan security control this spring would set the stage for further withdrawal of US and other foreign forces, although he did not say how quickly a US drawdown would be carried out this year and next. There are now 66,000 US troops there.

"Starting this spring, our troops will have a different mission: training, advising and assisting Afghan forces," Obama said. "It will be a historic moment."

"He added later that even in a backup role he could not rule out that US troops could be drawn into combat, but he emphasized that their main role would be support, such as training and advising. Karzai said he was pleased by the agreement, in part because it means that by spring there will be no foreign troops in Afghan villages."

The full article is available at

http://www.salon.com/2013/01/11/obama_karzai_agree_to_speed_up_military_transition/.

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, with Juan Vargas and Raul Caruso to serve as editors.

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.

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

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/>.

Links

DoD’s Biofuels Program

An American Security Project Factsheet, by Andrew Holland and Nick Cunningham, January 2013

For the US military – and the US economy as a whole – dependence on oil presents real threats to national security. Over the last five years, the US Department of Defense has begun to act to reduce these energy security threats by helping to create alternatives to petroleum-based fuels. One of the most promising is biofuels.

Today, these efforts are beginning to have an effect. Advanced biofuels that can act as drop-in replacements to traditional gasoline, diesel, or jet fuel are being produced today. By the end of this decade, a significant portion of the US military’s transportation fuel will derive from feedstocks other than oil – at a price that is competitive with traditional petroleum-based fuels.

ASP’s factsheet on the “DoD’s Biofuels Program” explains how dependence on oil create national security risks and the policies being put in place to reduce those risks.

Read the factsheet here:

<http://americansecurityproject.org/featured-items/2013/dods-biofuels-program/>.

United States Institute of Peace Year in Review: Sustainable Economies and Natural Resources

Video featuring Raymond Gilpin for the United States Institute of Peace, January 2013

USIP’s Raymond Gilpin, director of the Center for Sustainable Economies, talks about the big projects in 2012 to help Afghanistan, Nigeria, and other countries manage their natural resources – and what the center will focus on in 2013.

To watch the year in review, go to

<http://www.usjp.org/publications/year-in-review-sustainable-economies-and-natural-resources>.

Funding & Employment Opportunities

PhD Scholarships 2013, the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand

Two new scholarships will be offered in 2013, funded by the Global Future Charitable Trust. Each scholarship will provide an annual stipend of \$25,000 (NZD) for 3 years. Scholarships will be awarded to candidates working in the areas of Development and Peacebuilding; Conflict Analysis, Mediation and Conflict Transformation; Post Conflict Reconstruction: Transitional Justice Reconciliation; Peace Education; Critical Terrorism Studies; or Arms Control and Disarmament.

The application deadline is January 20, 2013.

To find out more about these scholarships, go to

<http://www.otago.ac.nz/ncpacs/#phd%20scholarships>.

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.

More information about the fellowship is available here:

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

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>.

EPS Publications

EPS Quarterly, September 2012 – *The Inequality Issue*

The issue of inequality was key in the 2012 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?

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- 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>.

***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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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 by visiting

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

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.

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- 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>.

Action Corner

§1 Trillion in Pentagon Cuts Still on the Table

Congress did something extraordinary at the beginning of this year. Despite intense pressure from military contractors and billions of dollars spent by defense lobbyists, our elected officials left in place deep cuts in Pentagon spending; but Congress will have to take more votes on this issue in the coming months.

To write your members of Congress, go to

<http://capwiz.com/fconl/issues/alert/?alertid=62322771>.

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>.

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>.

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 28, 2013 Clean Energy: The New Public Policy Reality** will be held in Seattle Washington.

Robert Gates, former Secretary of Defense for Presidents Bush and Obama, will keynote the conference co-sponsored by the Washington Clean Technology Alliance and the American Security Project. The conference aims to investigate the new political realities for cleantech.

For more information or to register for this conference, see

<http://americansecurityproject.org/events/2012/12202/>.

- **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 first WAM 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 skills needed in managing microfinance business, and to provide a common platform for sharing ideas, resources and network.

Find out more about the conference at

http://wamic.afcopb.org/invitation/?goback=.gde_2009987_member_193108690.

- **June 13 – 15, 2013 The 17th Annual International Conference on Economics and Security** will be held at SIPRI, Stockholm, Sweden.

The conference programme will include research papers selected based on the call for proposals. The conference will have 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.

Further details about the conference call for papers can be found at

http://www.sipri.org/research/armaments/milex/ICES2013/call_for_papers.

- **June 15 – July 13, 2013 The 2013 Bologna Symposium on Conflict Prevention, Resolution, and Reconciliation** will be hosted by the International Peace & Security Institute in Bologna Italy.

In cooperation with The Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), the 2013 Bologna Symposium will bring together the globe's brightest minds from top graduate institutions, NGOs, international organizations, grassroots peace movements, and the armed services. Participants undergo intensive training by the field's premier political leaders, academic experts, practitioners, and advocates in the practical skills necessary to foster peace and security in their communities and the world.

To learn more about the symposium, go to

<http://ipsinstitute.org/bologna-2013/?PHPSESSID=c49b22cc9dfd21f61d40e9c8090ff67c>.

- **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>.

- **July 20 – August 17, 2013** The 2013 Hague Symposium on Post-Conflict Transitions & International Justice will be hosted by the International Peace & Security Institute in The Hague, The Netherlands.

Participants will undergo intensive training from 25 of the field's premier political leaders, academic experts, practitioners, and advocates in the skills necessary to holistically restructure a post-conflict society, as well as serve justice to those responsible for human rights violations. Participants will gain a broad understanding of concepts, controversies, and institutions in this emerging field, as well as critically examine historical and contemporary justice interventions through direct interactions with the actual decision makers.

For more information, see

<http://ipsinstitute.org/the-hague-2013/>.

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