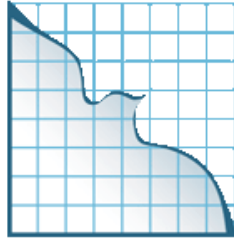


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Right human relations is the only true peace.

~Alice A. Bailey

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EPS News

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.

EPS Quarterly is celebrating 25 years

Our Next issue of The EPS Quarterly will celebrate its Silver Anniversary

Volume 1, Number 1, published in spring of 1989, mentioned that our young organization had over a hundred members in five countries. We now have 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, our organization has brought you not only news of EPS, but also thought-provoking articles, sometimes devoting entire issues to specific topics.

A lot has changed in the last 25 years, but the need for rigorous economic peace research and substantive exploration of the 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 at the ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings San Diego, CA

Video of our Annual Dinner and audio of our sessions is now available.

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)

For more information about EPS at The ASSA/AEA and to watch the video, see <http://www.epsusa.org/events/aea.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](#)

Top Military Officer: Climate Change Biggest Threat to Security

Admiral Samuel Locklear told the *Boston Globe* that global warming could "cripple the security environment."
By Alex Kane, March 11, 2013, for *Alternet*

The nuclear-war themed back and forth between North and South Korea is not the biggest threat to the Asia-Pacific region. Instead, it's climate change, according to a top military officer.

Admiral Samuel Locklear, a naval officer in charge of the Asia-Pacific region, told the *Boston Globe* Friday that global warming "is probably the most likely thing that is going to happen . . . that will cripple the security environment, probably more likely than the other scenarios we all often talk about." Locklear added: "People are surprised sometimes... You have the real potential here in the not-too-distant future of nations displaced by rising sea level. Certainly weather patterns are more severe than they have been in the past. We are on super typhoon 27 or 28 this year in the Western Pacific. The average is about 17."

Locklear made the comments to the *Boston Globe* during an interview after he met with scholars at Harvard and Tufts Universities. He met with a number of foreign policy specialists to discuss US policy towards Asia as the Obama administration goes ahead with its plan to "pivot" to the region. The visit to the Boston-area came as North and South Korea traded verbal blows after North Korea conducted an underground nuclear test. Despite those real challenges, though, Locklear focused on climate change as an even more important threat.

The entire article can be read here:

<http://www.alternet.org/news-amp-politics/top-military-officer-climate-change-biggest-threat-security>.

The F-35 Folly: How Our Own Fighter Jets Are Killing Us

Tuesday, 19 February 2013 by Thom Hartmann, *The Daily Take*
This is a story about political dysfunction in Washington.

"Say hello to the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program.

"The F-35 joint strike jet fighter is one of the costliest weapons programs in human history, with each plane costing \$90 million and the project taking more than a decade to complete.

"The price tag of the entire program has nearly doubled since 2001, coming in at a staggering \$396 billion dollars. And, thanks to a number of production delays and safety concerns, that price tag is still rising.

"When you combine the price tag of the program with Government Accountability Office estimated operating and maintenance costs of the planes- the total cost of the program reaches over \$1 trillion.

"And here's the really tragic and absurd part of this story. Thanks to the decade of delays, the technology in the F-35, once thought to be the best of the best, is now outdated."

The full article is available at

<http://truth-out.org/opinion/item/14663-the-f-35-folly-how-our-own-fighter-j>.

Call for Papers: Leadership for Peace and Prosperity

The University of San Diego's Ahlers Center for International Business and the Center for Peace and Commerce, along with the Institute for Economics and Peace, would like to invite paper submissions for the 2013 Leadership for Peace and Prosperity Conference, to be held at the University of San Diego on October 3–5, 2013.

This conference provides a forum for sharing best practices, research and insight on the dynamic nexus of conflict, violence, sustainable peace and business. Papers will be considered that present theoretical and applied, empirical research on the following broad topics (including but not limited to): peace and business, recognizing the economic and social benefits of peace, the role that business can play in developing a more peaceful society and contributing toward peace, conducting business in zones of conflict and post-conflict areas, how managers balance corporate risk exposure in conflict-sensitive zones, business benefits of peace, how business contributes to social resilience and/or less violence in their service communities, peace metrics and current practices of involving business in peace efforts.

The goal of this conference is to have both business practitioners and academics come together to discover and discuss ideas related to the nexus between business and sustainable peace. Business has an important role in securing a peaceful society; similarly, the existence of conflict or violence can impact the viability and sustainability of business. To encourage the inclusion of these topics in the classroom, cases on peace and prosperity – from various academic disciplines including those in management, development, peace economics and peace studies – are encouraged and will be eligible for the teaching case awards.

For more information about this call for papers, see http://www.sandiego.edu/peaceprosperity/conference_overview.php.

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

Wealth Inequality in America (Video)

November 20, 2012 *Youtube*

Infographics on the distribution of wealth in America, highlighting both the inequality and the difference between our perception of inequality and the actual numbers. The reality is often not what we think it is.

Watch the video here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=OPKKQnjnsM.

The Geopolitical Implications of US Natural Gas Exports

Report from The American Security Project

Technological advances in natural gas drilling have opened up vast new resources, leading to a surge in domestic natural gas production in recent years. As a result, the US is awash in natural gas, and prices have plummeted. Meanwhile, in Asia, prices have skyrocketed. Japan, the largest consumer of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in the world, is in desperate need of energy due to its decision to shut down nearly all of its nuclear reactors.

Low prices for natural gas in the US, and high prices in Asia, have sparked calls to allow American drillers to export LNG. Thus far, the debate surrounding LNG exports has focused on the economic impacts. Proponents believe LNG exports will be a boon to the economy, while opponents raise concerns over effects on consumer prices.

What the debate is missing is an analysis on the geopolitics of allowing LNG exports. This paper examines the geopolitical benefits of removing restrictions on LNG exports to two key regions - Europe and Asia.

To read the full report, go to

<http://americansecurityproject.org/featured-items/2013/the-geopolitical-implications-of-u-s-natural-gas-exports/>.

Funding & Employment Opportunities

Master of Arts in Conflict Analysis and Reconciliation

Sarajevo School of Science and Technology
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Political Science and International Relations Department of SSST University has launched a new Master's Program in Conflict Analysis and Reconciliation (CAR). The program will offer students a unique and highly interdisciplinary approach to understanding and analyzing intergroup conflicts.

Students will be taught by highly respected Bosnian and international scholars who will provide them with a comprehensive and experiential understanding of the processes and conditions leading to various types of intergroup conflicts (ethnic, religious, communal, political etc.) and of conflict resolution techniques, as well as post-conflict related processes such as power sharing, justice and reconciliation. The issues will be analyzed and discussed from a multi-disciplinary perspective ranging from political philosophy, political science and international law to social psychology. Studying conflict in a post-conflict setting such as Sarajevo will provide students with a first-hand perspective and direct understanding of challenges and issues, while discussing and integrating theory, research and practical approaches.

More information about the master's program is available here:

<http://www.ssst.edu.ba/news-and-events/news/a-new-master-s-programme-at-ssst/251>.

Robert S. McNamara Fellowships Program

Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, Indiana

The Robert S. McNamara Fellowships Program provides support to young researchers working in academic and research institutions from eligible countries preparing a doctoral thesis. Research grants cover residence costs for a 5 to 10 month period in a renowned university or research center. Fellows are expected to advance their research work mainly by using the facilities and resources provided by the host institution and by interacting with peers.

Candidate's field of research should be related to development at the master's level, in fields such as economics, health, education, agriculture, environment, natural resource management, or other development-related subject

Additional information about this program is available at

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/WBI/EXTWBISFP/EXTRSMFP/0,,contentMDK:21588578-menuPK:552352-pagePK:64168445-piPK:64168309-theSitePK:551843,00.html>.

EPS Publications

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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- *Session One: On the Cliff*
- *Session Two: On the Military Sequester*
- *Session Three: Essential Priorities - Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Infrastructure*

Read this issue of EPS Quarterly at

<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2012/dec2012/dec2012.pdf>.

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.

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.

The issues for Vol. 8 (2013) will be for April and October.

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/Vol7/No2/issue.php>.

Action Corner

Support a Bulletproof Arms Trade Treaty

One person dies every minute from armed violence That's 500,000 per year. The Arms Trade Treaty, being negotiated at the UN March 18 – 28 will create uniform standards for international arms sales that will bring foreign governments up to US arms export standards. It will protect legitimate trade while holding governments accountable for selling arms to human rights violators. Without the treaty, warlords and terrorists will continue to obtain weapons used to attack American soldiers and missionaries, commit human rights abuses, force child soldiers to kill their parents, and to rape refugee women and girls.

The NRA has already gone on record saying the Arms Trade Treaty will threaten Americans' rights to bear arms. This is nonsense. The negotiations only deal with international sales and President Obama has already committed to rejecting the Treaty if it infringes on the 2nd Amendment.

The Arms Trade Treaty is in America's security, business, and moral interests. The United States, as the world's leading arms supplier, has a special responsibility to provide the leadership needed for an Arms Trade Treaty with the highest possible standards for the transfer of conventional arms and ammunition.

To find out more information about the treaty, see

http://org2.democracyinaction.org/o/5550/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=13237&tag=bulletproofattb1.

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

- **April 5 – 6, 2013** The inaugural **Peace Metrics, Peace Economics and the Role of Business** conference will be held in Washington DC. The conference is jointly hosted by the American University's Kogod School of Business and the Institute for Economics and Peace.

The conference will focus on measuring peace, describing the economic benefit of peace, and identifying the relationship between business and peace. Academics and graduate students participating in the conference will also contribute to a new publication called *Peace Metrics*.

For details, see

<http://SmarterCapitalHoldings01.businesscatalyst.com/CampaignProcess.aspx?A=Link&VID=10288307&KID=148171&LID=581648&O=http%3a%2f%2feconomicsandpeace.org%2feducation%2fconference>

- **April 15, 2013** SIPRI's US Military Expenditure Data release event will take place at the UN in New York, NY. The purpose of this project is to monitor, describe and analyze trends and developments in military expenditure worldwide.

For details about the database, see

<http://www.sipri.org/research/armaments/milex>.

- **April 17 – 19, 2013** 22nd Annual Hyman P. Minsky Conference: Building a Financial Structure for a More Stable and Equitable Economy will be held at the Ford Foundation, New York, NY.

It's time to put global finance back in its proper place as a tool to achieving sustainable development. This means substantial downsizing, careful reregulation, universal social protections, and an active, permanent employment-creation program. Therefore, the 2013 Minsky Conference will address both financial reform and poverty in the context of Minsky's work on financial instability and his proposal for a public job guarantee.

Find out more about the conference at

<http://www.levyinstitute.org/news/?event=45>.

- **May 24 – 25, 2013** The Eurasian Peace Science Conference will be held at Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey, hosted by the Center for Conflict Studies.

For more information about the conference, visit

http://conflictstudiescenter.ku.edu.tr/upcoming_conference.html.

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

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.

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 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>.

- **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

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