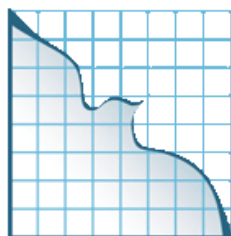


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Experience demands that man is the only animal which devours his own kind, for I can apply no milder term to the general prey of the rich on the poor.

-Thomas Jefferson

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EPS at The ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings

January 3 - 5, 2016 San Francisco California

EPS hosted two sessions, and honored Daniel Ellsberg at this years annual dinner.

Sessions:

For audio and video of all of our events at the AEA, see

<http://www.epsusa.org/events/aea.htm>

The Crisis of Austerity

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

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*

EPS Annual Dinner with 2016 Honoree Daniel Ellsberg

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://www.facebook.com/econforpeace>

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<https://twitter.com/epsusa>

In Other News

Climate Change Disaster Is Biggest Threat to Global Economy in 2016, Say Experts

By Larry Elliott, January 14, 2016 for *The Guardian*

A catastrophe caused by climate change is seen as the biggest potential threat to the global economy in 2016, according to a survey of 750 experts conducted by the World Economic Forum.

The annual assessment of risks conducted by the WEF before its annual meeting in Davos on 20-23 January showed that global warming had catapulted its way to the top of the list of concerns.

A failure of climate change mitigation and adaptation was seen as likely to have a bigger impact than the spread of weapons of mass destruction, water crises, mass involuntary migration and a severe energy price shock - the first time in the 11 years of the Global Risks report that the environment has been in first place.

The report, prepared by the WEF in collaboration with risk specialists Marsh & McLennan and Zurich Insurance Group, comes a month after the deal signed in Paris to reduce carbon emissions. The WEF said evidence was mounting that inter-connections between risks were becoming stronger. It cited links between climate change and involuntary migration or international security, noting that these often had "major and unpredictable impacts".

Espen Barth Eide, the WEF's head of geopolitical affairs, said there was a risk of Europe fragmenting as a result of "people on the move".

Read the full article here:

<http://www.theguardian.com/business/2016/jan/14/climate-change-disaster-is-biggest-threat-to-global-economy-in-2016-say-experts>

Children: The Collateral Damage of Mass Incarceration

By Ellen Short, December 15, 2016 for Friends Committee on National Legislation

Did you know that Sesame Street has introduced a character that has a father in jail? Alex, the new Muppet character, was created to help the 2.7 million children in the United States with an incarcerated parent sort through how to talk about having a parent behind bars and cope with missing them in their daily lives.

The Impact of Criminal Records on Children and Families hosted by the Center for American Progress shed light on the sad truth that the person who committed the crime is not the only person who is penalized in the context of the family.

Having a parent incarcerated is destabilizing to a child because that parent is no longer present to raise the child and is limited in ways to provide for them financially-not to mention the stigma that children of incarcerated parents carry with them.

The US is the world's leader in incarceration with 2.2 million people in the nation's prisons or jails -- 5 times as many as there were 30 years ago. Most of this increase is due to changes in state and federal laws, not increases in crime.

Read the full article here:

http://fcn1.org/blog/of_peace_and_politics/children_the_collateral_damage_of_mass_incarceration/

The Unfinished Business of Gender Parity

By Dennis Nally, January 18, 2016 for *Project Syndicate*

When it comes to the importance of gender equality in the workplace, the message has clearly gotten through to those at the top. Surveys - including those conducted by my own organization - consistently show that business leaders understand the need for equal treatment of men and women in the workforce.

Indeed, my own conversations with senior businesspeople around the world confirm that progress clearly is being made. The vast majority recognize the issue as imperative to their companies' success and have implemented measures to promote gender parity in their organizations. And yet, for all the fine words, much more remains to be done before gender parity is actually achieved.

The facts speak for themselves. There is still a pay gap in every country in the world, with men earning more than women for similar jobs. Likewise, the percentage of seats on corporate boards occupied by women appears to have stalled at just over 17%.

This bias has not gone unnoticed - especially among female employees. In a 2015 PwC global survey of female millennials born between 1980 and 1995, half of those working in financial services said they believed that men received more favorable treatment when it came to promotions. More than 70% said that as much as their organizations talk about diversity, in reality, opportunities remain unequal.

Read the full article here:

<https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/workplace-gender-equality-unfinished-business-by-dennis-nally-2016-01>

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>

Links

An Economy For The 1%: How privilege and power in the economy drive extreme inequality and how this can be stopped

Oxfam Briefing Paper, January 18, 2016

The global inequality crisis is reaching new extremes. The richest 1% now have more wealth than the rest of the world combined. Power and privilege is being used to skew the economic system to increase the gap between the richest and the rest. A global network of tax havens further enables the richest individuals to hide \$7.6 trillion. The fight against poverty will not be won until the inequality crisis is tackled.

Read the Briefing Paper here:

https://www.oxfam.org/sites/www.oxfam.org/files/file_attachments/bp210-economy-one-percent-tax-havens-180116-en_0.pdf

The Way of The Gun

By Iain Overton, January 11, 2016 for *Action on Armed Violence*



More about Action on Armed Violence here:

<https://aoav.org.uk/infographic/the-way-of-the-gun/>

EPS Publications

EPS Quarterly Volume 27 Issue 4 (December 2015)
The "Economics of Happiness" Issue

Happiness is a loaded word. Many scientists feel that happiness is too squishy. Ajit Zacharias of the Levy Institute, who helped develop the Measure of Economic Well-being, sent some thoughts on happiness, starting with this from Charlotte Bronte: "No mockery in this world ever sounds to me as hollow as that of being told to cultivate happiness. What does such advice mean? Happiness is not a potato, to be planted and tilled with manure."

First of all, happiness is subjective. How can we measure it? Some rely on self-reported surveys. Others work with proxies that have been shown to correlate to happiness, wellbeing, or life satisfaction. We can improve methods of collecting self-reports on happiness, and we can study which proxies seem best to reflect happiness; and still, what makes me happy might make you miserable. It is very hard to make policy recommendations under such apparently arbitrary conditions.

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Carol Graham

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Mario Nunez

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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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

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 due to fire is about 50 percent—roughly equal to all other risk factors combined.

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 agency has repeatedly failed to enforce these regulations, opting to grant extensions rather than issue violation notices.

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

Several fires have been reported at nuclear plants during the last several years. In 2010, an overheated electrical component started a fire in the control room at Virginia's Surry Nuclear Power Station. And in 2012, a fire at Nebraska's Fort Calhoun Station disabled more than half of the power supplies for emergency equipment. Proper enforcement of fire safety regulation would have greatly reduced the odds of these events occurring.

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=1.22855666.819766274.1451247279>

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

Up Coming Events

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

More information available here:

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

- **April 12 - 13, 2016** 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>

- **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 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/>

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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/>

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