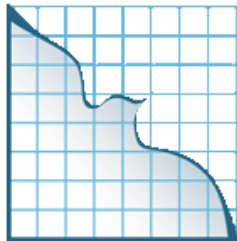


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When the rich wage war, it's the poor who die.
~Jean-Paul Sartre

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EPS News

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**, "Inequality Impacts of Oil Dependence in the MENA"
Istanbul Kemerburgaz
- **Hamid E. Ali**, "Inequality and growth in Middle East and North Africa"
American University Cairo
- **James Galbraith**, "Global Inequality: A Summing Up."
University of Texas at Austin
- **Branko Milanovic**, "Winners and losers of globalization: from the fall of the Berlin Wall to the Great Recession"
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

Deadline for Registration is May 23.

For further information, visit

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

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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](#)

2014 Global Peace Index

Institute for Economics and Peace

Is the world becoming more or less peaceful? What are trends in global peacefulness?

The 2014 Global Peace Index will be released on the **June 18th** with launch events in London, Washington DC, Brussels, Berlin, Geneva, The Hague and New York City.

This year the analysis will focus on identifying countries most at risk of instability and conflict; it will explore the institutions that underpin peaceful societies, and look at the link between conflict risk, resilience and peacebuilding institutions.

Daniel Hyslop, Research Manager for the Institute for Economics and Peace, says he is excited about this year's Global Peace Index findings, and that we can expect to see some startling results. "The research that we are producing is a large step forward in assessing risk and opportunity for peace and conflict. The 2014 Global Peace Index report provides a powerful means of objectively quantifying current knowledge around the structural drivers of peace, information which is crucial for business leaders, development practitioners, governments and civil society."

More information available here:

<http://www.visionofhumanity.org/#/page/news/907>.

Latest Jobs and Housing Reports Show Americans are Struggling More than Ever

by Stephen Rosenfeld for *Altnet* May 20, 2014

The latest nationwide jobs and housing statistics released this week suggest that America is no longer a country where—for most people—the future is going to be better than the past.

The percentage of people in most age and education levels in jobs compared to 2008 is down. The number of people holding multiple jobs is up. Average hourly wages have barely grown, compared to 2008. The number of people who are willing to leave their job for a new one is down. All of those trends are in the latest report from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)—and there are even more depressing economic signs.

Read the full article here:

<http://www.altnet.org/economy/latest-jobs-and-housing-reports-show-americans-are-struggling-more-ever>.

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:

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

Small Arms Data Observatory

An international consortium of researchers

On May 1, 2014 the Small Arms Data Observatory (SADO), an international consortium of researchers, launched its new website. While not based in any one location, many of SADO's resources and contributors are housed at the Joan B. Kroc School for Peace Studies at the University of San Diego. Initially, SADO will be devoted to the quantitative study of small arms - their manufacture, trade, and effects - in North America, Central America and South America, and eventually worldwide. It seeks to leverage the growing availability of large and medium-sized data sets, employ innovative statistical and geographic methods, and build online visualization tools, to bring greater transparency to the dynamics of small arms supply, demand, and use. Such transparency will in turn facilitate the crafting of more effective public policy to limit small arms to legitimate uses.

Visit the new website here:

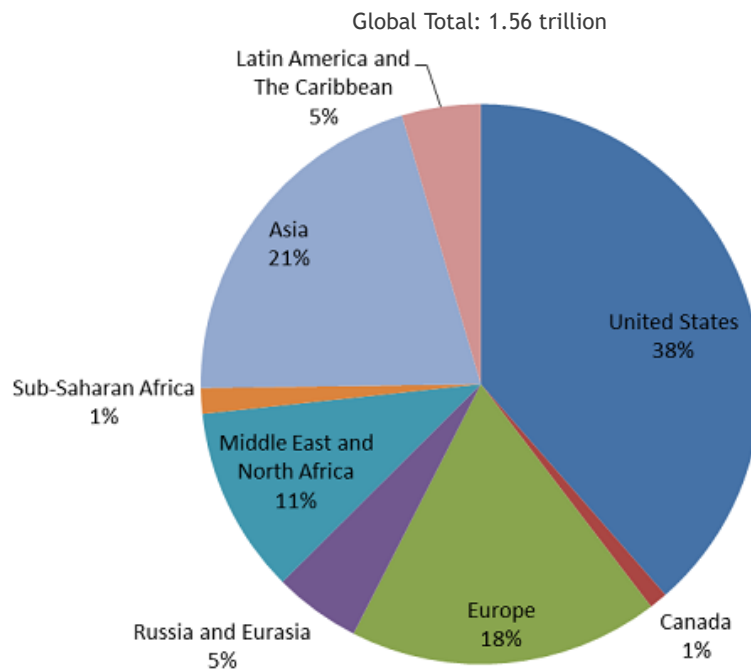
<http://smallarmsdata.org/>.

US Defense Spending vs. Global Defense Spending

by Laicie Heeley for The Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, April 24, 2014

In 2013, the most recent year for which complete data is available, the US approved \$600.4 billion in defense budget authority (fiscal year 2014 dollars). This figure includes funding for the Pentagon base budget, Department of Energy-administered nuclear weapons activities, and the war in Afghanistan.

This number accounts for 38 percent of total global military spending, putting the US far above any potential adversary. The next closest country, China, comes in at just \$112.2 billion, or 7 percent of total global military spending. No other country spent more than \$70 billion in 2013.



See more graphics here:

http://armscontrolcenter.org/issues/securityspending/articles/2013_topline_global_defense_spending/.

Funding & Employment Opportunities

Program Director
European Institute of Peace
Brussels, Belgium

The Programme Director manages a team of 5-7 Mediation Advisers who are responsible for providing analytical and operational support in developing and implementing a comprehensive and systematic mediation-support capacity within the EIP.

Furthermore, s/he will contribute directly to the implementation of EIP dialogue, facilitation and mediation activities in the field, as well as to the support thereof.

The Programme Director will also contribute to fundraising for the EIP where necessary.

The full job description is available at
<http://oxfordhr.co.uk/vacancies/programme-director-european-institute-of-peace/>.

Post-doctoral Researcher in Peace, Conflict and Security Studies
Bonn International Center for Conversion

As an independent, non-profit organization, BICC (Bonn International Center for Conversion) deals with a wide range of global topics in the field of peace and conflict research centering on Conversion Studies. Our vision is a more peaceful world. Our mission is to conduct critical, problem-oriented, policy relevant research in response to the problems posed by organized violence.

Research at BICC provides the framework for academic self-actualization and builds on the personal responsibility of the researchers. The candidate will be pro-actively involved in the design and implementation of the research agenda of BICC in line with its new concept (BICC Concept Paper). The researcher will thus be in the position to further develop one or several of BICC's key research topics.

Full position details available here:
<http://www.bicc.de/about/vacancies/post-doctoral-researcher-in-peace-conflict-and-security-studies/>.

EPS Publications

The Economics of Peace and Security Journal, Volume 9, Number 1
On violence and peace in India symposium, general equilibrium modeling of social conflict, and the likely legacy costs of the US wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

This issue contains a 6-article symposium on violence and peace in India. When India is considered at all, it is predominantly with respect to its neighbors, especially Bangladesh, Pakistan, and China. Violence within India rarely reaches even an academic audience. The symposium is introduced by guest editor Rupayan Gupta. Our authors are Gaurav Khanna, Laura Zimmermann, Saurabh Singhal, Sofia Amaral, Siddhartha Bandyopadhyay, Samrat Bhattacharya, Rudra Sensarma, Kuhuk Bhushan, Prakarsh Singh, Nilanjana Sengupta, Dolon Ganguly, Rikhil Bhavnani, and Saumitra Jha. In addition, Javier Alcantar-Toledo and Yannis Venieris write on general equilibrium modeling of social conflict, and Linda Bilmes examines the likely legacy costs of the U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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- ***The financial legacy of Afghanistan and Iraq: How wartime spending decisions will constrain future US national security budgets***
Linda J. Bilmes
- ***Social capital, sociopolitical instability, and economic development: A general equilibrium model***
Javier Alcántar-Toledo, Yannis P. Venieris

- *Symposium on peace and security in India: An introduction*
Rupayan Gupta
- *Fighting Maoist violence with promises: Evidence from India's Employment Guarantee Scheme*
Gaurav Khanna, Laura Zimmermann
- *The economics of counterinsurgency: Some evidence from Andhra Pradesh*
Saurabh Singhal
- *Crime and social conflict in India*
Sofia Amaral, Siddhartha Bandyopadhyay, Samrat Bhattacharya, Rudra Sensarma
- *The effect of media on domestic violence norms: Evidence from India*
Kuhuk Bhushan, Prakarsh Singh
- *Gender, poverty, and domestic violence in rural Bengal: The Jeevika Development Society's journey through women's rights-based microcredit programs*
Nilanjana Sengupta, Dolon Ganguly
- *Gandhi's Gift: Lessons for peaceful reform from India's struggle for democracy*
Rikhil Bhavnani, Saumitra Jha

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>.

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 announces 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 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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- 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 the September issue of EPS Quarterly at <http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2013/sep13/sep.pdf>.

Action Corner

Action for Disarmament

Every day, at least \$4.4 billion are being spent on the military worldwide - while humanity continues to suffer from poverty, hunger, disease and unmet human needs

Help the UN create a world where people of goodwill and instruments of peace prevail over weapons of war.

To find out how you can take action, visit <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47590#.U35GuihvAg8>.

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

- **May 28, 2014 European Union Election Results: Implications for the United States** hosted by The American Security Project will be held in New York, NY.

The outcome of these elections will have a resounding economic, social, and political impact on the United States and international community.

More information available here: <http://www.americansecurityproject.org/event/event-invite-european-union-election-results-implications-for-the-united-states/>.

- **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 organizations 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/conferences18/home>.

- **June 23 – 25, 2014** The 14th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, annual meeting of Network of European Peace Scientists, 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 be found at

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

- **October 10 - 11, 2014 The Peace Science Society Conference** will be held in Philadelphia, PA, hosted by the University of Pennsylvania.

A primary concern of the Society is the improvement of social science theory as it relates to international relations. PSS(I) facilitates acquaintance and provides a vehicle for discussion among its members and others worldwide. It encourages and supports the publication of research, particularly but not exclusively quantitative research. PSS(I) avoids social, religious, or national bias. It does not promote political action or polemical discussion.

More information available here:

<http://pss.la.psu.edu/>.

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