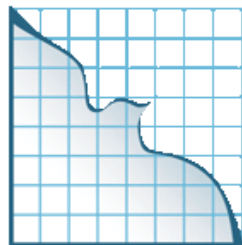


NewsNotes

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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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Engaged Economists Writing About Conflict

The US Institute of Peace, Economists for Peace and Security, and the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute are partnering to provide weekly blogs written by leading peace economists. These blogs will discuss issues that are pressing and relevant to the policy, practice and theory of economics and development in conflict and crisis-affected contexts. Hosted on USIP's International Network for Economics and Conflict and cross-posted by SIPRI, the blogs aim to promote research as well as global discussion and shared learning on economic aspects of peace and security. Covering issues from piracy to food security, and extractive industries to entrepreneurship, these blogs will be concise, research-based resources for those working to change the situation of the more than 1.5 billion people living in conflict-affected and fragile states. We encourage you to participate in the venture by posting comments and questions for their expert authors.

Read the blog posts at

<http://inec.usip.org/content/engaged-economists-writing-about-conflict>.

James K. Galbraith & Angus Deaton Win 2014 Leontief prize for work on poverty, inequality, and well-being

Global Development And Environmental Institute of Tufts University will award its 2014 Leontief Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought to Angus Deaton and James K. Galbraith. This year's award, titled

"Inequality and Well-Being in an Age of Instability," recognizes the contributions that these researchers have made to the studies of poverty, inequality, and well-being. They have both played a critical role in bringing grounded empirical analysis to bear on topics in need of applied interdisciplinary research.

For more information, see

http://www.ase.tufts.edu/gdae/about_us/leontief14_announcement.html?utm_source=GDAE+Subscribers&utm_campaign=4022739a37-Leontief_2014_Announce_6_25_2013&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_72d4918ff9-4022739a37-41438089.

Top 100: The most influential people in armed violence reduction

By Henry Dodd for *Action on Armed Violence*, June 28, 2013

In 2011, at least 526,000 people died violent deaths around the world. Over three-quarters of these occurred in non-conflict settings. People around the globe are working to change this depressing reality. Who are these men and women who have dedicated their lives to making the world a safer place? Members of AOA staff have come together to select 100 people who are outstanding examples of those trying to change the world for the better.

The list includes EPS Fellow Steve Killelea, see the full list at

<http://aoav.org.uk/2013/top-100-the-most-influential-people-in-the-world-of-armed-violence/>.

How to Stop the Path of Economic and Social Destruction

The verdict is in: austerity economics is a global loser

by James K. Galbraith for *AlterNet*, July 11, 2013

In the wake of a brutal crisis that has now lasted five years, even economists ought to reconsider their ideas. Most other people would do so much more quickly, but we are a very patient and stubborn profession.

The view that was propagated at the time of the crisis was that there was a series of national problems: in the US, the subprime mortgage disaster; in Greece, overspending, undertaxing; in Ireland, commercial real estate; in Spain, a residential housing bubble. Somehow, all of these things seemed to come to a head and break out in a crisis at the same time. What a coincidence!

Read the full article here:

<http://www.alternet.org/economy/galbraith-and-economic-destruction>.

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*. Every time you search the web, EPS receives a penny; when everyone uses it, the pennies add up.

To start using GoodSearch, go to

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

Look for EPS on Facebook. Become a fan and keep up with our latest activities and upcoming events.

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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](#)

Mining Company Hires Gun-Toting, Masked Paramilitary Security Guards as Protests Flare Up

by Alex Kane for *AlterNet*, July 9, 2013

"A private security firm has been hired by a mining company in Wisconsin, and now a paramilitary-like force has begun to protect the mining site. The presence of guards who work for Bulletproof Securities is raising eyebrows among Wisconsin lawmakers.

"The mining company, Gogebic Taconite, is set to launch a large iron ore mining operation in Wisconsin over the objections of environmentalists. They've hired Bulletproof Securities to guard the site. The people protecting the mining site near Lake Superior are masked and are toting semi-automatic rifles while wearing camouflage uniforms.

"The mining site has been met by protests recently."

Read the entire article here:

<http://www.alternet.org/news-amp-politics/wisconsin-mining-company-hires-gun-toting-masked-security-guards?akid=10672.103713.ZXytZT&rd=1&src=newsletter866451&t=3>.

Call for papers: Contributions to Conflict Management, Peace Economics, and Development book series

Manuscript submissions are requested for possible publication in the book series *Contributions to Conflict Management, Peace Economics, and Development*. Emerald publishing in UK is the publisher. At this time, over 20 volumes in the series have been published. The forthcoming volumes are:

- a. Nuclear Disarmament: Global Steps towards Human Security
- b. Cooperation for a Peaceful and Sustainable World, Part 2
- c. Understanding Terrorism: A Socio-economic Perspective

For more information, contact

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Pruning the Nuclear Triad? Pros and Cons of Submarines, Bombers, and Missiles

By Kingston Reif, Travis Sharp, and Kirk Bansak Updated by Usha Sahay May 16, 2013

A fact sheet from The Center For Arms Control And Non-Proliferation

Since 1959, the United States has maintained a "triad" of nuclear weapons delivery systems, which consists of nuclear-armed bombers, land-based missiles, and submarine-launched missiles. Traditionally, it has been argued that the triad, with its three distinct delivery platforms, offers the US a diverse set of options to deter adversaries, assure allies, and defeat adversaries if deterrence fails. The 2010 *Nuclear Posture Review* conducted by the Obama administration stated: "Retaining all three Triad legs will best maintain strategic stability at reasonable cost, while hedging against potential technical problems or vulnerabilities." It went on to note, "each leg of the triad has advantages that warrant retaining all three legs." However, in recent months, a confluence of strategic, political, and economic factors have prompted further scrutiny of the US's continued reliance on a nuclear triad.

See the Fact Sheet here:

http://armscontrolcenter.org/publications/factsheets/051613_nuclear_triad_pros_cons/.

Measure of America

A Project of the Social Science Research Council

Measure of America provides easy-to-use yet methodologically sound tools for understanding the distribution of well-being and opportunity in America and stimulating fact-based dialogue about health, education, and living

standards.

The hallmark of this work is the **American Human Development Index**, an alternative to GDP and other money metrics that tells the story of how ordinary Americans are faring. It empowers communities with a tool to track progress over time. The Index is comprised of health, education, and income indicators and allows for well-being rankings of the 50 states, 435 congressional districts, county groups within states, women and men, and racial and ethnic groups.

Through national and state reports, thematic briefs, and the project's interactive website, Measure of America aims to breathe life into numbers, using data to create compelling narratives that foster greater understanding of our shared challenges and greater support for people-centered policies.

For more information, go to
<http://www.measureofamerica.org/>.

Funding & Employment Opportunities

Master of Arts in Conflict & Peace Studies

The University of North Carolina - Greensboro

A Master of Arts in Conflict and Peace Studies will develop your skills to create peace that builds supportive communities, affording justice to all members of society.

Using an interdisciplinary, critical, and social justice approach to conflict theory, the MA in Conflict and Peace Studies will prepare you for a career in:

- Diplomacy
- Education
- Mediation
- Arbitration
- Negotiation

Program at a glance:

- Online synchronous and evening face-to-face
- Summer session for year-round enrollment
- Master of Arts or Graduate Certificate

More information about this program is available here:
<http://learnmore.uncg.edu/conflict-brochure-download>.

Faculty Research Assistant – Global Terrorism Database

The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START)
The University of Maryland, College Park

The Global Terrorism Database (GTD) consists of unclassified data on over 100,000 terrorist attacks that have occurred worldwide since 1970. It supports a wide range of users, including government, academia, media, and the general public. GTD Research Assistants are responsible for performing a variety of tasks meant to assist in the ongoing collection and coding of terrorism event data. These tasks include:

- Establishing expertise on data collection and coding practices for a specific domain of the GTD
- Managing a team of interns tasked with data coding for a specific domain of the GTD
- Training new team members and interns on coding practices for a specific domain of the GTD
- Performing routine quality control assessments of coded data for a specific domain of the GTD
- Identifying terrorism events in source documents and writing incident summaries

More information about this position is available here:
<http://start.umd.edu/start/announcements/announcement.asp?id=512>.

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

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/No1/issue.php>.

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>.

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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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

Find out where your representative stands on the B61 Nuclear Bomb amendment

With nearly 16 million children living in poverty in our country, and with budget cuts threatening even the most effective programs to help families in need, adding more money to the nuclear weapons budget doesn't make sense.

Illinois Rep. Mike Quigley proposed an amendment to cut nearly \$24 million from the budget to refurbish the B61 nuclear bomb, the oldest weapon in the US arsenal. This \$24 million is money that House appropriators added to President Obama's budget request for this program.

To find out how your representative voted on this amendment, see

<http://capwiz.com/fconl/issues/alert/?alertid=62768386>.

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>.

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

- **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/>.

- **August 1 – 3, 2013** The Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy's Twenty Third Annual Meeting: "Reforming Cuba?" will be held at the Hilton Miami Downtown, Miami Florida.

George J. Borjas, Robert W. Scrivner Professor of Economics and Social Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government will give the Ernesto Betancourt Keynote Address.

Find out more about the conference at

<http://www.ascecuba.org/>.

- **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.

- **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.eaepe.org/node/17311>.

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