NewsNotes

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When times are tough and people are frustrated and angry and hurting and uncertain, the politics of constant conflict may be good, but what is good politics does not necessarily work in the real world. What works in the real world is cooperation.

~William J. Clinton

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How Can I Help?

Jobs, Investment and Rebuilding America: An Economic and National Security Agenda Economists for Peace and Security in association with the New America Foundation presents an EPS Bernard Schwartz Symposium

November 12, 2013

Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, Washington DC

While Congress fiddles, America burns. Jobs remain scarce, foreclosures rampant, mortgages under water, pensions fragile, wages too low. Our infrastructure remains in decay. We are still not meeting the economic or national security challenges that we have inherited from a decade of frustrating global failures. On Tuesday, November 12, Economists for Peace and Security will present a symposium on these issues — and why they should trump today's disastrous preoccupations with budget balance, spending cuts, sequestration, and the debt ceiling.

The symposium's keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Jason Furman, Chair, Council of Economic Advisers. There will be three panels, with participation from many of America's most distinguished policy economists, journalists, and security specialists.

Please join us for this important symposium. To register for this free event, email registration@epsusa.org.

See the full program at

http://www.epsusa.org/events/events.htm.

You and a guest are cordially invited to join us for

Preview: An evening with Ric Holt,
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of John Kenneth Galbraith,
and of a book-in-progress on the friendship between Galbraith and William F. Buckley, Jr.

With special guests

James K. Galbraith and Richard Parker

at the home of Kathleen Stephansen and Andrew Racine

> November 19, 2013 6:30 — 9:00pm

Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served

To attend this event, please contact <u>Thea Harvey</u> (theaharvey@epsus.org).

EPS Italy

We are very pleased to announce the formation of our new Italian affiliate.

Chair: Raul Caruso, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart

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Prof. Luigi Campiglio, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart

Prof. Roberto Ricciuti, University of Verona

Prof. Gianpaolo Barbetta, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart

Prof. Carlo Bellative Pellegrini, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart

EPS Italy is engaged on issues related to peace economics and its relationship with sustainable development of economies. In particular, EPS Italy is committed to tackle the issue of the costs of violence in its variety of shapes and scales with particular regard to the very fabric of economic progress. They are also dedicated to stimulating studies on the behavior of economic agents in environments afflicted by different forms of violence. Therefore, EPS Italy will organize workshops and large-scale events in order to stimulate both the scholarly debate and the public discourse on these issues.

The affiliate is co-hosting the 2^{nd} Workshop on The Political Economy of Conflict in Milan on October 22, 2013; and June 19 - 20, 2014, the 18^{th} Annual Conference on Economics and Security in Perugia.

2014 Isaac Roet Prize Competition

The Isaac Roet Prize is an international competition about the promotion of world peace through economic interaction. Students from all economic faculties at universities around the globe are invited to participate and to submit a business plan for "an extraordinary venture to engage youth to foster a world free of nuclear arms."

A prize of €5,000 plus seed funding to set up the venture will be offered for the best proposal on this subject. The competition is open for participation until January 10, 2014. Details on how to join the competition can be found on www.roetprize.org or can be obtained from the organizing committee.

The organization of the 2014 Isaac Roet Prize has been delegated to the Dutch/Flemish affiliate of Economists for Peace and Security (www.epseu.org).

The jury of the 2014 ISAAC ROET PRIZE consists of:

- Jurgen Brauer, Georgia Regents University, USA and Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
- •Tilman Brück, Director, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
- •Steve Killelea, Chair, Integrated Research, and Founder, Institute of Economics and Peace, both in Sydney, Australia
- Joseph E. Stiglitz, Professor, Columbia University, New York, Nobel Laureate, and Trustee of Economists for Peace and Security
- •Haim Roet, nephew of the late Isaac Roet, retired businessman, and former economic and financial advisor, World Bank
- •Thierry Sanders, Founder and Director, BiD Network & BiDx B.V.

For more information, see

http://epseu.org/isaacroetprize/competition2014.html.

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 <u>Thea Harvey</u> (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.

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Keep up with EPS at

www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2009987&trk=anetsrch_name&goback=.gdr_1263369639671_1.

In Other News

Peace Pays for Itself

by Steve Killilea for Policy Innovations, October 1, 2013

"A completely peaceful world is indeed utopian. Yet we would add about \$2.4 trillion in global economic activity if we made our world 25 percent less violent.

"That amount would make a substantial difference. \$2.4 trillion is enough to cover the cost of the Millennium Development Goals; eliminate the public debt of Greece, Portugal, *and* Ireland; help cover the costs of rebuilding after the most expensive natural disaster in history, the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan — and still leave money for other forms of investment.

"Yet currently we are constricting global economic development. The global economic impact of violence in 2012 was estimated to be \$9.5 trillion, or roughly 11 percent of global GDP.

"The Institute for Economics and Peace calculated this figure by totaling economic activity related to the prevention and consequences of violence — such as the cost of homicides, violent crime, and national defense and security services expenditures across 151 countries — using 10 of the 22 qualitative and quantitative indicators employed in the Global Peace Index."

Read the article in full here:

http://www.policyinnovations.org/ideas/commentary/data/000267.

Call for papers: Eastern Economics Association 40th Annual Conference

The Eastern Economic Association announces a call for papers for the 2014 Conference in Boston, MA at the Park Plaza Hotel, March 14 - 16. Submissions are being accepted now.

Paper Submission Deadline: November 15, 2013

For more information, see

Call for papers: 12th Annual Graduate Research Conference Old Dominion University

The Graduate Society for International Studies, in collaboration with the Graduate Program in International Studies, is pleased to announce the 12th Annual Graduate Research Conference to be held at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA. The conference title this year is Dynamics of the Twenty-first Century. This inclusive event welcomes abstracts from all programs including political science, economics, communications, humanities, history, public administration, business studies, criminology, women's studies, modeling and simulation, foreign languages, and intercultural studies. This multidisciplinary conference is intended to be a forum for discussion and the exchange of ideas among students interested in examining the challenges the twenty-first century brings to the international system and the our increasingly interconnected societies and cultures.

Details about this call for papers can be found at http://al.odu.edu/gpis/conference.shtml.

Links

The Peace Journalist

The Peace Journalist is a semi-annual publication of the Center for Global Peace Journalism at Park University in Parkville, Missouri. The Peace Journalist is dedicated to disseminating news and information for and about teachers, students, and practitioners of peace and conflict sensitive journalism. Submissions are welcome from all.

They are seeking shorter submissions (300–500 words) detailing peace journalism projects, classes, proposals, etc. They also welcome longer submissions (800–1200 words) about peace or conflict-sensitive journalism projects or programs, as well as academic works from the field.

To access the magazine, visit

http://www.park.edu/center-for-peace-journalism/peace-journalist.html.

Top 100: The most influential journalists covering armed violence Action on Armed Violence, October 8, 2013

"From besieged cities in Syria to American street-corners, and countless other places in between, armed violence continues to take the lives of hundreds of thousands of people a year. It fundamentally reshapes the world we live in. Yet for a vast number of people, violence and conflict are abstractions far removed from their daily realities.

"Journalists are the bridge between those peaceful and violent worlds. Without their bravery and determination to bring the realities of armed violence to the rest of the world, we would neither understand nor be able to address the issues that cause and propagate violence."

Read about the contributions of the Top 100 - go to http://aoav.org.uk/2013/100-influential-journalists/.

Funding & Employment Opportunities

Assistant and Associate Professor in Conflict Resolution University of Massachusetts Boston

The Graduate Programs in Conflict Resolution at the University of Massachusetts Boston seek to hire both a junior and a senior faculty member to begin September 1, 2014. The programs are part of the Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security and Global Governance, in the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global

Studies. The new faculty members may also have teaching and mentoring opportunities in the department's PhD program in Global Governance and Human Security.

The full job description is available at

http://umb.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp;jsessionid=AB8EC1FB5BE0CA38EBACA9EAAA11C57C?JOBID=42639&CNTRNO=8&TSTMP=1381171033345.

Programme Director – Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Programme 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, onthe-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/director_armscontrol.

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

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

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 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

Just Say No to Unproven Missile Defense in Your Backyard

Did you know that Maine, Michigan, New York, Ohio, and Vermont are being considered for a potential new missile defense site using unproven technology with an abysmal track record? Or that leaders in the US House of Representatives pushed to add more than a hundred million dollars to this year's budget for these new sites even though the Pentagon has not asked for, and can't use, the money?

Building a new missile defense site would not make Americans safer or more secure and could do serious harm to US national security. It would cost more than \$3.6 billion in the first five years alone, and it won't work as advertised.

The good news is you can help stop this project before it gains momentum.

To write to your US senators to tell them that we don't need an unproven missile defense site in your state, see

https://secure3.convio.net/ucs/site/Advocacy; jsessionid=4E1016DC7B53DA0 0D2D591F4ED1C147E.app340a?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=3839&autologin=true.

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 emailaddresses, 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.

<u>Upcoming Events</u>

• November 7 – 9, 2013 The 8th European Peace Research Association (EuPRA) Conference will be held at Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus. The conference theme will be Building Positive Peace in Europe and Its Neighborhood.

Details, including calls for papers, are available here:
http://www.euprapeace.org/eupra/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9:getting-started-2&catid=2:uncategorised&Itemid=483.

 November 7 – 9, 2013 The 25th Annual EAEPE (European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy) Conference will take place 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.

To learn more, visit http://eaepe.org/?page=events&side=annual conference.

• November 12, 2013 EPS Bernard Schwartz Symposium: Jobs, Investment and Rebuilding America: An Economic and National Security Agenda will be held at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, Washington, DC.

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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).

The eighteenth annual international conference on economics and security will take place in Perugia. As usual, the conference aims to provide an opportunity for economists, political scientists and others from around the world to share ideas.

How Can I Help?

Become a member of EPS. Your annual membership entitles you to discounts on publications, invitations to events, our informative newsletters, and more. Most importantly, you will help to ensure that reasoned perspectives on essential economic issues continue to be heard. Membership dues and other donations are fully tax-deductible.

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