NewsNotes

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Happiness may have different meanings for different people. But we can all agree that it means working to end conflict, poverty, and other unfortunate conditions in which so many of our fellow human beings live.

~Ban Ki-moon

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EPS News

The Economics of Peace and Security Journal has launched their NEW website

The Economics of Peace and Security Journal (EPSJ) addresses economic aspects of peace and security, ranging from the interpersonal and communal domains to transboundary and global affairs. Our scope includes all violent and nonviolent conflict affecting human and nonhuman life as well as their implications for our common habitat, Earth.

Special attention is paid to constructive proposals for nonviolent conflict resolution and peacemaking. While open to noneconomic approaches, most contributions emphasize economic analysis of causes, consequences, and possible solutions to mitigate conflict and violence. Contributions are scholarly or practitioner-based.

Written and edited to fit a general-interest style, EPSJ is aimed at specialist and nonspecialist readers alike, including policy analysts, policy and decisionmakers, national and international civil servants, members of the armed forces and of peacekeeping services, the business community, members of nongovernmental organizations and religious institutions, and any other interested parties.

Visit the NEW website here:

http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/index.php/EPSJ.

EPS at The International Economics Association 17th World Congress Amman, Jordan, June 6 - 10, 2014

EPS will host a Session at The International Economics Association 17th World Congress.

New Approaches to the Economics of Inequality

- Sevil Acar, Istanbul Kemerburgaz
- Hamid E. Ali, American University Cairo
- James Galbraith,
 University of Texas at Austin
- Branko Milanovic,
 City University of New York

More Information is available at

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

The Eighteenth Annual Conference on Economics and Security

Hosted by EPS Italy and Perugia University in Perugia, Italy June $19-20,\,2014$

The Annual International Conference on Economics and Security has been running for eighteen years. It has become the main international forum for defense and peace economists, attracting participants from all around the world.

Main topics:

- Regional security
- •Economics of security
- Corruption and military spending
- •Globalization and the restructuring of the MIC
- •Militarism and development
- Security sector reform
- •Economics of conflict and war
- Post-conflict reconstruction
- •Economics of the arms trade
- Procurement and offsets
- •Arms races and alliances
- •Peace economics and peace science
- •Conversion and demilitarization
- •Economics of terrorism

For further information, visit

https://sites.google.com/site/conferencees18/home.

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Find out about GoodShop by visiting

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

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Like 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

Market Reformer

An economist considers Pope Francis' critique of capitalism
By Jeffrey D. Sachs for America The National Catholic Review, March 24, 2014

"Jesus' teachings offer good news for the righteous, whether they are the poor and marginalized or the rich who are generous with their bounty. All can find a place in the kingdom. Yet there is little comfort for those who expect that their wealth alone will save them. The story of Lazarus and the rich man is a reminder of the fate of the wealthy who ignore the poor in their midst (Lk 16:19-31).

"So we should not be surprised by the highly divergent reactions to Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, 'The Joy of the Gospel.' On the one hand, people across the globe were immediately and powerfully drawn to the pope's message of hope and social justice. They were stirred by his critique of 'the dictatorship of an impersonal economy lacking a truly human purpose,' and they were uplifted by his call for solidarity with the poor (No. 55)."

To read the full article, go to

http://americamagazine.org/issue/market-reformer.

Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy: Volume 20, Issue 2

Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy (PEPS) is a peer-reviewed journal devoted to the advancement of Peace Economics and Peace Science. It covers both positive and normative studies about issues related to peace, conflict and conflict management. Publishing both theoretical and empirical papers, the journal welcomes interdisciplinary contributions related to these topics. In line with Peace Science tradition, PEPS welcomes contributions from an interdisciplinary community including scholars from a variety of disciplines such as economics, political science, regional science, mathematics, and history.

More information is available here:

http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/peps.2014.20.issue-2/issue-files/peps.2014.20.issue-2.xml.

Call for Papers: Peace and Conflict: An Interdisciplinary Conference The Annual Conference of the Conflict Research Society

The Conference of the British Conflict Research Society is an interdisciplinary event that brings together academics, practitioners and policy makers to discuss a broad range of issues relating to peace and conflict studies. Abstracts of proposed papers (200-300 words) or panels (500 words) are welcomed before **April 30, 2014**. Submissions are welcome on any theme, but particularly welcomed are presentations that fit within these various sections.

- Section 1- Peace and conflict studies, in general
- Section 2- Contributions from across the disciplines
- Section 3- Practices of conflict transformation and resolution
- Section 4- Family and community: lived experiences, policy responses and the third sector
- Section 5- Gendering peace and conflict resolution
- Section 6- Scientific Study of conflict and cooperation

Also welcome are submissions for the *Cedric Smith Prize 2014*, a prize for the best piece of peace and conflict research (broadly defined) by a UK based student (either currently at the pre-degree stage or having passed their PhD no earlier than July 1, 2013).

http://www.crsconference.net/index.php.

Call for papers: Istanbul Human Security Conference

The Fourth Istanbul Human Security Conference, Twenty Years On: Human Security at a Crossroads will be taking place on: October 23-24, 2014.

The conference accepts research driven, practice reflection and theoretical papers. Papers should follow a simple structure, namely;

- 1. Statement of the purpose of the paper, the research question this issued to be reflected upon
- 2. Background, context setting and/or literature review section
- 3. Description of research methodology
- 4. Presentation of results or description of practices reviewed
- 5. Analysis of results or practices
- Conclusions draws
- 7. Recommendation for future research or action
- 8. Bibliography

The size of the paper is up to the submitter but generally about 6000 to 8000 words.

Deadline for submission August 1, 2014.

Details are available at

http://www.istanbulhumansecurity.org/call-for-papers/.

Links

Pillars of Peace

A research report from the Institute for Economics and Peace

The Pillars of Peace is the latest ground breaking research from the Institute for Economics and Peace. The Pillars of Peace Report provides a new conceptual framework for understanding and describing the factors that are associated with peaceful societies. The research is based on an analysis of over 4,000 data sets, surveys, and indices; it is the first empirical framework that aims to measure positive peace.

The research defines 8 key Pillars that underpin peace; these Pillars are both interdependent and mutually reinforcing, meaning that the relative strength of any one Pillar has the potential to either positively or negatively influence peace.

These Pillars are: a well-functioning government, a sound business environment, an equitable distribution of resources, an acceptance of the rights of others, good relations with neighbors, free flow of information, a high level of human capital, and low levels of corruption.

To read the report, go to

http://www.visionofhumanity.org/#/page/news/693.

Women, Men, and Peace: Stories of Women and Men Agents of Change A Building Peace Publication, March 2104

Women, Men, and Peace explores questions of gender and peace through the first-hand realities of women and men peacebuilders across the world.

The first legal framework of its kind, UN Security Council Resolution 1325 marked a meaningful step toward gender inclusion in the peacebuilding world and its implementation is significant: inclusive peace processes are

overwhelmingly more effective in gaining and sustaining peace. Inside are the stories of men and women working towards achieving this ideal, in their words.

Read the full publication here:

http://buildingpeaceforum.com/site/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Building-Peace-Issue-3 online FINAL.pdf.

Funding & Employment Opportunities

Senior Research Fellow: Institute for Economics and Peace Sydney, Australia

The Senior Research Fellow will be an experienced and senior expert with a track record of conducting quantitative research in the social sciences, development studies, statistics, economics, and peace and conflict studies. S/he will be able to lead new and ground-breaking thinking on conceptualising frameworks and measurements for creating more peaceful societies. S/he will have experience engaging with high level stakeholders in international organisations and understand current debates in development, peace and conflict studies, and in relevant international forums.

The full job description is available at

http://economicsandpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Institute-for-Economicsand-Peace-Senior-Research-Fellow.pdf.

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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 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 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.

EPS Quarterly, Volume 25, Issue 4 — December 2013 EPS Affiliates Issue

This issue announce the formation of our new Italian affiliate, and is made up of articles by representatives from our affiliates in Germany, Egypt, South Africa, and more.

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- From the Director Thea Harvey
- The Dutch Flemish Affiliate of EPS Joel van der Beek
- ECAAR/EPS Germany: Engaged in the National Dialogues Wolfram Elsner
- Optimal Corruption Level Hypothesis Hamid E. Ali
- The South African Arms Deal Saga Terry Crawford-Browne
- Tensions around China: appearances and reality Juan Carlos Martínez Coll

Read the December issue of EPS Quarterly at

http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2013/dec13/dec2013.pdf.

EPS Quarterly, Volume 25, Issue 3 — September 2013 Costs of Violence Containment

This issue is comprised of articles by Chrisopher Petrella, J. Paul Dunne, and others on the costs of prison speculating, bullying, and armed conflicts. There is also a commentary by Jeffrey Sachs reflecting on the anniversary of Martin Luther King's March on Washington.

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- From The Director Thea Harvey
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- An Economic Analysis of the Challenge of Armed Conflicts J. Paul Dunne
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- Commentary: Anniversary of the March on Washington Jeffrey Sachs

Read the September issue of EPS Quarterly at

http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2013/sep13/sep.pdf.

Action Corner

40 Percent of Your Tax Dollars Go to War

40 cents out of every federal tax dollar you pay for 2013 went to fund current and past wars. You can help change this number. Your members of Congress are already beginning to write legislation that will determine how much of the future federal budget goes to war.

A concrete place they can start is by tightening up on the \$102 billion every year that's wasted or lost to abuse and fraud.

Taxes are an important way that we all contribute to the common good. They enable our government to provide services to meet our shared needs as a nation.

To find out how you can take action, visit

http://www.capwiz.com/fconl/issues/alert/?alertid=63180536&type=ME.

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 at 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.

Upcoming Events

May 17, 2014 The Good Relations Symposium will be hosted by the Conflict Research Society of the
University of Liverpool, UK. The Symposium will be held at the Institute of Irish Studies at the University of
Liverpool, UK.

More details are available here:

http://www.liv.ac.uk/irish-studies/research/good-relations-symposium/.

 June 2 – 13, 2014 13th Annual International Nonviolence Summer Institute is hosted by the Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies at the University of Rhode Island.

The International Nonviolence Summer Institute is ideal for anyone interested in acquiring the leadership skills necessary for promoting peace, nonviolence, and social change, regardless of work career or field of study. It is often attended by NGO workers, human-rights activists, teachers, university students and faculty, counselors, social workers, business management, criminal justice workers, law enforcement, health care professionals, clergy, and faith-based educators.

For further details, go to

http://web.uri.edu/nonviolence/summerinstituteinfo/.

• June 6 — 10, 2014 The International Economics Association's 17th World Congress will be held at the King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Center on the Dead Sea, Jordan.

The scientific program will include more than 100 contributed sessions, 25 invited academic sessions, 30 invited policy sessions, and 5 plenary sessions.

Moreover, a number of sessions have also been arranged in collaboration with organisztions such as INET, CIGI, IDRC, Fung Global Institute, World Bank, OECD, ECINEQ, Economists For Peace And Security, International Growth Centre, SIPA, and WIDER. Sessions will also be organized by some of the IEA member associations.

More information is available at

http://www.iea-world.org/JordanCongress Welcome.php.

 June 12 — 13, 2014 Global Sustainable Finance Conference hosted by the European Organisation for Sustainable Development will be held in Karlsruhe, Germany.

The event will address some of the most burning issues of our time including environmental and social challenges, and transformation to low carbon economy. In addition, the delegates will discuss the decisive role of finance and investments as the triple bottom line — social, economic and environmental sustainability — is becoming imperative for long-term survival of any organization.

Conference details are available here:

http://eosd.org/en/academic_gsfc.html.

June 19 – 20, 2014 The 18th Annual International Conference on Economics and Security will be
hosted by the University of Perugia and Economists for Peace and Security (Italy).

For more information, see

https://sites.google.com/site/conferencees18/home.

 June 23 – 25, 2014 The 14th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, annual meeting of NEPS, will be held in the Hague at the International Institute of Social Studies, Kortenaerkade 2518, Den Haag, The Netherlands.

Further information is available at

http://www.europeanpeacescientists.org/jan.html.

 July 2 – 4, 2014 Archbishop Desmond Tutu Centre for War and Peace Studies Annual Conference 2014 "Arts, Peace and Conflict"

The conference is organized by the Archbishop Desmond Tutu Centre for War and Peace Studies at Liverpool Hope University. The venue will be the Capstone Theatre, Liverpool Hope University Creative Campus, Liverpool, UK.

Details can be found here:

http://tutu.hope.ac.uk/newsevents/upcomingevents/annualconference2014artspeaceandconflict.html.

 September 2 – 4, 2014 Peace and Conflict: an Interdisciplinary Conference. The Annual Conference of the Conflict Research Society will be held at The University of Leeds, UK.

The Conference of the British Conflict Research Society is an interdisciplinary event that brings together academics, practitioners and policymakers to discuss a broad range of issues relating to peace and conflict studies.

More information can bee found at

http://www.crsconference.net/index.php.

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