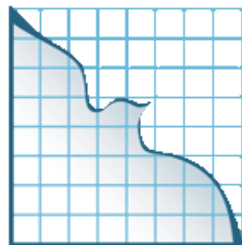


NewsNotes

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ECONOMISTS for PEACE & SECURITY

I am just an academic giving advice,... If you are a technician and are asked for help, it is a social obligation of citizenship to give it.

-Lawrence R. Klein

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EPS News

*You are cordially invited to join
Economists for Peace & Security
for our Annual Dinner*

This year's dinner honors

Jeffrey Sachs

Saturday, January 4, 2014

6:30 – 10:00pm

at Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Host committee chaired by Richard Parker

If you are interested in attending the EPS dinner honoring Jeffrey Sachs, please contact [Thea Harvey](#) (theaharvey@epsusa.org).

EPS at the AEA / ASSA meetings

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 3 – 5, 2014, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

Security Economics (Panel discussion)

Friday, January 3, at 2:30pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Meeting Room 305

- **Panel Moderator:** Richard Kaufman (Bethesda Research Institute)
- Linda Bilmes (Harvard University)
- Michael Lind (New America Foundation)
- Cyrus Bina (University of Minnesota-Morris)
- Heather Hurlburt (National Security Network)
- William Hartung (Center for International Policy)

Costs and Consequences of Austerity (Panel discussion)

Saturday, January 4, 10:15am, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Grand Ballroom - Salon B

- **Panel Moderator:** Allen Sinai (Decision Economics)
- Carmen Reinhart (Harvard University)
- Robert Pollin (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)
- Olivier Blanchard (International Monetary Fund)
- Susan Collins (University of Michigan)
- Robert Zoellick (Peterson Institute for International Economics)

In order to attend the EPS sessions you must be registered for the AEA conference. Please visit http://www.aeaweb.org/Annual_Meeting/index.php.

Lawrence R. Klein



September 14, 1920 – October 20, 2013

The trustees, board, and fellows of EPS mourn the passing of our founding co-chair Lawrence R. Klein.

Lawrence R. Klein, who predicted America's economic boom after World War II and was awarded the 1980 Nobel in economic science for developing statistical models that are used to analyze and predict global economic trends, died October 20 at his home in Gladwyne, PA. He was 93.

A special note from EPS Chair James K. Galbraith.

<http://www.epsusa.org/klein%20statement%20galbraith.html>.

A special note from EPS Japan.

<http://www.epsusa.org/klein%20statement%20eps%20japan.html>.

Read his full Obituary here:

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/22/business/economy/lawrence-r-klein-economist-who-forecast-global-trends-dies-at-93.html?_r=0.

Could a Larger Minimum Wage Hike Sell?

by Michael Tomasky, November 13, 2013, for *The Daily Beast*

"I was on a panel at a conference of Economists for Peace and Security, and one of my panel mates was Ron Unz, the contrarian conservative who has had quite an interesting and varied career. His big passion these days is the minimum wage, which he has [written about with some regularity](#). On yesterday's panel, he spent some time on the substantive case, on which I don't need to be sold. But he also made a very interesting political argument: that a really big increase might be more likely to pass than a more modest one, because it would potentially have a larger and more bipartisan constituency behind it.

"On the surface it seems totally counterintuitive that a minimum wage increase to \$12 an hour (Unz's position) could possibly win more support than an increase to \$9 an hour, which is what the White House proposes. And maybe it couldn't. It would probably be such sticker shock to the overclass that they'd dig in their heels. And anyway all this is academic, alas, as long as Congress is filled with these pseudo-populist yahoos who wave Bibles at \$25,000-a-year earners while they do the bidding of \$25,000-a-day earners."

Read the full article here:

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2013/11/13/could-a-larger-minimum-wage-hike-sell.html>.

Support EPS while shopping for the holidays this year. The more you use GoodSearch and GoodShop, the more money is raised for EPS, just by searching the internet or shopping online — *at no cost to you*. Every time you search the web with GoodSearch, EPS receives a penny; when everyone uses it, the pennies add up. Shopping with GoodShop generates a percentage of your purchase for EPS. Check out the sites below, before you start your holiday shopping!

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Find out about GoodShop at

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

Look for EPS on Facebook. 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](#)

Making Smart Security Choices: The Future of the US Nuclear Weapons Complex

Union of Concerned Scientists, October 2013

The United States seeks to maintain a reliable, safe, and secure nuclear arsenal. Key to this enterprise are the laboratories and facilities that research, design, produce, and maintain nuclear weapons – collectively known as the nuclear weapons complex.

This report examines the essential missions of the complex, considers its key challenges, and suggests critical near- and long-term steps.

Read the report in full here:

http://www.ucsus.org/nuclear_weapons_and_global_security/nuclear_weapons/technical_issues/us-nuclear-weapons-arsenal.html.

Call for papers: The 8th Annual Meeting of the Portuguese Economic Journal

The 8th Annual Meeting of the Portuguese Economic Journal will take place in the School of Economics and Management, University of Minho, July 4 – 5, 2014.

Submissions in all fields of Economics are welcome until March 31, 2014.

For more information, see

<http://www3.eeg.uminho.pt/economia/nipe/PEJ2014/>.

Call for papers: Ecology and Peace Commission of the International Peace Research Association

25th IPRA global conference
"Uniting for Peace: Building Sustainable Peace Through Universal Values"
in cooperation with Sakarya University
ISTANBUL, TURKEY
August 10 – 14, 2014
Ecology and Peace Commission
Towards Sustainable Peace: Nature, Gender and Resilience Building
Second Call for Papers

For the 2014 IPRA Conference the EPC the conveners suggest devoting several sessions to this theme: **Towards Sustainable Peace: Nature, Gender and Resilience Building**

- Sustainability Transition and Sustainable Peace
- Engendered Peace with Nature
- Peace Ecology
- Global Environmental Change
- Disasters, Coping Strategies, Adaptation and Resilience-Building
- Climate Change, Environmental Security and Resource Conflicts
- International Environmental Policy: Lacking Political Will and Implementation
- Peace and Security Impacts of Business-as-usual Policies in the 21st Century
- Additional submitted papers related to environment and peace themes

The three co-conveners plan to publish selected peer-reviewed papers as *Perspectives of IPRA's Ecology and Peace Commission* either in a scientific book or as a special issue of a scientific journal. Participants are also encouraged to submit their presented papers to scientific journals themselves.

To apply to present a paper, please fill in the conference application form of the conference organizers you may download at:

http://www.iprapeace.org/ipra-resources/IPRA_Istanbul_Turkey_2014_Application_form.pdf.

[Links](#)

New Website on Human Progress

HumanProgress.org is a project of the Cato Institute with major support from the John Templeton Foundation, the Searle Freedom Trust, and the Brinson Foundation. The website requires no registration or membership. All data, charts, maps, and calculation tables can be used free of charge, but with an acknowledgement.

Evidence from academic institutions and international organizations shows dramatic improvements in human well-being. These improvements are especially striking in the developing world.

Unfortunately, there is often a wide gap between the reality and public perception, including that of many policymakers, scholars in unrelated fields, and intelligent lay persons. To make matters worse, the media emphasizes bad news, while ignoring many positive long-term trends.

See the site here:

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

Small Arms Survey 2013: Everyday Dangers

The *Small Arms Survey 2013: Everyday Dangers* explores the many faces of armed violence outside the context of conflict. Chapters on the use of firearms in intimate partner violence, the evolution of gangs in Nicaragua, Italian organized crime groups, and trends in armed violence in South Africa describe the dynamics and effects of gun violence in the home and on the street. The "weapons and markets" section draws attention to the use of specific weapons by particular armed actors, such as drug-trafficking organizations and insurgents. The section includes chapters on the prices of arms and ammunition at illicit markets in Lebanon, Pakistan, and Somalia; illicit weapons recovered in Mexico and the Philippines; and the impacts of improvised explosive devices on civilians. Chapters on the Second Review Conference of the UN Programme of Action and the ammunition demilitarization industry round out the 2013 volume.

More about the Small Arms Survey here:

<http://www.smallarmssurvey.org/?small-arms-survey-2013>.

Funding & Employment Opportunities

Assistant Professor, Peace Studies

Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland

The Peace Studies program at Goucher College invites candidates for a tenure-track position in Peace Studies, to begin August 2014. Candidates must have solid grounding in Peace Studies; areas of expertise may include peace and conflict studies, urban economic conflict, race and urban peacebuilding, urban geography and planning, or urban environmental justice. The successful candidate will teach Introduction to Peace Studies, a course on cities, and develop courses at the intermediate and upper level. This program places a great emphasis on interdisciplinarity, community-based learning, active experience with students and the broader community, and engaged or critical pedagogy, and welcomes candidates with organizing as well as scholarly experience. Peace Studies at Goucher College is a highly collaborative, energetic, and growth-oriented program that places a strong emphasis on visionary, innovative thought and action.

The full job description is available at

<http://goucher.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=43449>.

Programme Director, Arms Transfers

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) is recruiting a Programme Director to lead its Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-proliferation Programme.

Established in 1966, SIPRI is consistently ranked as one of the world's top think tanks. The institute is dedicated to independent research into peace, conflict and security and is known worldwide for its flagship publication, the

SIPRI Yearbook. SIPRI is based in Stockholm with offices in Beijing and Washington DC, and well-established, on-the-ground partnerships and operational networks across the globe. The staff of SIPRI is international and the working language is English. In recent years, SIPRI has expanded its staff and budget while building a dynamic research and outreach agenda that reflects the fast-changing international security order.

See the entire position description here:

http://www.sipri.org/about/vacancies/PD_armstransfers.

EPS Publications

The Economics of Peace and Security Journal, Volume 8, Number 2 – October, 2013 On Nepal, constitutional rights, and the economics of envy

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- ***Litigated conflict over fundamental rights: A static model***
William C. Bunting
- ***Envy in the process of development: Implications for Social Relations and Conflict***
Boris Gershman
- ***A spacial-temporal analysis of civil war: The case of Nepal***
Shikha Silwal
- ***The political economy of peace building: The case of women's cooperatives in Nepal***
Smita Ramnarain
- ***Bringing the economy back in: The political economy of security sector reform***
Guro Lien

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/No2/issue.php>.

EPS Quarterly, Volume 25, Issue 2 – 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, Volume 25, Issue 1 – 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>.

Action Corner

Don't Give the Pentagon a Free Pass

"Senator John McCain (AZ) has offered an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act that would exempt the Pentagon of its share of cuts required under sequestration. Although this amendment wouldn't "pay for" this relief by making deep cuts to domestic discretionary programs, as many other proposals have tried to do, it still favors the Pentagon, without granting domestic spending the same comfort. The Budget Control Act calls for parity between defense and domestic spending and this amendment would violate that."

To find out how you can take action on this issue, see

<http://fcnl.org/action/alert/2013/1119/>.

For more details about the amendment, see

http://fcnl.org/issues/budget/Reject_McCain_2014_NDAA_Amendment/.

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 links with which to check your elected officials' voting records, and the ACLU Congressional Scorecard.

Check out the ACLU list of topics and your representatives' votes 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 addresses, phone and fax numbers, or websites of your elected officials in Congress, enter your zip code at
<http://www.contactingthecongress.org/>.

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 3 – 5, 2014** The annual AEA/ASSA meetings in Philadelphia, PA. EPS will host two panel discussions: *Security Economics*, and *Costs and Consequences of Austerity*. This year's EPS Annual Dinner will honor Jeffrey Sachs.

Specifics can be found under the second item of "EPS News" in this issue of NewsNotes, or on our website:

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

- **March 14 – 16, 2014** The 40th Annual Eastern Economics Association Conference will take place in Boston Massachusetts.

Conference details can be found at

<http://www.ramapo.edu/eea/2014-conference/>.

- **June 19 – 20, 2014** The 18th Annual International Conference on Economics and Security will be hosted by the University of Perugia, Economists for Peace and Security (Italy).
For more information contact Luca Pieroni at luca.pieroni@unipg.it
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