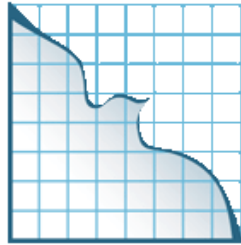


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Snowflakes, leaves, humans, plants, raindrops, stars, molecules, microscopic entities all come in communities. The singular cannot in reality exist.

~Paula Gunn Allen

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Student Debt and the Crushing of the American Dream

by Joseph E. Stiglitz for *The New York Times*

"A certain drama has become familiar in the United States (and some other advanced industrialized countries): Bankers encourage people to borrow beyond their means, preying especially on those who are financially unsophisticated. They use their political influence to get favorable treatment of one form or another. Debts mount. Journalists record the human toll. Then comes bewilderment: How could we let this happen again? Officials promise to fix things. Something is done about the most egregious abuses. People move on, reassured that the crisis has abated, but suspecting that it will recur soon.

"The crisis that is about to break out involves student debt and how we finance higher education. Like the housing crisis that preceded it, this crisis is intimately connected to America's soaring inequality, and how, as Americans on the bottom rungs of the ladder strive to climb up, they are inevitably pulled down — some to a point even lower than where they began.

"This new crisis is emerging even before the last one has been resolved, and the two are becoming intertwined."

Read the full article here:

<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/05/12/student-debt-and-the-crushing-of-the-american-dream/>.

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EPS Quarterly is celebrating 25 years

The March issue of EPS Quarterly celebrates its Silver Anniversary

Volume 1, Number 1, published in spring of 1989, noted that our young organization had over 100 members in five countries. EPS now has over 1000 members in 52 countries. That first issue also announced our first international affiliate; today, there are EPS affiliates in 16 countries.

Over the last 25 years, EPS has brought you not only news of EPS, but also thought-provoking articles, sometimes devoting entire issues to specific topics.

While much has changed in the past quarter century, the need for rigorous economic peace research and substantive exploration of security issues remains.

In commemoration of this Silver Anniversary of the EPS Quarterly, all of our available newsletters from the past 25 years have been posted on our website. Please enjoy them at

<http://epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/newsletter.htm>.

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.

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

Global Peace Index 2013

The 2013 Global Peace Index (GPI) shows that the world has become less peaceful, with a sharp rise in the number of homicides.

The 2013 Global Peace Index (GPI) has just been released. You can now explore the state of peace around the world

The GPI report analyzes trends in peace over the last six years, comparing the GPI to a number of other factors that help identify the key drivers of peace and the causes of violence. The research includes a new methodology for estimating the cost of violence to the global economy. In 2013, the cost of containing violence was US \$9.46 trillion, which is equivalent to 11 percent of global GDP.

The entire report can be read here:

<http://www.visionofhumanity.org/#/page/our-gpi-findings>.

The Real Numbers: Half of America in Poverty – and It's Creeping Upward

The Census Bureau has reported that one out of six Americans lives in poverty – a shocking figure, but it's actually much, much worse.

by Paul Buchheit for *Alternet*, May 26, 2013

Inequality is spreading like a shadowy disease through the US, infecting more and more households, leaving a shrinking number of financially secure families to maintain the charade of prosperity.

Read the full article at

<http://www.alternet.org/economy/real-numbers-half-america-poverty-and-its-creeping-toward-75-0>.

Call for Articles: Conflict Trends 2013

The African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD) is presently soliciting contributions for the third 2013 Issue of Conflict Trends (2013, Issue 3). As this will be a General Issue, they welcome submissions on any topic related to conflict, conflict resolution, peace, development, security, human rights, peacebuilding, etc. Submissions can address any topic as related to specific contexts and cases in Africa or more broadly/generally. In addition, they welcome book reviews (on related topics/themes) for the Issue. Articles must be 2500-3000 words in length; book reviews must be 1500 words. The deadline for submission of fully completed articles and book reviews for Issue 3, 2013 is July 15, 2013.

For more information about this call for articles, see

<http://www.accord.org.za/publications/conflict-trends/editorial-guidelines>.

Call for papers: Second Annual International Association for Peace and Conflict Studies Conference: Peace is Power

The Conference will be held at the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute, University of Manchester, UK

Power is under-discussed in relation to peace, peacebuilding, and statebuilding, yet it often shapes the types of, and extent of, peace and its architecture. State-centric perspectives of power still predominate in International Relations, as do views of power linked to physical violence, official institutions, and the Weberian state. Power and its relationship with peace is rarely made explicit, let alone disaggregated. There is often something mysterious about these notions of power as they rest on vague – yet persistent and widely respected – notions of interests and sovereignty, markets, institutions and legitimacy, or rights and needs. Away from these official perspectives, power can be hidden and unseen. It often operates at the sub-state level, circulating through different types of local or subaltern, and often critical, agency. Recent interest in local agency, hybrid forms of peace, resistance, and resilience make it necessary to engage more fully with the concept of power, and with power-relations, in peace and conflict studies.

Details on this call for papers are at

<https://www.facebook.com/Peacebuilding.Journal/posts/352258008213279>.

Links

Protecting the Homeland - The Rising Costs of Inaction on Climate Change

By Nick Cunningham and Danielle Parillo for *American Security Project*

The effects of climate change are already taking a serious toll on the United States. Rising sea levels, more severe and frequent droughts, floods, wildfires, and storms threaten critical infrastructure, military preparedness, and human life.

Climate change is also sapping the economy and straining federal budgets as the government is forced to pay out record levels in disaster relief each year.

This fact sheet lays out some of the trends in climate events over the last ten to fifteen years, demonstrating rising threats to the United States.

Mitigating greenhouse gases is necessary to reduce the effects of climate change. However, the US must also take adaptation measures in order to minimize the inevitable consequences of climate change.

Read the full paper here:

<http://americansecurityproject.org/featured-items/2013/protecting-the-homeland-the-rising-costs-of-inaction-on-climate-change/>.

United Nations Peacebuilding Fund

Preventing a Relapse into Violent Conflict

The United Nations Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) is currently supporting 222 projects in 22 countries by delivering fast, flexible and relevant funding.

Following a request from the General Assembly and the Security Council, in October 2006 the Secretary-General established a Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) for post-conflict peacebuilding initiatives. The PBF constitutes an essential component of the enhanced UN architecture to provide for a more sustained engagement in support of countries emerging from conflict, and will support peacebuilding activities that contribute directly to post-conflict stabilization and strengthen the capacity of Governments, national/local institutions and transitional or other relevant authorities.

For more information, go to

<http://www.unpbf.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, Maryland

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>.

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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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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>.

EPS Quarterly, December 2012 – The Fiscal Cliff Issue

This issue contains summaries of the proceedings from The EPS/Bernard Schwartz Symposium *Who's Afraid of the Fiscal Cliff?* held at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, Washington DC on November 13, 2012. The Symposium was organized by Economists for Peace and Security and co-sponsored by The New America Foundation.

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Read this issue of EPS Quarterly at

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

Action Corner

Petition to start a ban on nuclear weapons

There are 19,000 nuclear weapons around the world. It only takes one to cause a humanitarian catastrophe on a horrific scale, yet we've talked ourselves into having 2,000 ready to be launched within minutes.

We are potentially only minutes away from the horror of seeing an entire city flattened in an instant, killing hundreds of thousands of people with no adequate humanitarian relief possible. Its effects will spread across borders and generations. This is madness, not a security strategy.

The one cure for this threat is to ban nuclear weapons.

If you believe that the time for waiting and hoping is over, and that we have to act now, sign the petition to send a message to your government that you don't accept the status quo.

For more information, see
<http://www.nonukes.nl/en/get-involved>.

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

- **June 19 – 21, 2013** The Fifth International Conference on Conflict Management, Peace Economics and Peace Science will be held at Bloemfontein, South Africa.

For more information, contact Manas Chatterji at mchatter@binghamton.edu.

- **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>.

- **June 25, 2013** Redefining US Energy Security for the 21st Century – New York Energy Week.

As part of New York Energy Week, the American Security Project (ASP), The Climate Group, and PwC cordially invite you to an exclusive discussion on Tuesday, June 25 at PwC's New York Headquarters

More information is available here:

<http://americansecurityproject.org/events/2013/event-redefining-us-energy-security-for-the-21st-century-new-york-energy-week-tuesday-june-25-415-pm/>.

- **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/>.

- **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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