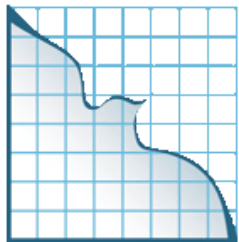


## NewsNotes

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I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

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### EPS News

#### EPS at The AEA

EPS will be organizing two sessions and our annual dinner 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

Yanis Varoufakis - Former Finance Minister, Hellenic Republic

Robert Skidelsky - Warwick University

Linda Bilmes - Harvard University  
Daniel Ellsberg - Nuclear Age Peace Foundation

This year our dinner will honor **Daniel Ellsberg**.  
January 4th, 2016  
6:30pm - 10pm

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

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**For more information about the *Journal* or to subscribe:**

<http://www.epsjournal.org.uk/>

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## **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 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.

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>

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/epsusa>

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## In Other News

### **Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet awarded Nobel Peace Prize**

The Norwegian Nobel Committee

The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided that the Nobel Peace Prize for 2015 is to be awarded to the Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for its decisive contribution to the building of a pluralistic democracy in Tunisia in the wake of the Jasmine Revolution of 2011. The Quartet was formed in the summer of 2013 when the democratization process was in danger of collapsing as a result of political assassinations and widespread social unrest. It established an alternative, peaceful political process at a time when the country was on the brink of civil war. It was thus instrumental in enabling Tunisia, in the space of a few years, to establish a constitutional system of government guaranteeing fundamental rights for the entire population, irrespective of gender, political conviction or religious belief.

More details available here:

[http://nobelpeaceprize.org/en\\_GB/laureates/laureates-2015/announce-2015/](http://nobelpeaceprize.org/en_GB/laureates/laureates-2015/announce-2015/)

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### **Call for Chapters - Ethnographic Peace Research: Strengths, Challenges, and Ethics**

The Institute of Conflict, Transition, and Peace Research, University of Aberdeen

This call for abstracts is targeted at those who either conduct or wish to critique what we will call "Ethnographic Peace Research" (EPR). The goal of this project is to compile an edited volume to include chapters which illustrate, promote, or question the use of ethnographic methods in Peace Research. Abstracts of 600 words or less should be submitted by December 1, 2015.

More Information available here:

<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/ictpr/news/8235/>

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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, Largo Gemelli 1, 20123 Milan on 20th - 22nd June 2016.

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 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

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.pdf>

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## Links

### Surging Seas

Sea level rise analysis by Climate Central

Global warming has raised global sea level about 8 inches since 1880, and the rate of rise is accelerating. Rising seas dramatically increase the odds of damaging floods from storm surges. A Climate Central analysis finds the odds of “century” or worse floods occurring by 2030 are on track to double or more, over widespread areas of the U.S. These increases threaten an enormous amount of damage. Across the country, nearly 5 million people live in 2.6 million homes at less than 4 feet above high tide – a level lower than the century flood line for most locations analyzed. And compounding this risk, scientists expect roughly 2 to 7 more feet of sea level rise this century – a lot depending upon how much more heat-trapping pollution humanity puts into the sky.

Search or navigate our interactive tools above to see maps of areas below different amounts of sea level rise and flooding, down to neighborhood scale, matched with area timelines of risk. The tool also provides statistics of population, homes and land affected by city, county and state, plus links to factsheets, data downloads, action plans, embeddable widgets, and more.

**Explore the map here:**

<http://sealevel.climatecentral.org/>

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### African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review

Indiana University Press

*ACPR: African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review* is an interdisciplinary forum for creative and rigorous studies of conflict and peace in Africa, and for discussions among scholars, practitioners, and public intellectuals in Africa, the United States, and other parts of the world. *ACPR* provides a wide range of theoretical, methodological, and empirical perspectives on the causes of conflicts and peace processes including, among others, cultural practices relating to conflict resolution and peacebuilding, legal and political preventative measures, and the intersection of international, regional, and local interests and conceptions with conflict and peace.

**Read the full blog post here:**

<http://www.iupress.indiana.edu/pages.php?pid=73&CDpath=4>

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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 Boston, Massachusetts.

"Oil rents... enable system to survive... The Putin Government is integrally tied to the continuation of the petro economy... The Whole system depends on the price of energy and commodities continuing to go up."

#### **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

### **Gambling With Natural Gas: Will Your State Play Its Cards Right?**

The fuels your state uses to generate electricity can make a big difference in your electric bill, and what that bill will look like in the future will depend a lot on where you live. Why? The electricity sector has already begun shifting away from dirty coal-fired power plants to cleaner-burning natural gas, plus renewable energy like wind and solar power. This shift will accelerate now that states and utilities must lower their heat-trapping emissions almost a third by 2030 under the new federal Clean Power Plan. The decisions your governor makes over the next few years could impact your state's energy future for decades to come—and your pocketbook as well.

While natural gas has a potential role to play in our energy transition, too much natural gas—itsself a fossil fuel—can be a problem. New *Union of Concerned Scientists* analysis shows that consumers in two-thirds of US states may be at financial risk because of an overreliance on natural gas.

To support prioritizing renewable energy over natural gas see:

<https://secure3.convio.net/ucs/site/Advocacy;jsessionid=FAA7C9EC859436BC58E9EEF0F26EC835.a pp358b?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=4935&autologin=true>

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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 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/>.

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

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- **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 University, Singapore.

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 Institute of Bard College and The Ford Foundation will be held at Bard College

More information available here:

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

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