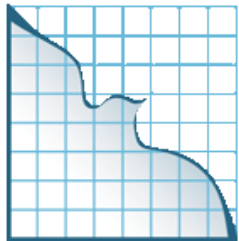


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Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds.

-Albert Einstein

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EPS News

Everything You Need to Know About Mr. Janet Yellen

Meet George Akerlof, the Nobel Prize winner, who happens to be the least prominent economist in the family

By Belinda Luscombe for *Time*, January 9, 2014

In *Lean In*, Sheryl Sandberg devotes a chapter – “Make Your Partner a Real Partner” – to finding the right guy to marry. “When it comes time to settle down,” she writes, “find someone who wants an equal partner.” In her exclusive interview with new Fed chairman Janet Yellen in *TIME* this week, Rana Foroohar paints a picture that suggests that Yellen did just that when she wed Nobel prize winning economist George Akerlof.

The couple have been married since 1978, after having dated for only six months. They met at the Fed when they had to sit an overflow table during one of those lunches bureaucrats have with visiting speakers. They have one son, Robbie.

How do a Nobel Prize winner and a high level government official make it all work? Yellen gives Akerlof, 73, who looks a like a more studious Bill Gates, a lot of credit for her success. “Academia is very flexible, but I had a spouse who was very committed to being a completely full partner in our marriage,” Yellen tells Foroohar. This includes full-on fathering. “I think if you counted up how many hours each one of us logged in, he certainly gets more than 50%,” she says.

Read the full article here:

<http://swampland.time.com/2014/01/09/everything-you-need-to-know-about-mr-janet-yellen/?iid=sl-main-lead>

Violence and public support: the impact of terrorism and counterterrorism on Palestinian

hearts and minds

Written by Esteban F. Klor for *EPS Netherlands/Flanders*

Featuring an established army pitted against insurgent militant factions that purportedly represent the interests of a large civilian constituency, the second Palestinian Intifada is a prototypical modern conflict. Just as in many other modern conflicts, violence is widely used by both insurgents and government forces to achieve their goals. But does this tactic work? Can we measure the effects of terrorism and counterterrorism on Palestinian political preferences?

Despite the widespread reliance on violence in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, there is little systematic evidence regarding the causal effects of violence on the political attitudes of the civilian population. A better understanding of these effects is of paramount importance, since Palestinians' attitudes are critical to efforts to demoralize or strategically incapacitate the insurgents, who may draw members and support from the civilian ranks. Furthermore, civilian attitudes can also affect negotiations over ending the violence.

In 2012 my colleagues and I published an empirical examination of the short- and long-term effect of Israeli military violence against civilians and insurgents on the radicalization of the Palestinian population during the second Intifada. This year we published a follow-up [article](#) examining the effect of insurgent attacks against the Israeli population on Palestinians' political preferences. Both articles arguably address the most contentious aspects of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and also carry implications for other conflicts in general.

Read the full article here:

<http://www.epseu.org/index.php/economicspeace/item/54-violence-and-public-support-the-impact-of-terrorism-and-counterterrorism-on-palestinian-hearts-and-minds>.

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)

For more information about EPS at the AEA at

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

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

In Other News

Humanity Is Becoming Increasingly Less Violent, with One Exception – Religious Violence

The findings of a major new Pew Research Center's study confirm the importance of secularism.
by CJ Werleman for *Alternet*, January 14, 2014

Studies demonstrate the world is becoming less violent, and that human warfare is on the decline. There is one aspect of the human existence, however, that continues to ignite humans to commit violence and atrocities against fellow humans. A major new study published by the Pew Research Center shows that religious hostilities reached a 6-year high in 2012.

Dr. Steven Pinker, Pulitzer prize-winning author and Harvard psychology professor, writes, "Today we may be living in the most peaceful era in our species' existence." He acknowledges: "In a century that began with 9/11, Iraq, and Darfur, the claim that we are living in an unusually peaceful time may strike you as somewhere between hallucinatory and obscene." Pinker points out, wars make headlines, but there are fewer conflicts today, and wars don't kill as many people as they did in the Middle Ages, for instance. Also, global rates of violent crime have plummeted in the last few decades. Pinker notes that the reason for these advances are complex but certainly the rise of education, and a growing willingness to put ourselves in the shoes of others has played its part.

Read the full article here:

<http://www.alternet.org/belief/humanity-becoming-increasingly-less-violent-one-exception-religious-violence>.

US carbon emissions back on the rise after years of decline

by Lindsay Abrams for *Salon*, January 14, 2014

Thanks in large part to increased coal use, energy-related CO2 emissions in the US increased two percent in 2013, the Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported Monday. While still ten percent lower than 2005's levels, last year's emissions mark a reversal in a three-year trend of decline.

Coal's minor comeback, the *Washington Post* explains, was prompted by a bump in the cost of natural gas.

Energy analysts were predicting coal's rebound back in March, and it all comes down to prices. The shale fracking boom had pushed natural gas prices to unsustainably low levels – down to a dirt-cheap \$2 per million BTUs in 2012. As a result, electric utilities have been switching to natural gas as fast as they could since 2006.

But prices crept up again this year past \$4 per million BTUs, thanks to colder winters, higher demand for heating fuel, scaled-back drilling, and also new storage facilities that are preventing a glut of gas on the market. As a result, some electric utilities found it economical to shift back to coal. That increased emissions.

Read full article here:

http://www.salon.com/2014/01/14/u_s_carbon_emissions_back_on_the_rise_after_years_of_decline/.

Call for papers: The Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference

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

Presentations are welcomed that address any issue relating to peace and security broadly defined. As in the past, they strive 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. Programs and lists of participants of previous editions are available on their website.

All abstracts (150-250 words) with a tentative title must be submitted by January 31, 2014.

View the call for papers here:

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

Call for Papers: Conflict Resolution Quarterly

This call for papers is designed to elicit a thoughtful examination of the strengths, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities facing the fields of Alternative Dispute Resolution and Conflict Resolution. All submissions on this topic are welcome. Submissions on these or related topics are welcome year-round as a new theme for CRQ.

For more information, visit

<http://www.acrnet.org/Publications.aspx?id=887#.UtbEm7T1Zbl>.

Links

The Militarized Interstate Dispute dataset

The Correlates of War / MID4 Project has released v4.0 of the Militarized Interstate Dispute dataset. This data set records all instances of when one state threatened, displayed, or used force against another from 1816-2010 period.

The latest iteration of the Correlates of War Project's Militarized Interstate Dispute Data (MID 4) covers the period 2002-2010, adding to the MID data gathered for the period 1816-2001. MID 4.0 was developed largely at the Pennsylvania State University under the direction of Glenn Palmer and with the assistance of two grants from the National Science Foundation (SES-0719634 and SES-0924240). Financial and research support from the Department of Political Science at Penn State University was provided and aided the project significantly. Phil Schrodt, Scott Bennett (Penn State) and Paul Diehl (Illinois) were instrumental in the development and completion of the project. Colleagues at Rice University and the University of Alabama, directed by Richard Stoll and Doug Gibler, respectively, provided timely and valued assistance.

An article of record for the MID 4 Data is in preparation as of January, 2014. The specifics of that article will be announced shortly. A re-evaluation of the MID data for the years 1816-2001 is currently (January, 2014) in progress.

The dataset is available from the Correlates of War Project home page at

<http://www.correlatesofwar.org/>.

Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development

The Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development is a diplomatic initiative aimed at addressing the interrelations between armed violence and development. The Geneva Declaration strives to achieve measurable reductions in the global burden of armed violence and improvements in human security by 2015. The Small Arms Survey hosts the Secretariat of the Declaration.

Although the incidence of armed conflict has declined in recent years, the number of people killed by armed violence has not. More than 740,000 men, women, and children die each year as a result of armed violence. The

majority of these deaths - 490,000 - occur in countries that are not affected by armed conflicts.

The economic impacts of armed violence are vast and far-reaching. The cost of lost productivity from criminal violence alone is roughly USD 95 billion and could reach as high as USD 163 billion per year. Violence due to armed conflict can decrease the annual growth of a typical economy by approximately two per cent.

Read more about the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development at <http://www.genevadeclaration.org/>.

Funding & Employment Opportunities

Institute for Economics and Peace Executive Director - US

New York, US

The Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) is a global think tank dedicated to studying the intersection between business, peace and economics. Its core product is the Global Peace Index, an internationally renowned index and the leading measure of world peacefulness. The Institute also develops a series of National Peace Indices as well as many other indexes, measures and economic analyses, funded both by IEP and other organizations.

The Institute's core funding is in place and guaranteed. IEP has an aggressive research budget and is connected with many of the world's leading institutions and thinkers in its focus disciplines. IEP has ground breaking knowledge on the statistical correlations of peace, measuring the economic value of peace to the global economy and analyzing the impact of peace and violence on business, its markets and products.

Based in New York, the Executive Director of IEP-US will report to the Executive Chairman and will be responsible for the development of the Institute for Economics and Peace in the US including the building of its team and its American profile. This will entail responsibility for the overall management and day-to-day operations of IEP-US ensuring compliance with the Institute's directives and applicable regulations as well as responsibility for fundraising and outreach. The ideal candidate will be a self-starter who can work independently, but within the organization's structures and guidelines, as the Executive Chairman is located in Sydney, Australia.

The full job description is available at

http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/forum/topic/show?id=780588%3ATopic%3A904070&xgs=1&xg_source=msg_share_topic#.Uta_rT1Zbl.

Full Tuition Fee Scholarships Available for 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.

Peace Studies deals with one of the most pressing issues of the contemporary world - the challenges that confront actors in conflict and post-conflict societies. The course will reflect on the complexity of peace and peacebuilding, combining theoretical approaches with opportunities for in-depth case study research.

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.

- See more at: <http://www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/postgraduatecourses/peacestudiesma/#sthash.sBbtC4C.dpuf>

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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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- *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.

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Learn more about this issue of the *Journal* by visiting

<http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/Vol8/No2/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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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

Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act of 2013

The US and Iran have made huge diplomatic strides in recent weeks. But the historic deal to keep Iran's nuclear energy program focused on peaceful ends could fail if the Senate votes for new sanctions on Iran while US diplomats are negotiating the agreement.

The Senate could vote in the next few weeks on dangerous saber-rattling legislation ([S. 1881](#)) that would impose new sanctions against Iran. As the White House, ten Senate leaders, and a bipartisan group of top national security experts have warned, new sanctions could immediately sabotage the delicate diplomatic progress with Iran. The bill also calls for pledging US military support for a potential Israeli attack on Iran, which countless US and Israeli officials have warned would be catastrophic.

While the White House has vowed to veto these sanctions, proponents of the bill are lobbying for a veto-proof majority of sixty-seven senators to support the bill, in an attempt to have Congress prepared to override the president's veto.

Find out how you can take action on this issue by visiting

<http://capwiz.com/fconl/issues/alert/?alertid=63045381>.

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.

Upcoming Events

- **January 30, 2014** Defense Budget in 2014: A Conversation with Russell Rumbaugh. Hosted by the American Security Project, 1100 New York Avenue, NW - 7th Floor - West Tower, Washington DC.

For specifics, go to

<http://americansecurityproject.org/event/defense-budget-in-2014-a-conversation-with-russell-rumbaugh/>.

- **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 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.

More information 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 organised 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.

More details can be found here:

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

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