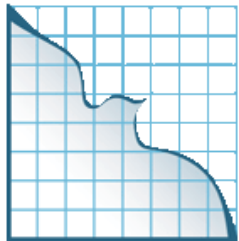


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The more we sweat in peace, the less we bleed in war.
~Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit

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A Blueprint for Greece's Recovery

By EPS fellow Yanis Varoufakis for *Project Syndicate*, May 6, 2015

Months of negotiations between our government and the International Monetary Fund, the European Union, and the European Central Bank have produced little progress. One reason is that all sides are focusing too much on the strings to be attached to the next liquidity injection and not enough on a vision of how Greece can recover and develop sustainably. If we are to break the current impasse, we must envisage a healthy Greek economy.

Sustainable recovery requires synergistic reforms that unleash the country's considerable potential by removing bottlenecks in several areas: productive investment, credit provision, innovation, competition, social security, public administration, the judiciary, the labor market, cultural production, and, last but not least, democratic governance.

Read more here:

<https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/greek-recovery-strategy-by-yanis-varoufakis-2015-05>

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Why You Can't Talk About The Amtrak Derailment Without Talking About Our Infrastructure Crisis

By Aviva Shen for *Think Progress*, May 13, 2015

At least six people have died and more than 140 people are injured in the wake of the deadliest Amtrak derailment in recent history. Amtrak Northeast Regional Train 188 rolled off the tracks while rounding a bend near Philadelphia, according to NBC Philadelphia, while carrying 238 passengers and five crew members. As officials sort through the wreckage and try to determine the cause of the tragedy, the Northeast Corridor – Amtrak's busiest and most profitable route between Boston and Washington – will be shut down for an indeterminate amount of time.

Already the densest rail route in the US, aging Northeast Corridor trains are grappling with more riders than ever. The route has steadily broken ridership records every year for more than a decade – last year, 11.6 million people rode a Northeast Corridor train. But Amtrak has been starved of the funds required to keep up with this increased demand. The Northeast Corridor is shouldering a backlog of repairs expected to require \$4.3 billion in fiscal year 2019, while federal funding is expected to dwindle to \$872 million.

Read the full article here:

<http://thinkprogress.org/economy/2015/05/13/3658146/amtrak-deadly-derailment/>

Call for Papers: Special Edition of Journal of Peacebuilding and Development

“Donor Driven Peace? A Critical Reflection on Donor Support to Peacebuilding in Practice”

Volume 11 Number 1

With Visiting Editor: Cheryl Duckworth, Ph.D., Nova Southeastern University

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More information available here:

<http://explore.tandfonline.com/cfp/pgas/jpd-special-issue-call-for-papers>

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Peace and Corruption Report

Institute for Economics and Peace, May 2015

Peace and Corruption, the latest report from the Institute for Economics and Peace, deepens the understanding of corruption as one of the key factors that constrains economic development and peace.

The analysis shows that there is a statistically significant link between peace and corruption. Looking at the data over time we can see that globally the world is becoming more corrupt and less peaceful.

To read more visit:

<http://www.visionofhumanity.org/#page/news/1162>

Funding & Employment Opportunities

Readership in Development Economics

Cambridge University, Cambridge UK

The Faculty of Economics seeks applications for a Readership in Development Economics which is a permanent senior position and is available from September 1, 2015. Candidates should have an internationally established academic reputation for excellence in research and a proven capacity to take a leadership role.

Full details available here:

<http://www.jobs.cam.ac.uk/job/6564/>

Head of Economy and Peacebuilding

International Alert, London, UK

The Head of Economy and Peacebuilding (E&PB) manages a team within the Peacebuilding Issues Programme (PIP). He or she provides conceptual and hands-on leadership for International Alert’s work in understanding economic drivers of peace, and influencing the economic policies and governments, international organisations and businesses so that they are conflict-sensitive and conducive to peace.

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EPS Publications

The Economics of Peace and Security Journal, Volume 10, Number 1 (April 2015)

In addition to a four-article symposium on Nigeria, this issue contains three stand-alone articles. The first, by Jerry Hionis, is a theoretical piece considering the role of geographic distance in a contest between two warlords. The second, by Belal Fallah and Yousef Daoud, is on the effect of Israel's occupation on the Palestinian labor market. The third, by Matthew McCaffrey, studies aspects of war and peace economics in classic Chinese military writings. The symposium on conflict and peace in Nigeria starts with a political economy piece by Michael Nwankpa on Boko Haram. This is followed by Kostadis Papaioannou and Angus Dalrymple-Smith with a historical piece on the role of political order in affecting development outcomes today. Finally, a team of researchers around Topher McDougal, contributes two articles, one on the potential microeconomic benefits of peace in Nigeria's Middle Belt states; the other on the macroeconomic benefits for the country as a whole.

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Read the full issue here:

<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2014/dec14/dec14.pdf>

Read the individual articles here:

<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2014/sep14/sep14.html>

Action Corner

Your Tax Dollars at Work: Spending on War

Imbalanced spending has consequences: cuts in programs that reduce income inequality, as well as missed opportunities to prevent war and address climate change. Even with recent wars ending, military spending still accounts for 40 percent of every tax dollar the US government spends, while other needs go unmet.

40 cents of every dollar we pay in federal income taxes go to pay for current and past wars (calculated based on the federal fund budget, including OCO). At the same time, education, diplomacy, and help to the nearly 100 million people living in poverty in this country get only pennies on every dollar.

With so much of our tax dollars already going to military projects, reducing or eliminating the Pentagon's Overseas Contingency Operations account is an important step to correct overspending on the Department of Defense.

More Information here:

<http://capwiz.com/fconl/issues/alert/?alertid=64769626>

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<http://globalsolutions.org/>.

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- **June 22 - 24, 2015** The 15th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference will be held at the Department of Politics and International Studies at the University of Warwick, UK.

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- **June 28 - July 2, 2015** The 90th Annual Western Economics Association International Conference will be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Waikiki.

More information is available here:

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

- **July 24 - 26, 2015** The 6th International Meeting on Conflict Management, Peace Economics and Peace Science will be held at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. Organized in cooperation with Chulalongkorn University, The State University of New York at Binghamton, and The International Center for Conflict Prevention and Management.

For more information email Manas Chatterj

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- **September 17 - 19, 2015** Colloquium "Right to Food, Peace and Democracy" the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, in collaboration with the Congregation for Catholic Education of the Holy See and the International Federation of Catholic Universities is organizing an international Colloquium on the theme: Right to Food, Peace and Democracy. Research and Education in an ethical perspective. The Colloquium will be held in Milan Italy.

More information available here:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2bb38c473f09effa10b0b111d/files/Colloquium_Call_for_Paper.pdf

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