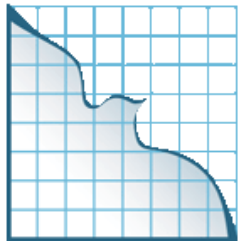


NewsNotes

March 2014



ECONOMISTS for PEACE & SECURITY

We live in a world of change, and we need a certain kind of human sympathy to avoid the damage that change can bring. Because there is no rest point. There is no final victory, there's no moment when you say, we've solved the problem. We're not in that kind of world.

- Jeffrey Sachs

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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. 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

More information is available here:
<https://sites.google.com/site/conferencees18/home>.

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)

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<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

Treating Inequality with Redistribution: Is the Cure Worse than the Disease?

By Jonathan D. Ostry and Andrew Berg for *IMF Direct*, February 26, 2014

"Rising income inequality looms high on the global policy agenda, reflecting not only fears of its pernicious social and political effects, (including questions about the consistency of extreme inequality with democratic governance), but also the economic implications. While positive incentives are surely needed to reward work and innovation, excessive inequality is likely to undercut growth, for example by undermining access to health and education, causing investment-reducing political and economic instability, and thwarting the social consensus required to adjust in the face of major shocks.

"Understandably, economists have been trying to understand better the links between rising inequality and the fragility of economic growth. Recent narratives include how inequality intensified the leverage and financial cycle, sowing the seeds of crisis; or how political-economy factors, especially the influence of the rich, allowed financial excess to balloon ahead of the crisis.

"But what is the role of policy, and in particular fiscal redistribution to bring about greater equality? Conventional wisdom would seem to suggest that redistribution would in itself be bad for growth but, conceivably, by engendering greater equality, might help growth. Looking at past experience, we find scant evidence that typical efforts to redistribute have on average had an adverse effect on growth. And faster and more durable growth seems to have followed the associated reduction in inequality."

To read the full article, go to

<http://blog-imfdirect.imf.org/2014/02/26/treating-inequality-with-redistribution-is-the-cure-worse-than-the-disease/>.

The Global Cost of Violence

The Economic Cost of Violence Containment, the latest report from the Institute for Economics and Peace, calculates the cost of violence in over 150 countries around the world.

Published February 28, 2014 by The Institute for Economics and Peace

The economic impact of violence has surpassed the combined GDPs of Japan and Germany.

According to the latest report from the Institute for Economics and Peace, the global economic cost of violence in 2012 was **\$9.46 trillion**, which represents 11% of Gross World Product.

The report, *The Economic Cost of Violence Containment*, calculates the cost of violence containment in over 150 countries according to 13 different types of violence-related spending.

Violence containment spending is understood as any economic activity that is related to the prevention or consequences of violence; it includes direct costs such as the medical cost of a victim, and indirect costs such as the loss of human capital when someone is displaced as a result of violence.

To put this in perspective: violence containment spending is over 2.4 times the size of the total GDP of Africa.

Read the full report at

<http://www.visionofhumanity.org/#/page/news/851>.

Why is the West seen as the greatest threat? From Asia, the answer's clear

An international survey on the greatest threat to world peace points west. Here are four examples of how moral authority has been sabotaged

by Chandran Nair for *The Guardian*, March 6, 2014

"A recent Gallup survey of respondents from 65 countries suggests that America is now seen as the country that poses the 'greatest threat to world peace today'. In fact, more people picked the US than Afghanistan, Iran, North Korea and Pakistan combined.

"Seen from Asia, this result wasn't hard to understand. The perspectives of non-western observers are rarely given a proper hearing. This has blinded western citizens to the fact that the west's loss of standing is not something that started, for example, with WikiLeaks or Edward Snowden's revelations and it will not end if and when those issues have been resolved. Nor did it begin with the financial crisis or the disastrous invasion of Iraq before that."

Read full article here:

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/mar/06/us-greatest-threat-to-peace-asia-survey>.

Call for papers: 25th International Peace Research Association Conference Istanbul, Turkey

IPRA welcomes paper, poster and panel proposals from all peace researchers related to the following IPRA Commissions. Interested participants have the option of suggesting new panels or sessions.

IPRA COMMISSIONS

1. Art and Peace Commission
2. Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding Commission
3. Development and Peace Commission
4. Eastern Europe Commission
5. Ecology and Peace Commission (EPC)
6. Forced Migration Commission
7. Gender and Peace Commission
8. Global Political Economy Commission
9. Indigenous Peoples' Rights Commission
10. Internal Conflicts Commission
11. International Human Rights Commission
12. Nonviolence Commission
13. Peace Culture and Communications Commission
14. Peace Education Commission
15. Peace History Commission
16. Peace Journalism Commission
17. Peace Movements Commission
18. Peace Negotiations and Mediation Commission
19. Peace Theories Commission
20. Reconciliation and Transitional Justice Commission
21. Religion and Peace Commission
22. Security and Disarmament Commission
23. Sport and Peace Commission
24. Youth and Peace Commission
25. Peace Tourism Commission

Details are available at

http://ipra2014.org/?page_id=20.

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 **March 31, 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).

For more information, visit:

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

Links

The Ukraine Crisis and the Geopolitics of Energy

An American Securities Project Briefing Note

By Andrew Holland, March 6, 2014

Russian energy exports have created dependence in Eastern Europe and complex business relationships in Western Europe

- Russia has used its natural gas and other energy exports as a geopolitical tool for decades.
- Russian energy pipeline infrastructure, built and owned by Russian state-owned enterprises, has locked-in most of Eastern Europe to a dependence on Russian gas imports – which the Russian government has traded for geopolitical access.
- Western European states have more diversified energy markets, alternative suppliers, and the infrastructure to store and transport gas. They not as dependent upon Russia. However, they separate doing ‘business’ with Russian companies from geopolitics – a separation that the Russian government does not make. A reluctance to upset business relationships has made Western Europe fearful of upsetting the Russian government.

See the see the full briefing note here:

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/211029785/Briefing-Note-The-Ukraine-Crisis-and-the-Geopolitics-of-Energy>.

Explosive Violence in February 2014

An Action on Armed Violence Infographic, by Robert Perkins, March 5, 2014

Action on Armed Violence (AOAV) records incidents of explosive violence as they occur around the world. Since October 1, 2010 AOAV has used English-language media sources to capture information on attacks, including on the number of casualties and the weapon type used.

This month there were more than 3,000 casualties of explosive violence (people killed and injured). Civilians made up 72% of all the people who were recorded killed or injured around the world by explosive weapons.

To view the Infographic, go to

<http://aoav.org.uk/2014/explosive-violence-february/>.

Funding & Employment Opportunities

Program Officer, Economics: United States Institute of Peace

Washington DC

Working alongside the Senior Advisor for the Economics and Peacebuilding Center (EPBC), the Program Officer is responsible for providing general support to the EPBC program while pursuing and publishing his or her own research. This includes preparing programming proposals; assisting in ongoing research efforts; and helping to organize workshops and other activities.

The full job description is available at

<http://www.usip.org/work-us/staff/contractor-positions>.

Programme Director, Armed Conflict

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

SIPRI's Armed Conflict Programme currently monitors and analyses trends in violent conflict around the world, as well as their causes, dynamics and consequences. The peace operations and conflict management research projects collate comprehensive information on multilateral peace operations and analyse significant trends in peace

operations and their impacts, and support policy developments. The Armed Conflict Programme regularly holds high-level policy dialogues and supports track-II negotiations.

The position of Programme Director Armed Conflict is a very senior position within SIPRI, for which SIPRI seeks an outstanding and innovative scholar with an international reputation.

For details, visit

http://www.sipri.org/about/vacancies/armed_conflicts_director.

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***
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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.

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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>.

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

<http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/Vol8/No2/issue.php>.

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
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- 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 Martinez Coll

Read this 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 Christopher 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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- 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 this issue of *EPS Quarterly* at

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

Action Corner

A SANE Approach to Cutting Nuclear Weapons

On February 27, Senators Ed Markey (D-MA) and Jeff Merkley (D-OR) introduced S. 2070, the Smarter Approach to Nuclear Expenditures (SANE) Act of 2014. The bill would save US taxpayers about \$100 billion over ten years by scaling down, delaying, or canceling a variety of nuclear weapons programs and facilities. Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) introduced a companion version in the House, H.R. 4107, the REIN-IN Act.

Find out how you can support the SANE Act by visiting

<http://www.congressweb.com/wand/39>.

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

- **April 7, 2014 Climate Change: Risks for National Security** hosted by The University of Tennessee Martin. Join Lieutenant General John Castellaw, USMC (Ret) and Brigadier General John Adams, US Army (Ret) to discuss how climate change is creating new threats to America's National Security.

Details can be found at

<http://americansecurityproject.org/event/tennessee-event-university-of-tennessee-martin-discussion-climate-change-risks-for-national-security/>.

- **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 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 organisations 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 organised by some of the IEA member associations.

More details available here:

http://www.iea-world.org/JordanCongress_Welcome.php.

- **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/conferences18/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.

Details available here:

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

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