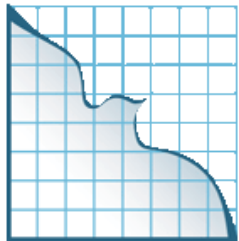


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If everyone demanded peace instead of another television set, then there'd be peace.

~John Lennon

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EPS News

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 and 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

More information is available here:

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

Why America Has Forgotten Its Three Biggest Economic Lessons

By Robert Reich, February 13, 2014, for *Alternet*

"Why has America forgotten the three most important economic lessons we learned in the thirty years following World War II?

"Before I answer that question, let me remind you what those lessons were:

"First, America's real job creators are consumers, whose rising wages generate jobs and growth. If average people don't have decent wages there can be no real recovery and no sustained growth.

"In those years, business boomed because American workers were getting raises, and had enough purchasing power to buy what expanding businesses had to offer. Strong labor unions ensured American workers got a fair share of the economy's gains. It was a virtuous cycle.

"Second, the rich do better with a smaller share of a rapidly-growing economy than they do with a large share of an economy that's barely growing at all.

"Between 1946 and 1974, the economy grew faster than it's grown since, on average, because the nation was creating the largest middle class in history. The overall size of the economy doubled, as did the earnings of almost everyone. CEOs rarely took home more than forty times the average worker's wage, yet were riding high.

"Third, higher taxes on the wealthy to finance public investments – better roads, bridges, public transportation, basic research, world-class K-12 education, and affordable higher education - improve the future productivity of America. All of us gain from these investments, including the wealthy.

"In those years, the top marginal tax rate on America's highest earners never fell below 70 percent. Under Republican President Dwight Eisenhower the tax rate was 91 percent. Combined with tax revenues from a growing middle class, these were enough to build the Interstate Highway system, dramatically expand public higher education, and make American public education the envy of the world.

"We learned, in other words, that broadly-shared prosperity isn't just compatible with a healthy economy that benefits everyone – it's essential to it.

"But then we forgot these lessons. For the last three decades the American economy has continued to grow but most peoples' earnings have gone nowhere. Since the start of the recovery in 2009, 95 percent of the gains have gone to the top 1 percent."

Read the full blog post at

<http://www.alternet.org/economy/robert-reich-why-america-has-forgotten-its-three-biggest-economic-lessons>.

EPS at the AEA / ASSA meetings

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

Security Economics (Panel discussion)

- **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)

- **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)

Read more information about EPS at the AEA when you visit

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

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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 end of the tank? The Army says it doesn't need it, but industry wants to keep building it.

By Marjorie Censer for *The Washington Post*, January 31, 2014

"When an armored vehicle pulled down the statue of Saddam Hussein in an iconic moment of the Iraq War, it triggered a wave of pride here at the BAE Systems plant where that rig was built. The Marines who rolled to glory in it even showed up to pay their regards to the factory workers.

"That bond between the machinists and tradesmen supporting the war effort at home and those fighting on the front lines has held tight for generations – as long as the tank has served as a symbol of military might.

"Now that representation of US power is rolling into another sort of morass: the emotional debates playing out as Congress, the military and the defense industry adapt to stark new realities in modern warfare and in the nation's finances."

Read the full article here:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/the-end-of-the-tank-the-army-says-it-doesnt-need-it-but-industry-wants-to-keep-building-it/2014/01/31/c11e5ee0-60f0-11e3-94ad-004fefa61ee6_story.html?wpisrc=emailtoafriendhttp://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/the-end-of-the-tank-the-army-says-it-doesnt-need-it-but-industry-wants-to-keep-building-it/2014/01/31/c11e5ee0-60f0-11e3-94ad-004fefa61ee6_story.html?wpisrc=emailtoafriend.

China to Reward Cities and Regions Making Progress on Air Pollution

by Edward Wong for *The New York Times*, February 13, 2014

Chinese officials announced Thursday that they were offering a total of 10 billion renminbi, or \$1.65 billion, this year to cities and regions that make “significant progress” in air pollution control, according to a report by Xinhua, the state-run news agency.

The announcement came from the State Council, China’s cabinet, after it held a meeting on Wednesday to discuss, among other issues, the country’s immense air pollution problem. “Control of PM2.5 and PM10 should be a key task,” the State Council said in a statement, referring to two kinds of particulate matter that are deemed harmful to human health.

Read full article here:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/02/14/world/asia/china-to-reward-localities-for-improving-air-quality.html?ref=world&r=0>.

Call for applications: Master’s Degree in Conflict Resolution, Portland State University

Portland, Oregon

The Conflict Resolution Graduate Program at Portland State University is now accepting applications for its Master’s Degree in Conflict Resolution for the 2014 – 2015 academic year. The program seeks to recruit exceptional students from all over the world to its two-year multi-disciplinary field of study. Although the program does not require a specific undergraduate degree, applicants are expected to have a strong academic background, with the ability to undertake graduate work in a rigorous academic program that combines theory, research and practice.

The Conflict Resolution Graduate Program at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon is the oldest graduate program in conflict resolution in the northwestern United States. The two-year multidisciplinary field of study explores creative approaches to resolving conflicts at the inter-personal, community, national, and international levels.

The program consists of a set of core and elective courses as well as student-led and faculty-supervised practicums that integrate theory to practice. With the help of a faculty supervisor students develop an area of concentration that best suits their interest and passion, and that advances their career goals. Graduates of the program have gone on to work in government, business, non-profit, academia, etc.

Application Deadline is March 30, 2014.

Details about this program are available here:

<http://www.pdx.edu/conflict-resolution/node/10>.

Call for Papers: The Center for Economics and Finance at the University of Porto celebrates its 15th anniversary

To mark the 15th anniversary of the Doctoral Programme in Economics, the Scientific Board is organizing a special edition of the Students’ Seminar Day to be held on the **May 9, 2014**. In this Seminar Day, PhD students or recent post-docs from Portuguese or foreign universities will have the opportunity to present their research work and to benefit from the discussion that will take place during the forum. Articles in all fields of Economics will be considered.

Workshop: How to Publish in a Top Journal?

Daniel S. Hamermesh, University of Texas at Austin

Paper Submission

Full papers and a short CV of the presenter should be submitted by **March 31, 2014**

For more information, visit:

http://cefup.fep.up.pt/index.php?id_page=229.

[Links](#)

Security Impacts of Climate Change: An Interactive Map

The security consequences from climate change include worsening poverty, political instability, and risk of conflict. These are already affecting large portions of the globe.

"The regions most at risk from climate change also have the highest incidents of interstate conflict, radicalism, and terrorism. These regions include South Asia, North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Central America. Climate change will further exacerbate regional tensions, increasing the risk of conflict, mass migration, and humanitarian emergencies that will jeopardize US national interests and – if history is a guide – force US intervention. Even if climate change does not result in more numerous American military operations, it will affect the stability and capabilities of numerous friends and allies. Climate change will, in a fundamental sense, be a key element in defining threats to American national security in the future."

See the interactive map when you go to

<http://americansecurityproject.org/issues/climate-energy-and-security/climate-change/impacts/>.

Executive Authority in US Trade Policy

An American Security Project Fact Sheet, January 2014

"There has been an increasing discussion regarding the possibility of Congress granting the US presidency 'fast track' authority in free trade agreements. However, the shifting of trade authority to the executive has been a heated debate starting from the days of the Great Depression.

"Both the history and specifics of executive authority in US trade agreements is crucial towards evaluating what potential positives and negatives 'fast-track' legislation may bring."

See the fact sheet here:

<http://americansecurityproject.org/featured-items/2014/fact-sheet-executive-authority-in-us-trade-policy/>.

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Program Officer, United States Institute of Peace

Washington DC

The Program Officer for the Academy for International Conflict Management and Peacebuilding will design and implement countering violent extremism (CVE) courses focusing on alternative messaging and engaging civil society actors. The Program Officer will cooperate with the existing Academy team to develop curriculum, organize professional expertise meetings, and support the Academy's efforts on international projects related to countering violent extremism.

The Academy for International Conflict Management and Peacebuilding is the education and training center of USIP. The Academy is a leader in the field of professional education and training for practitioners in conflict management. Established in 2009, the Academy provides practitioner-oriented education, training, and resources via facilities at USIP's Washington headquarters, mobile training in conflict zones, and online distance education and training.

The full job description is available at

<http://usip.hrmdirect.com/employment/job-opening.php?req=159284&#job>.

Full Tuition Fee Scholarships:

MA Peace Studies 2014/15 from Archbishop Desmond Tutu Centre for War and Peace Studies at Liverpool Hope University, UK

Liverpool Hope University's Archbishop Desmond Tutu Centre for War and Peace Studies is pleased to offer up to two fee waivers (full tuition fee scholarships) for applicants to the MA Peace Studies starting September 2014.

The aim of this programme is to deconstruct the notion of peace and shed light on the issues of peacebuilding. The course encourages thinking beyond the mainstream and encourages students to make a contribution to the discipline.

For details, visit

<http://www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/postgraduatecourses/peacestudiesma/>.

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 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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<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 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
- How Speculating on Prisons Leads to Mass Incarceration - Christopher Petrella
- An Economic Analysis of the Challenge of Armed Conflicts - J. Paul Dunne
- The Financial Costs of Bullying, Violence, and Vandalism - Rick Phillips
- Commentary: Anniversary of the March on Washington - Jeffrey Sachs

Read this issue of EPS Quarterly at

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

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 this issue of EPS Quarterly at

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

Action Corner

Support the USA FREEDOM Act

"The National Security Agency has gone too far, and now it's time for Congress to rein it in. On October 29, 2013, Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) teamed up to introduce the USA FREEDOM Act in the House and Senate. The bill represents a truly bipartisan, bicameral effort to reform the government's surveillance authorities revealed by whistleblower Edward Snowden, led by two powerful and respected members of Congress.

"The legislation seeks to rein in the NSA by doing the following:

- End the bulk collection of Americans' records shared with third parties and put reasonable limits on Patriot Act powers targeted at people in the United States. The new restrictions would apply not only to phone records collected under Section 215 of the Patriot Act, but national security letters and pen registers that have also been abused.
- Amend the 2008 FISA Amendments Act to require the government obtain a court order before using information about Americans collected during foreign intelligence operations.
- Increase transparency by allowing communications providers to disclose the number of surveillance orders they receive, mandate the government publish how many people are subject to surveillance orders, and make public significant FISA court opinions since July 2003.
- Create a public advocate that could advise the secret surveillance court in certain cases."

Find out how you can support the USA Freedom Act by visiting

<https://www.aclu.org/support-usa-freedom-act>.

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

- **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/>.

- **April 10 – 12, 2014** SPES International Business for Peace Conference will be held in Ypres, Belgium.

More information is available here:

<http://www.businessforpeace.be/#nav-features>.

- **June 2 – 13, 2014** 13th Annual International Nonviolence Summer Institute is hosted by the Center for Nonviolence & 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 & 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 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.

- **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>

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