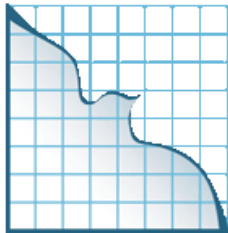


NewsNotes

April 2016



ECONOMISTS for PEACE & SECURITY

To replace the old paradigm of war with a new paradigm of waging peace, we must be pioneers who can push the boundaries of human understanding. We must be doctors who can cure the virus of violence. We must be soldiers of peace who can do more than preach to the choir. And we must be artists who will make the world our masterpiece.

~Paul Chappell

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EPS News

Disarm! For a Climate of Peace - Creating an Action Agenda **IPB World Congress 2016 on Military and Social Spending**

September 30 - October 3, 2016 Technische Universitat Berlin, Germany

In 2014 the world's governments spent over \$1,700 billion on the military sector. The Congress organizers believe this money must instead be spent on:

- Climate change mitigation/adaptation, preserving biodiversity
- Humanitarian programs to support the most vulnerable
- Peace: disarmament, conflict prevention & resolution, human security
- Public services/social justice, human rights, gender equality and green job-creation
- Sustainable development, new production and consumption patterns, ante-poverty programs, UN Sustainable Development Goals.

We strongly believe the absolutely necessary 'great transformation' of global human society can only be achieved when also reallocating military expenditure and handling conflict differently. After all, we are facing a crisis of civilization, which is more far-reaching than an ecological and economic crisis alone. We are living on one single Planet Earth but exploiting its resources as if we had three. We witness how our predominant economic and Developmental model has failed to provide justice, livelihood and human security for all. We now also face the resurgence of militarism and confrontational politics. Hence, we view this priority shift in government spending as one element in a much broader global transformation towards a green,

socially just and peaceful society. The main aim of this congress is to bring the issue of military spending, often seen as a technical question, into broad public debate and to strengthen the global community of activism.

More information available here:

<https://www.ipb2016.berlin/program/program-structure/>

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

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<https://twitter.com/epsusa>

In Other News

The US Is in the Midst of an Eviction Crisis

By S.E. Smith for *Truthout*, April 13, 2016

San Francisco -- with its tech boom and housing crunch -- is infamous for Ellis Act evictions that force tenants out of a building and allow the landlord to "[go out of business](#)."

In practice, that means that many tenants are evicted from homes in up-and-coming neighborhoods. Landlords realize that they might make more profit with condominiums or other use changes, including teardown and redevelopment.

The issue has attracted nationwide attention as San Francisco's tenants attempt to fight back. Some 2,000 people are evicted annually in the city.

But San Francisco isn't the only offender. In fact, across the US, there's a looming eviction problem, creating yet another iteration of the housing crisis that Americans have struggled with since the Recession.

Read the full article here:

<http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/35613-the-u-s-is-in-the-midst-of-an-eviction-crisis>

2016 Mexico Peace Index

By Institute for Economics & Peace, April, 2016

The Mexico Peace Index (MPI), produced by the Institute for Economics and Peace, provides a comprehensive measure of peacefulness in Mexico from 2003 to 2015, with new results for 2015. This report aims to deepen the understanding of the trends, patterns and drivers of peace in Mexico, while highlighting the important economic benefits that will flow from a more peaceful society.

The MPI is based on the work of the Global Peace Index, the leading measure of global peacefulness that has been produced by IEP every year since 2007. It is part of a series of national peace indices, which includes the United States Peace Index and the United Kingdom Peace Index.

Read the Mexico Index here:

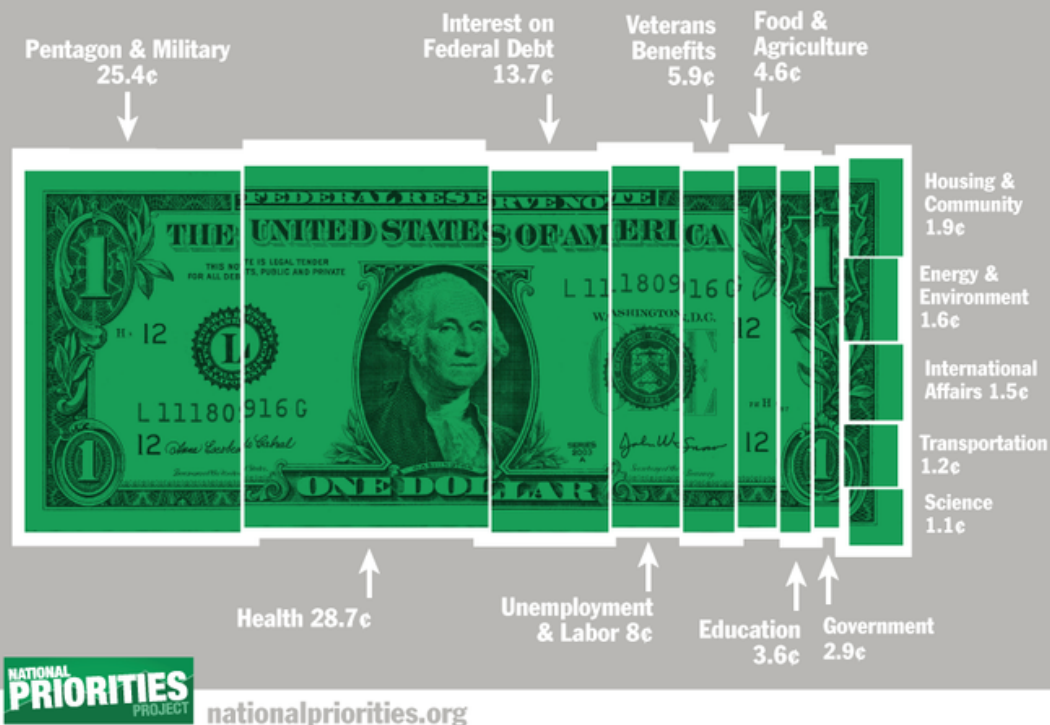
http://economicsandpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Mexico-Peace-Index-2016_English.pdf

Links

Tax Day 2016

Published March, 2015 for *National Priorities Project*

Where Your 2015 Tax Dollar Went



Read more here:

<https://www.nationalpriorities.org/analysis/2016/tax-day-2016/>

EPS Publications

EPS Quarterly Volume 28 Issue 1 (March 2016)

The Inequality, Austerity, Jobs, and Growth Issue

This issue is comprised of edited transcripts from a conference held on November 18, 2015, in Washington, DC.

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- Panel Three
Global Security and Economics: Dangers and Hopes

Read the full Issue here

<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/newsletter.htm>

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 by Sebastian Ille and Dina Mansour, both construct evolutionary game theory models to study the social evolution of violence and potential levers for intervention and the creation of peaceful environments. The third, by Uih Ran Lee, discusses the creation and application of a new dataset on the intentional targeting of civilians in war. The symposium on field research in Afghanistan is introduced by guest editor Travers B. Child and contains articles by Daniel Karrel, Greg Adams, Jan Koehler, Kristof Gosztonyi, Keith Child, and Basir Feda, and James Weir and Hekmatullah Azamy.

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- *Honing the proper edge: CERP and the two-sided potential of military-led development in Afghanistan*
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Jane Koehler, Kristof Gosztonyi, Keith Child, Basir Feda
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James Weir, Hekmatullah Azamy

The *Journal* is a peer-reviewed online publication hosted by EPS. 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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Action Corner

Move The Money

The US spends nearly as much on its military as all other countries combined -- at a time when critical domestic needs continue to be cut.

Budget Control Act caps (aka "Sequestration") since 2011 have already deeply cut Federal support for education, food programs, housing, transportation, and green energy, and the new majorities in Congress plan to make further cuts this year, including to Social Security and Medicaid, while preserving the caps. Yet reductions in unnecessary military spending could eventually, not in the short term, free up Federal funds for these human and social needs.

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

<http://www.peace-action.org/issues/move-the-money>

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 Ellie Warren at elliwarren@epsusa.org

Upcoming Events

- **May 24 - 26, 2016** The Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP) Annual Conference will be held at The United States Institute of Peace Headquarters in Washington DC.

More information available here:

<http://www.allianceforpeacebuilding.org/our-work/annual-conference/>

- **June 15, 2016** The Future of Peace Summit will be held at The Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center in Washington, DC.

More information as it becomes available here:

<https://globalpeace.splashthat.com/>

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

More information as it becomes available here:

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

- **June 20 - 22, 2016** The 16th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, annual meeting of NEPS, will be held at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Largo Gemelli 1, 20123 Milan.

More Information available here:

<http://www.europeanpeacescientists.org/jan.html>

- **June 20 - July 4, 2016** The 3rd International Summer School in Sarajevo and Srebrenica, Learning from the past - Exploring the Role of Transitional Justice in Rebuilding Trust in a Post-conflict Society will be held at The International University of Sarajevo (IUS).

More information available here:

<http://ftp.ius.edu.ba/>

- **June 29 - July 3, 2016** 91st Annual Conference: The Western Economics Association International will be held in Portland, Oregon.

More information available here:

<http://www.weai.org/AC2016b>

- **September 30 - October 3, 2016** Disarm! For a Climate of Peace - Creating an Action Agenda IPB World Congress 2016 on Military and Social Spending will be held at Technische Universität Berlin, Germany.

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- **October 19 - 20, 2016 The World Peace Congress 2016** will be hosted in Waterford, Ireland under the theme of Universal Disarmament.

More information available here:

<http://worldpeacecongress2016.com/>

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