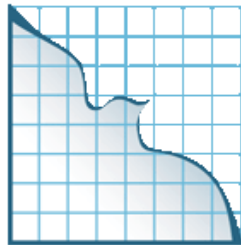


NewsNotes

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ECONOMISTS for PEACE & SECURITY

A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual doom.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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EPS News

*You and a guest are cordially invited
to join us for*

Preview: An evening with *Ric Holt*,
author of a book-in-progress of the letters
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
at
1725 York Ave. Apt 8F
New York, NY 10128
Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served

To attend this event please contact [Thea Harvey](#).

*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

For more information on attending the EPS dinner honoring Jeffrey Sachs, please visit our events page:
<http://www.epsusa.org/events/events.htm>.

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)

More information available here:

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

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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

US nuclear power plants vulnerable to 9/11-style attacks: report

by Timothy Gardner for *Reuters*, August 15, 2013

US nuclear power plants are not adequately protected from threats, including the theft of bomb-grade material that could be used to make weapons and attacks intended to cause a reactor meltdown, a University of Texas report said on Thursday.

Not one of the country's 104 commercial nuclear reactors or three research reactors is protected against an attack involving multiple players such as the ones carried out by nineteen airplane hijackers on 9/11, said the report by the Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Project (NPPP) at the University of Texas, Austin.

The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) only requires power plants to protect against attacks carried out by five or six people, according to the report, entitled *Protecting US Nuclear Facilities from Terrorist Attack*. In addition, the NRC does not require plants to protect themselves against attacks from high-powered sniper rifles and rocket-propelled grenades.

The article in full can be found at

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/08/15/us-usa-nuclear-vulnerabilities-idUSBRE97E18I20130815>.

Call for papers: Journal of Peacebuilding & Development, Volume 9 - Issues 2 and 3

The *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development* (JPD) is calling for papers for its forthcoming open issues - **Volume 9, Number 2**, to be published August 2014 and **Volume 9, Number 3**, to be published December 2014. JPD foregrounds qualitative methodologies, especially empirically based case studies that facilitate grounded and fresh analysis to serve theory, policy and strategy development. JPD offers a space for scholars and practitioners to examine the logic and impacts of dominant policies and practices, and to cultivate visionary, holistic approaches striving to advance collaboration between the fields of peacebuilding and development. Our authors, advisors and editorial staff represent global scholarship, practice and activism.

Find more about the call for papers at

<http://explore.tandfonline.com/cfp/pgas/rjpd-cfp-2014>.

Links

Mapping Arms Data (MAD)

An *Amnesty International Report*, March 2013

The MAD visualization was prepared by the [Igarapé Institute](#), [PRIO](#), and [Google Ideas](#) in 2012, and re-launched in 2013. It documents millions of military and civilian small arms transfers (exports and imports) around the world since the early 1990s. The width of the line connecting states represents the scale (in dollar value) of the transfer. Its color determines whether it is an import or an export. It is highly intuitive.

MAD was originally developed as an experiment for a major Google summit on illicit networks. It was updated with new data in 2013 and launched with the intention of impacting United Nations negotiations on a new arms trade treaty (ATT) as well as stimulating a more sophisticated global debate on the dynamics of international arms and ammunition transfers. The goal was to take a complex topic and render it more accessible for public debate and scrutiny.

The primary audience for MAD is policy makers and media outlets. Since 2012, was downloaded more than 3 million times in more than 120 countries. It has catalyzed shifts in positions among key countries during negotiations in the General Assembly (since many claimed that such transfers could not be tracked). Moreover, it was featured in *Wired* magazine, *The Atlantic*, on *BBC online*, CNN and hundreds of media outlets, and was widely discussed in social media in over a dozen languages.

To access the interactive map, you will need a browser that supports WebGL.
<http://balder.prio.no/armsglobe2/index.php>.

Infographic: The Global Burden of Armed Violence

by Sarah Leo for *Action on Armed Violence*, June 25, 2013

Did you think armed violence only affected war-torn countries? Think again. Half a million people die violent deaths every year, yet only one in 10 is killed in conflict zones. Using data from the Geneva Declaration's latest report, the infographic reveals this and many more surprising facts about the global burden of armed violence.

See the Infographic when you visit
<http://aoav.org.uk/2013/global-burden-of-armed-violence/>.

Funding & Employment Opportunities

MA in Peacebuilding at the University of Manchester, UK

This interdisciplinary MA in Peacebuilding provides students with a foundation of theories and practices in peace and conflict studies. It draws together a range of approaches aimed at peacemaking, peacekeeping, conflict resolution and transformation, mediation and negotiation, peacebuilding and development, and statebuilding. It encourages the development of case-specific knowledge and transferable skills that are essential for future employability. Drawing on expertise from the fields of history, international relations and politics, anthropology and the arts, as well as critical peace and conflict studies, this course offers students the opportunity to address the conceptualization of peace and the implementation of peacebuilding (and statebuilding) projects by global, regional, national and local actors. Their approach addresses both theoretical and conceptual perspectives of the evolution of the international architecture of peacebuilding.

Details about the MA are available at
http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/forum/topic/show?id=780588%3ATopic%3A846119&xgs=1&xg_source=msg_share_topic#.UjR1ND_a_mt.

Educational Funding and Awards

American Association of University Women

One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 245 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2013-14 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities – breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women worldwide.

For more information about funding and awards, see
<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>.

EPS Publications

The Economics of Peace and Security Journal, Volume 8, Number 1 – April, 2013 ***On the defense and firearms industries, growth, and foreign aid***

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.

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Learn more about this issue of the *Journal* by visiting
<http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/Vol8/No1/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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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

Syria: A US War Postponed

President Obama's speech on September 10 offered his reasons for military action in Syria. Overwhelmingly, the US public opposes military strikes and favors diplomatic and political action to resolve this crisis. The use of military force by the US in Syria counters the diplomatic possibilities and will increase violence in an already devastated and war-torn country.

In recent days, the US has stepped back from the brink of war with Syria and has moved to supporting the kind of diplomacy that many have been advocating.

The immediate crisis of US intervention may have passed, but there's a very long road ahead to resolving this conflict peacefully.

For more information, see
<http://fcnl.org/action/alert/>.

To find and contact your representative on this matter, go to
<http://capwiz.com/fcnl/directory/congdir.tt>.

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

- **September 21, 2013** The **International Day of Peace** this year falls on a Saturday. Special activities and celebrations are scheduled all across the world over the 2013 Peace Day Weekend, including festivals, concerts, a global Peace Wave with moments of silence at noon in every time zone, and much more. The International Day of Peace, a.k.a. "Peace Day," provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations, and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date.

Learn about the history and background of the International Day of Peace:

<http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org/> or <http://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/>.

Celebrate the difference one day can make! Peace One Day will present 24 hours of incredible live content from all around the world. Key individuals representing all the continents of the world, from diverse sectors of society, will participate in 30-minute segments. Social media will be the key driver towards high-level visibility via the YouTube Live platform.

For more information about the live broadcast, see

<http://peaceoneday.org/2013-celebration/>.

- **October 3 – 5, 2013** **Leadership for Peace and Prosperity Conference**, presented by the Center for Peace and Commerce, the Ahlers Center for International Business, and the Institute for Economics and Peace at the University of San Diego, will take place at the University of San Diego. Friday, October 4th from 8am until 12:30pm will be dedicated to their 5th Annual Summit on Peace and Prosperity through Trade and Commerce, hosted by the University of San Diego Ahler's Center for International Business, and include panel presentations by industry leaders and innovative thinkers who will share their insight and experience. The purpose of this half-day summit is to influence practice by furthering discussions on how best to engage business, government, and other economic organizations in addressing the interrelationship between business and sustainable peace.

Information about the Conference is available at

<http://www.sandiego.edu/peaceprosperity/>.

Find out more about the summit at

http://www.sandiego.edu/business/centers/international_business/news_and_events/conferences/peace_summit/.

- **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 EAEPE annual 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.

For more information, visit

<http://www.eaepe.org/node/17311>.

- **November 19, 2013 Preview: An evening with Ric Holt**, author of a book-in-progress of the letters of John Kenneth Galbraith, and of a book-in-progress on the friendship between Galbraith and William F. Buckley, Jr. Special guests will be James K. Galbraith and Richard Parker. Specifics can be found under the first item of "EPS News" in this issue of NewsNotes.

To attend this event please contact [Thea Harvey](#).

- **January 3 – 5, 2014** The annual AEA/ASSA meetings will be held 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:

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