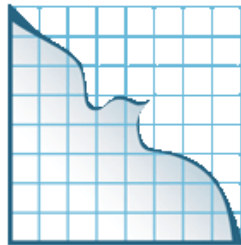


NewsNotes

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We cannot change the past, but we can change our attitude toward it. Uproot guilt and plant forgiveness. Tear out arrogance and seed humility. Exchange love for hate— thereby, making the present comfortable and the future promising.

~Maya Angelou

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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 a mix of plenary sessions and parallel workshop streams. Some of these sessions will seek to bring together SIPRI researchers and conference participants on issues related to SIPRI's areas of research.

Further information about the conference can be found here:

<http://www.sipri.org/research/armaments/milex/ICES2013>.

How Many Wars Is the US Fighting Today?

A New Paper by EPS Fellow Linda J. Bilmes and EPS Trustee Michael D. Intriligator

The US has withdrawn from Iraq and is planning to do likewise from Afghanistan in 2014. This article argues that the US has been fighting at least 5 wars, most of which are unannounced and undeclared, and are fought with air power and robotics technology.

Read the full paper at:

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

EPS Quarterly is celebrating 25 years

The current 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

10 Reasons Austerity is a Crock

Economist Stephanie Kelton breaks down the muddled thinking and counterproductive results of a very bad policy – May 7, 2013, for *New Economic Perspectives* cross posted on *Alternet*

Steve Kraske of *The Kansas City Star* recently interviewed Ms. Kelton for a piece about austerity. It doesn't provide much depth (unlike bloggers, journalists have strict space constraints!), so she followed up with a few comments on the *Star's* website. Ms. Kelton wants to continue sharing her ideas with non-economists.

The entire article can be read here: <http://www.alternet.org/economy/10-reasons-austerity-crock>.

The New Sick Man of Europe: the European Union
Pew Research Global Attitudes Project May 13, 2013

The European Union is the new sick man of Europe. The effort over the past half century to create a more united Europe is now the principal casualty of the Euro crisis. The European project now stands in disrepute across much of Europe.

Support for European economic integration – the 1957 *raison d'être* for creating the European Economic Community, the European Union's predecessor – is down over last year in five of the eight European Union countries surveyed by the Pew Research Center in 2013. Positive views of the European Union are at or near their low point in most EU nations, even among the young, the hope for the EU's future. The favorability of the EU has fallen from a median of 60% in 2012 to 45% in 2013. Only in Germany does at least half the public support giving more power to Brussels to deal with the current economic crisis.

The full report is available at

<http://www.pewglobal.org/2013/05/13/the-new-sick-man-of-europe-the-european-union/>.

Call for Papers: 10th International Conference: Developments in Economic Theory and Policy

The Department of Applied Economics V, of the University of the Basque Country (Spain) and the Cambridge Centre for Economic and Public Policy, Department of Land Economy, of the University of Cambridge (United Kingdom) are organizing the 10th International Conference Developments in Economic Theory and Policy. The Conference will be held in Bilbao (Spain), from June 27 – 28, 2013, at the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of the Basque Country.

For more information about this call for papers, see

<http://www.conferencedevelopments.com/>.

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

The United Kingdom Peace Index

The first comprehensive measure of levels of peacefulness within the UK from 2003 to 2012

The United Kingdom Peace Index (UKPI) has found that the UK is 11 percent more peaceful than it was a decade ago. Produced by the Institute for Economics and Peace, the UKPI is the first measure of peacefulness across the UK.

The UKPI measures levels of peace according to five key indicators: levels of violent crime, homicide, public disorder, weapons crime and the number of police. The research includes an analysis of the socio-economic factors associated with violence, as well as the economic benefits that would flow from increased levels of peace.

The UKPI aims to move the conversation around violence from a narrow assessment of crime to a more holistic understanding of the root causes of violence, in order to identify the right policies needed to create a more peaceful and economically prosperous UK.

See the UK Peace Index here:

<http://www.visionofhumanity.org/unitedkingdompeaceindex/2013/>.

Federal Priorities Database

A New National Priorities Project Database

The interactive tool will help you connect the dots between your tax dollars, the federal budget, and programs or services in your own community. The federal budget is *our budget* – funded primarily through our tax dollars – and NPP believes all Americans should have access to information about how our taxes are invested back into our communities.

The easy-to-use tool allows you to go deeper into the local side of the budget timeline, budget analysis, and breaking news on nationalpriorities.org. Here you can see how federal program dollars flow to your state and county and also look up corresponding indicators – such as health insurance coverage, poverty rates, and school district stats – to see the impact of those dollars.

To try the database, go to

<http://data.nationalpriorities.org/>.

Funding & Employment Opportunities

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>.

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, 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
Linda Bilmes
- The Utility of War Spending: How Much is Too Much?
Richard Kaufman
- 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>.

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/2013/mar13/mar2013.pdf>

Action Corner

End the Endless War

The 60 words in the 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force may be the most consequential words to ever pass through Congress, as [Michael Shank and Matt Southworth](#) explain in this [op-ed](#) published in London's *The Guardian*. The authorization allows the US government to wage war at any time, any place, and on anyone deemed a threat to national security – with remarkably little evidence needed.

To encourage your representative to repeal this authorization, see

<http://capwiz.com/fconl/issues/alert/?alertid=62652336>.

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

- **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 can be found at <http://www.sipri.org/research/armaments/milex/ICES2013>.

- **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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