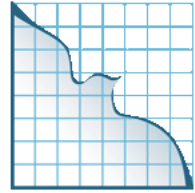


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### EPS News

*You are cordially invited to join  
Economists for Peace & Security  
for our Annual Dinner*

*This year's dinner honors*

**Daniel Ellsberg**

Monday, January 4, 2016  
6:30 – 10:00pm  
The Hilton Union Square  
San Francisco, California

For more information on attending the EPS dinner honoring Daniel Ellsberg, please visit our events page:  
<http://www.epsusa.org/events/events.htm>.

### EPS at The AEA

EPS will be organizing two sessions at the 2016 ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings.

**Sessions:**

***The Crisis of Austerity***

Sunday, Jan 3, 2016 10:15 am, Hilton Union Square, Continental - Parlor 2

Panel Moderator: Marshall Auerback

Patrick Honohan - Central Bank of Ireland - *Austerity in Ireland*  
Jeffrey Sommers - University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee - *Austerity in the Baltics*  
Allen Sinai - Decision Economics, *Austerity and Monetary Policy*  
James K. Galbraith - EPS, University of Texas- Austin, *Austerity in Greece*

***Balancing National Security and Transparency***

Sunday, Jan 3, 2016 2:30 pm, Hilton Union Square, Continental - Parlor 2

Panel Moderator: Richard Kaufman - Bethesda Research Institute

Linda Bilmes - Harvard University  
Richard Holt - Southern Oregon University  
Ron Unz - The Unz Review  
Daniel Ellsberg - Nuclear Age Peace Foundation

***\*Please note The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday this year.***

**20th Annual International Annual Conference on Economics and Security**

The Twentieth International Annual Conference on Economics and Security will be held at TED University, Ankara, Turkey on June 16-17, 2016.

ICES welcomes presentations that address any issue relating to peace and security broadly defined. The conference strives for a multi-disciplinary approaches, including strictly theoretical work, game theory and formal modeling, statistical and econometric analysis, qualitative studies, and ex

Abstracts (150-250 words) with a tentative title submitted before April 1, 2016 will be considered for the conference.

Further information on the organization of the conference will be available at: <http://ices2016.tedu.edu.tr/en/ices2016/>  
For any further information about the conference, you can contact the organizers here: [ices2016@tedu.edu.tr](mailto:ices2016@tedu.edu.tr)

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Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/econforpeace>

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<https://twitter.com/epsusa>

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## In Other News

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### **In Missouri, Fewer Gun Restrictions and More Gun Killings**

By Sabrina Tavernis, December 21, 2015 for *The New York Times*

Jean Peters Baker, the county prosecutor here, stood at her desk poring over Facebook photographs of young men posing with guns. One wore a gr laughing uproariously, his finger on the trigger of an assault rifle.

“This is our reality,” Ms. Peters Baker said, gesturing toward the pictures from recent investigations. “I’m not talking about my uncle who still live

In the past decade, Missouri has been a natural experiment in what happens when a state relaxes its gun control laws. For decades, it had one of t handgun buyers get a gun permit by undergoing a background check in person at a sheriff’s office.

But the legislature repealed that in 2007 and approved a flurry of other changes, including, last year, lowering the legal age to carry a concealed g Does allowing people to more easily obtain guns make society safer or more dangerous?

The mass shooting in San Bernardino this month has re-ignited that debate in America, and Missouri’s experience offers one perspective. It is diffic trafficking and illegal markets, but a variety of measures, including a marked increase in police seizures of guns bought in-state, suggest the chan

**Read the full article here:**

<http://nyti.ms/1UX03l4>

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### **Call for Workshop Proposals - The Alliance for Peacebuilding Annual Conference**

The Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP) Annual Conference serves as a dynamic space for AfP members to network with the broader peace and security community, incl disciplines. The conference provides unique opportunities to exchange ideas, reflect on international crises, discuss the most important issues in the field, and develop key achievements and discuss the future of the field. For the first time this year, the Alliance for Peacebuilding is accepting workshop proposals.

**More Information available here:**

<http://www.allianceforpeacebuilding.org/our-work/annual-conference/call-for-workshop-proposals/>

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### **Call for Papers - 10th Annual Meeting of the Portuguese Economic Journal**

The 10th Annual Meeting of the Portuguese Economic Journal will be held **July 1-3, 2016**. The conference is hosted by the Faculty of Economics of

Submissions in all fields of Economics are welcome and will be accepted until March 15, 2016.

More information available here:

<http://www.uc.pt/en/feuc/PEJ2016/call>

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### **Call for Papers: The 16th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference**

The 16th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, annual meeting of NEPS, will take place at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart

Raul Caruso will be the local host of the conference at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart.

Also, we are delighted to inform you that the NEPS Lecture will be given by Halvard Buhaug, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO).

We welcome presentations that address any issue relating to peace and security broadly defined. As in the past, we strive for a multi-disciplinary j approaches, including strictly theoretical work, game theory and formal modeling, statistical and econometric analysis, qualitative studies, and ex

All abstracts (150-250 words) with a tentative title must be submitted by January 30, 2016.

**More information available here:**

<http://www.europeanpeacescientists.org/Call%20for%20Papers%20-%2016th%20Jan%20Tinbergen%20European%20Peace%20Science%20Conference.f>

## Links

### Movie: Raamro Aakha Ma / In the Eyes of the Good

This documentary tells the story of former Maoist combatants, conflict victims, and government officials engaging in a restorative dialogue, follow people are able to connect with one another across divides, beyond fear, stereotypes, and enemy images. The Nonviolent Communication training Suurmond, together with partner organization Pro Public. The goal was to offer those involved with the transitional justice process in Nepal an opportunity to support the various parties to the formal Truth and Reconciliation process in Nepal and to raise awareness about Nonviolent Communication.

Watch the Documentary film here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RqA2OydkXgg>

### Positive Peace Report 2015

This report introduces new thinking and evidence about Positive Peace: the attitudes, institutions and structures which create and sustain peaceful societies. Positive Peace is a transformational approach to achieving development, resilience and peace. It offers an alternative perspective to identify and measure positive peace and flourish.

Positive Peace is a new approach to identify and measure long-term investments that create sustainable peace and resilience at the country level. Positive Peace systems fail.

Well-developed Positive Peace represents the capacity for a society to meet the needs of citizens, reduce the number of grievances that arise and measure positive peace.

It is the first global, quantitative approach to defining and measuring Positive Peace and is based on the factors that have strongest statistically significant relationships with positive peace.

Read the full report here:

<http://www.visionofhumanity.org/#/page/news/1264>

## EPS Publications

### The Economics of Peace and Security Journal, Volume 10, Number 2 (October 2015)

In addition to a four-article symposium on Afghanistan, this issue contains three stand-alone articles. The first two, respectively by Charles H. Anderton and Uih Ran Lee, study the social evolution of violence and potential levers for intervention and the creation of peaceful environments. The third, by Uih Ran Lee, studies civilians in war. The symposium on field research in Afghanistan is introduced by guest editor Travers B. Child and contains articles by Daniel Karre and Hekmatullah Azamy.

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- *Hysteresis of targeting civilians in armed conflicts*  
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The *Journal* is a peer-reviewed online publication hosted by EPS. Published twice yearly, it raises and debates issues related to the political economy. Contributors include Joseph Stiglitz, James Galbraith, and Lawrence Klein. The *Journal's* website also features book reviews submitted by members.

EPS members receive a 50% discount on the annual subscription to the *Economics of Peace and Security Journal*. A regular one-year subscription is

**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>.

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### ***EPS Quarterly, Volume 27, Issue 2 – June 2015***

*US-Russia Avoiding a New Cold War Issue*

This issue is comprised of edited transcripts of a panel session held on January 4, 2015 as part of the Allied Social Sciences Association meetings in

"Oil rents... enable system to survive... The Putin Government is integrally tied to the continuation of the petro economy... The Whole system dep

#### **Panelists**

- Chair: Richard Kaufman
- Robert Skidelsky
- Allen Sinai
- Stephen Walt
- Charles Knight
- James Carroll

**Read the full issue here:**

<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2015/june15/june15.pdf>

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## **Action Corner**

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### **Demand Enforcement of Nuclear Power Fire Safety Regulations**

Fire poses one of the greatest risks to nuclear power safety. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) estimates that the risk of reactor meltdown

The NRC adopted its fire protection regulations in 1980 after a dangerous fire at Alabama's Browns Ferry plant, and updated them in 2004. Yet the number of violations has increased.

Today, 46 nuclear reactors (almost half of the US nuclear fleet) continue to operate despite being in violation of the fire safety regulations—inclu

Several fires have been reported at nuclear plants during the last several years. In 2010, an overheated electrical component started a fire in the Calhoun Station disabled more than half of the power supplies for emergency equipment. Proper enforcement of fire safety regulation would have

**Find out how you can take action on this issue here:**

<https://secure3.convio.net/ucs/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=3679&src=wac&subsrc=website&ga=1.22855666.819766274>

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### **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 democracy and the 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/>.

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If you would like to post an EPS flyer on a departmental bulletin board or similar venue, please contact Ellie Warren at [elliewarren@epsusa.org](mailto:elliewarren@epsusa.org)

## Up Coming Events

- **January 3 - 5, 2016** The ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings will be held in San Francisco, CA.  
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More information available here:

[https://www.aeaweb.org/Annual\\_Meeting/index.php](https://www.aeaweb.org/Annual_Meeting/index.php)

- **January 7 - 10, 2016** Western Economic Association International 12th International Conference will be held at Nanyang Technological

More information available here:

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

- **February 25 - 28, 2016** Eastern Economic Association 42nd Annual Conference will be held in Washington DC.

More information available here:

<https://www.quinnipiac.edu/eea/42nd-annual-conference/>

- **April 12 - 13** The 25th Annual Hyman P. Minsky Conference on the State of the US and World Economies hosted by The Levy Economics

More information available here:

<http://www.levyinstitute.org/news/25th-annual-hyman-p-minsky-conference>

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More information as it becomes available here:

<http://ices2016.tedu.edu.tr/en/ices2016/>

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