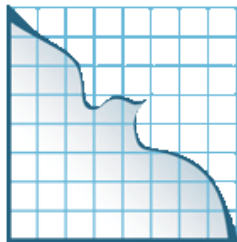


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There is no limit to the ingenuity of man if it is properly and vigorously applied under conditions of peace and justice.

-Winston Churchill

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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

Robert Skidelsky

Sunday, January 4, 2015

6:30 – 10:00pm

at Boston Marriott Copley Place

Boston, Massachusetts

For more information on attending the EPS dinner honoring Robert Skidelsky, please visit our events page:

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

EPS at the AEA / ASSA meetings

Boston, Massachusetts, January 3 – 5, 2015, Boston Marriott Copley Place

"Inequality: Challenge of the Century?" (Panel discussion)

January 3, 2015 2:30pm, Boston Marriott Copley Place, Grand Ballroom - Salon E

- **Panel Moderator:** James K. Galbraith (EPS)
- Olivier Giovannoni (Bard College)
- Branko Milanovic (CUNY)
- Stephen Rose
- Joseph Stiglitz (Columbia University)

US-Russia: Avoiding a New Cold War, Session in honor of Michael Intriligator (Panel discussion)

January 4, 2015 10:15am, Boston Marriott Copley Place, Grand Ballroom - Salons J&K

- **Panel Moderator:** Richard Kaufman (Bethesda Research Institute)
- Robert Skidelsky (Warwick University)
- Allen Sinai (Decision Economics)
- James Carroll (The Boston Globe)
- Charles Knight (Project on Defense Alternatives)

In order to attend EPS sessions you must register to attend The AEA\ASSA Conference.

For more details see,

<https://www.aeaweb.org/>.

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The conference is co-organized with Economists for Peace and Security - France.

Proposed topics include:

- Economics of conflict and war
- Post-conflict reconstruction
- Economics of the arms trade
- Procurement and offsets
- Economics of security
- Globalisation and the restructuring of the MIC
- Security sector reform
- Arms races and alliances
- Peace economics and peace science
- Economics of terrorism, etc.

Call for papers is available here:

<http://www.defense-realms.com/events/event-2015/>.

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<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

The Year of Sustainable Development

By Jeffrey Sachs for *Project Syndicate*, December 9, 2014

The year 2015 will be our generation's greatest opportunity to move the world toward sustainable development. Three high-level negotiations between July and December can reshape the global development agenda, and give an important push to vital changes in the workings of the global economy. With United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's call to action in his report "The Road to Dignity," the Year of Sustainable Development has begun.

In July 2015, world leaders will meet in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to chart reforms of the global financial system. In September 2015, they will meet again to approve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to guide national and global policies to 2030. And in December 2015, leaders will assemble in Paris to adopt a global agreement to head off the growing dangers of human-induced climate change.

The fundamental goal of these summits is to put the world on a course toward sustainable development, or inclusive and sustainable growth. This means growth that raises average living standards; benefits society across the income distribution, rather than just the rich; and protects, rather than wrecks, the natural environment.

The world economy is reasonably good at achieving economic growth, but it fails to ensure that prosperity is equitably shared and environmentally sustainable. The reason is simple: The world's largest companies relentlessly - and rather successfully - pursue their own profits, all too often at the expense of economic fairness and the environment.

Read the full article here:

<http://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/sustainable-development-2015-by-jeffrey-d-sachs-2014-12#>.

Psychological Harm: Why Witnesses to Armed Violence Should Be Seen As Victims

By Jane Hunter and Manya Chylinski for *Action on Armed Violence*, October 9, 2014

The use of explosive weapons causes death, destruction, and catastrophic physical injuries across the globe. The vast majority of the casualties of these weapons are civilians. Weapons like improvised explosive devices (IEDs) kill and physically injure thousands of people annually. But it is crucial that we recognise that the use of these weapons also causes tremendous psychological harm.

Witnessing horrific violence and seeing the bloody aftermath can lead to psychological trauma and can impact upon psychosocial well-being. Conditions such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) have been associated with soldiers in conflict zones but can equally impact civilians going about their daily lives who are suddenly faced with appalling tragedy. The risk of PTSD is increased further when victims are unprepared for the event or powerless to prevent it. PTSD, and other mental health issues, can impact individuals' abilities to continue on with their everyday lives, their jobs, and their relationships, and can continue to affect them for years after the incident. A number of international treaties, like the Convention on Cluster Munitions, recognise victims as those who suffer psychological and emotional harm as well as physical injury, yet it is rarely acknowledged post-incident that such a category of victim exists. When it is acknowledged, it often appears to be as an afterthought.

Read the full article here:

<https://aoav.org.uk/2014/psychological-harm-witnesses-armed-violence-seen-victims/>.

Call for papers: 15th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference

The 15th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference will be held at the Department of Politics and International Studies at the University of Warwick, on June 22 - 24, 2015.

The Jan Tinbergen Conference is interdisciplinary. Presentations that address any issue relating to peace and security broadly defined will be welcomed. 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.

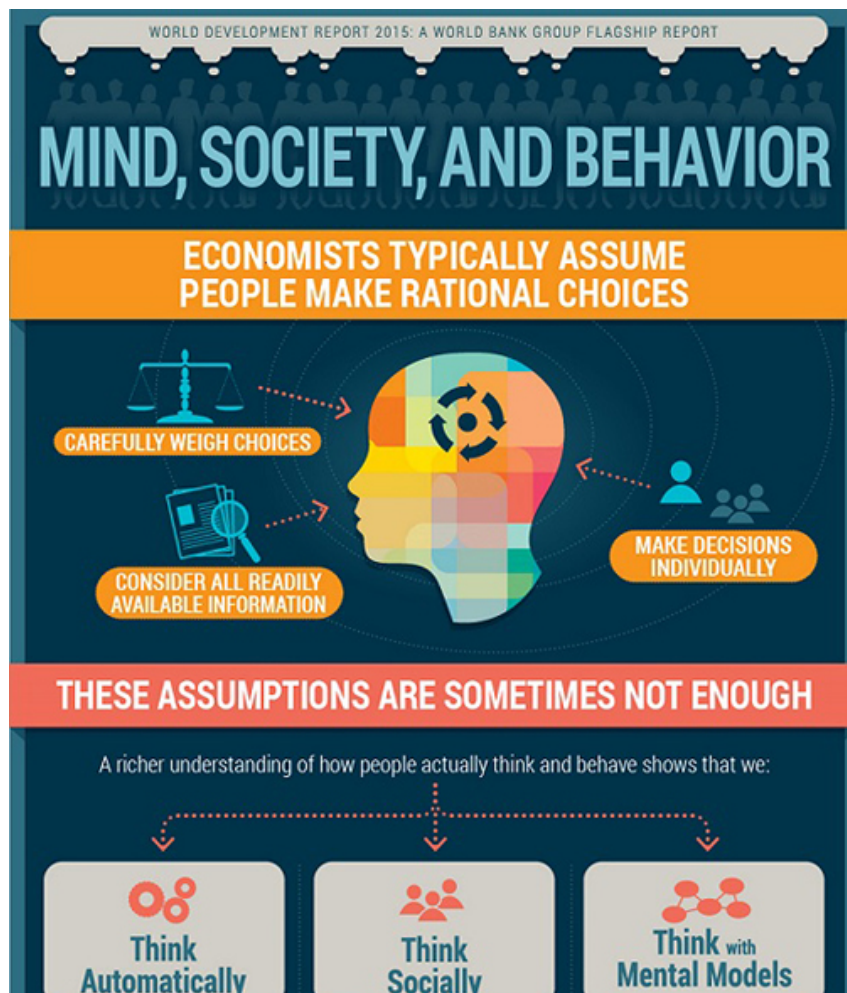
Abstracts (150-250 words) with a tentative title submitted before February 8, 2015 will be considered for the conference.

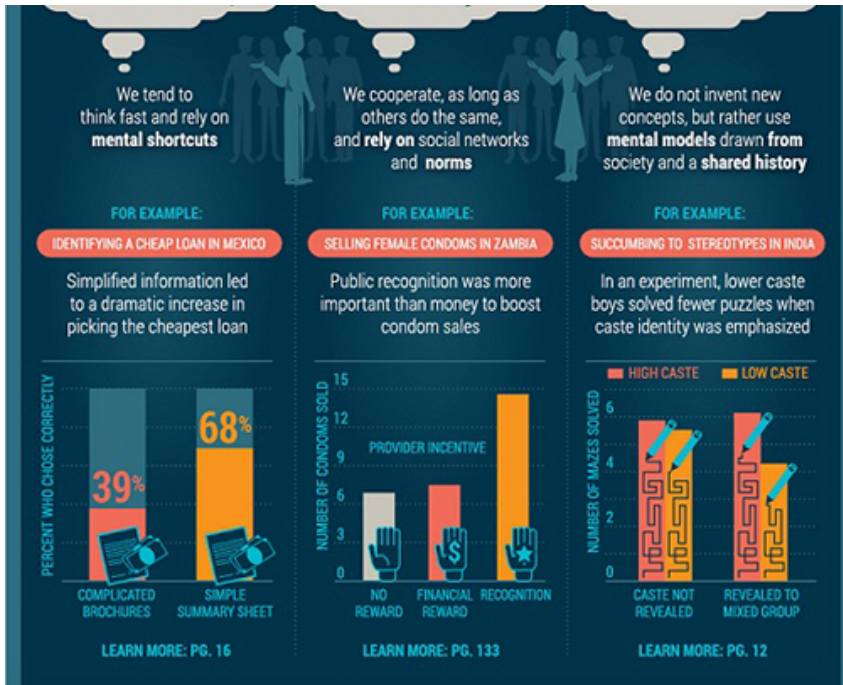
More information available here:

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

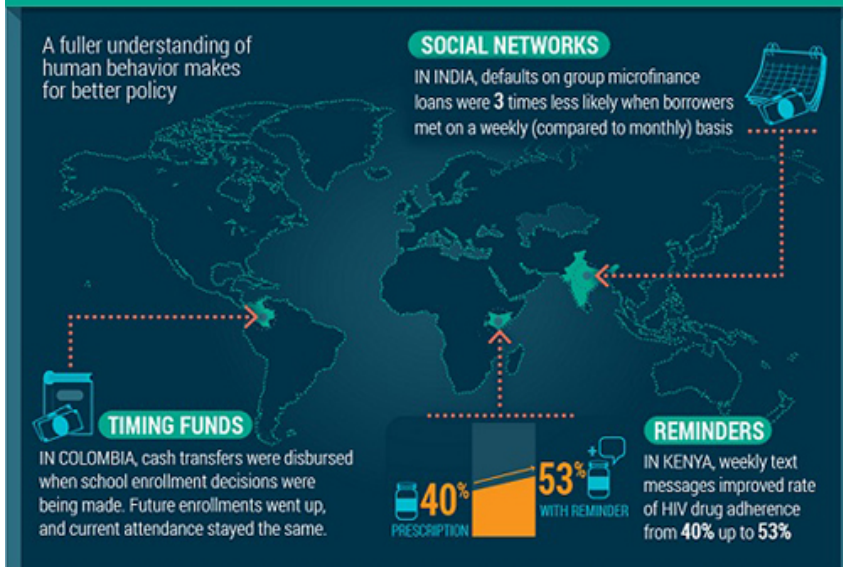
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World Development Report 2015: Mind, Society, and Behavior (Infographic)





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Source: World Development Report 2015: Mind, Society and Behavior

For more information about the World Development Report, see <http://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/wdr2015>.

New Issue of Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy (PEPS): *Increasing Natural Resource Rents from Farmland: A Curse or a Blessing for the Rural Poor?*

The literature on the resource curse suggests that countries with large natural resource rents and weak institutions may experience rent seeking conflicts among different groups, potentially resulting in high inequality and welfare

losses. While agricultural land has so far been categorized as a diffuse resource with low economic value, this categorization may no longer be appropriate, because demand for land is currently on the rise, and may continue to increase in the future. This study presents and discusses recent theoretical and empirical approaches to analyzing the effects of high-value agricultural land on rent seeking and rent distribution. Results suggest that the potential for small scale farmers to organize and obtain political power determines the extent of rent seeking and rent distribution, and that while more democratic institutions may increase the share of rents going to the farmers, they may have adverse welfare effects, because they may increase the competition for rents among groups, and hence the amount of resources spent on rent seeking.

Read more here:

<http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/peps.ahead-of-print/peps-2014-0004/peps-2014-0004.xml?format=INT>.

Funding & Employment Opportunities

Assistant Professor in Economics

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado

The Department of Economics at Colorado State University invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Political Economy. The successful candidate shall teach graduate and undergraduate courses in political economy, and conduct research that contributes to the Department's tradition of methodological and intellectual pluralism. Supporting the Department's other graduate fields (including development, environmental, international, public, and regional) or core courses is desirable. An interest in obtaining external funding is encouraged. Ph.D. must be completed by the time the appointment begins on 16 August 2015. Tenure requires both scholarly accomplishment and excellence in teaching. Reflecting departmental and institutional values, candidates are expected to have the ability to advance the Department's commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Full details available here:

https://www.aeaweb.org/joe/listing.php?JOE_ID=2014-02_111451602.

EPS Publications

EPS Quarterly, Volume 27, Issue 2 –December 2014

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Caitlin Werrell & Francesco Femia

[What Carbon Costs Us](#)

Elizabeth A. Stanton

[The Economic Impacts of Future Coal Production in West
Virginia](#)

Jeremy Richardson

Read the full issue here:

<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2014/dec14/dec14.pdf>.

Read the individual articles here:

<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2014/sep14/sep14.html>.

EPS Quarterly, Volume 27, Issue 1 –September 2014

The "Back to Iraq?" Issue

This issue brings together analysis and discussion of the issues facing the people of Iraq and the world in light of the development of ISIS. These pieces were written in late June through August, and so reflect the shifting situation on

the ground. The articles are arranged in chronological order to follow the progression of thought as ISIS developed and changed. The Situation is, of course, complex.

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[Can the US Afford Another \\$3 Trillion War?](#)

[EPS Iraq Statement](#)

Jeffrey White
Thea Harvey-Barratt
Chris Patten
Jeffrey Sachs
Peter Galbraith
Andrew Bacevich
Linda Bilmes

Read the individual articles here:

<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2014/sep14/sep14.html>.

The Economics of Peace and Security Journal, Volume 9, Number 2 (October 2014)

Afghanistan, Burundi, Cyprus, South Africa, and anti-corruption in the defense sector

This issue contains several case studies. Travers B. Child writes on the relative lack of effectiveness of US reconstruction spending in Afghanistan. Topher McDougal and Lars Almquist write on an agricultural cooperative in civil-war afflicted Burundi. Omer Goksecus, Claire Finnegan, and Huseyin Cakal write on beekeepers in northern Cyprus. And Jeremy Seekings and Kai Thaler write on violence in Cape Town. In addition, Oliver Cover and Saad Mustafa report on a study of Transparency International's anti-corruption index in the defense and security sector.

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- *Identifying corruption risks in the defense and security sector: Empirical evidence using the Government Defense Anti-Corruption Index*
Oliver Cover, Saad Mustafa
- *Violence and socioeconomic conditions in Cape Town*
Jeremy Seekings, Kai Thaler
- *Hearts and minds cannot be bought: Ineffective reconstruction in Afghanistan*
Travers Barclay Child

The *Journal* is a peer-reviewed online publication hosted by EPS. 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.

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<http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/>.

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

Action Corner

Militarizing the Police

Although many of us were saddened by the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, MO, we were shocked by the military assault on protesters that followed.

Peace Action is collecting signatures and will send a message in your name to your Congressman and Senators requesting an end to transfers of weapons and equipment to local police forces.

To sign the petition please follow this link:

http://org.salsalabs.com/o/161/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=16312.

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, 2015** The American Economics Association Annual Meetings will be held in Boston, MA.

More information available here:

http://www.aeaweb.org/Annual_Meeting/.

- **January 8 - 11, 2015** Western Economics Association International 11th Pacific Rim Conference will be held at Victoria University of Wellington and Massey University, Wellington, New Zealand.

More information available here:

<http://www.weai.org/index.html>.

- **January 10 - 11, 2015** Second International Conference on Global Diaspora will be held at Institute of Management, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Organized in cooperation with Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India, World Association of Global Diaspora Studies (WADIS) & The Research Center for Overseas Korean Business and Culture, Chonnam National University, Gwangju, South Korea, and The State University of New York at Binghamton.

For more information email Manas Chatterji

mchatter@binghamton.edu.

- **February 26 - March 1, 2015** The 41st Annual Eastern Economic Association will be held at the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel, New York, New York.

More information is available here:

<http://www.quinnipiac.edu/eea/41st-annual-conference/>.

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More information as it becomes available will be posted here:

<http://www.defense-realms.com/events/event-2015/>.

- **June 28 - July 2, 2015** The 90th Annual Western Economics Association International Conference will be at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Waikiki.

Keynote address just announced -- Christian Dustmann, University College London, Director of the Centre for Research and Analysis on Migration, and Scientific Director of the NORFACE Research Programme on Migration.

Full details available here:

<http://weai.org/index.html>.

- **July 24 - July 26, 2015** The Sixth International Meeting on Conflict Management, Peace Economics and Peace Science will be held at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. Organized in cooperation with Chulalongkorn University, The State University of New York at Binghamton, and The International Center for Conflict Prevention and Management and other private and public institutions.

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