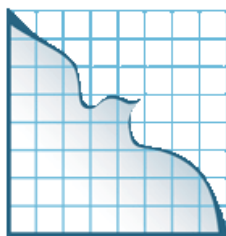


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Grave security concerns can arise as a result of demographic trends, chronic poverty, economic inequality, environmental degradation, pandemic diseases, organized crime, repressive governance and other developments no state can control alone. Arms can't address such concerns.

~Ban Ki-moon

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EPS News

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.

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

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 Universität 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, anti-poverty programs

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/>

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<https://twitter.com/epsusa>

In Other News

Fighting the Next Global Financial Crisis

By Robert J. Shiller for *Project Syndicate*, May 18, 2016

What do people mean when they criticize generals for “fighting the last war”? It’s not that generals ever think they will face the same weapon systems and the same battlefields. They certainly know better. The error, to the extent that the generals make it, must operate at a more subtle level. Generals are sometimes *slow* to get around to developing plans and ordnance for those new weapon systems and battlefields. And, just as important, they sometimes assume that the public *psychology* and *narratives* that influence their soldiers’ morale are the same as in the last war.

That is also true for regulators whose job is to prevent financial crises. For the same reasons, they may be slow to change in response to new situations. They tend to adapt only gradually to changing public psychology. The need for regulation depends on public perceptions of the last crisis, and, as George Akerlof and I argued in *Animal Spirits*, these perceptions depend heavily on changing popular narratives.

The latest progress reports from the Financial Stability Board (FSB) in Basel outline definite improvements in stability-enhancing financial regulations in 24 of the world’s largest economies. Their “Dashboard” tabulates progress in 14 different regulatory areas. For example, the FSB gives high marks for all 24 countries in implementing the Basel III risk-based capital requirements.

But the situation is not altogether reassuring. These risk-based capital requirements may not be high enough, as Anat Admati and Martin Hellwig argued in their influential book *The Bankers New Clothes*. And there has been much less progress in a dozen other regulatory areas that the FSB tabulates.

Read the full article here:

https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/financial-regulation-public-narratives-by-robert-j--shiller-2016-05?utm_source=Project+Syndicate+Newsletter&utm_campaign=9f31cc4ac5-Legrain_OP_5_22_2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_73bad5b7d8-9f31cc4ac5-93729261

Ending Poverty Means Closing the Gaps Between Women and Men

By Sri Mulyani Indrawati for *The Huffington Post*, May 18, 2016

The world is a better place for women and girls in 2016 than even a decade ago. But not for everyone, and definitely not everywhere: This is especially true in the world’s poorest, most fragile countries.

It’s also particularly true regarding women’s economic opportunities. Gender gaps in employment, business, and access to finance hold back not just individuals but whole economies—at a time when we sorely need to boost growth and create new jobs globally.

Some solutions to this problem are simple and others more complex, but all demand expanded investment to effectively boost school enrollment and completion rates, reduce deaths in childbirth, and get more women into good jobs with access to financial services and assets.

The World Bank Group’s new Gender Equality Strategy charts an ambitious course forward by focusing on approaches and interventions that achieve concrete results. Our strategy draws on a reservoir of data and evidence—gathered largely over the last decade and a half—that points toward specific policy actions to close gaps and expand equal opportunity for all.

Read more here:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/sri-mulyani-indrawati/ending-poverty-means-clos_b_10029280.html?utm_hp_ref=world

Researcher/Senior Researcher, Military Expenditure Project
Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Stockholm, Sweden

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) seeks a talented and motivated researcher to run the SIPRI military expenditure database while its manager is on leave.

SIPRI is open to appointing either at senior researcher or researcher level. We are looking for either a well-established and experienced researcher or a highly promising younger researcher. In principle, we prefer to recruit a Senior Researcher but recognise that may not be possible. We therefore encourage both senior and less senior researchers to apply. Depending on the level at which we find it possible to appoint, we will organise around that so as to provide appropriate kind of support for either level.

See full listing here:

<http://www.sipri.org/about/vacancies/researcher-military-expenditure-project>

Links

The Brazilian Journal of Political Economy

Since its first issue, January 1981, the Brazilian Journal of Political Economy is a peer reviewed journal, which sees economics as political economy.

Papers with Keynesian, structuralist, or institutionalist approaches are welcome.

The Journal publishes papers on development economics and macroeconomics, adopting a historical-deductive method, as well as papers criticizing economic theory.

The Journal also welcomes applied papers containing relevant research, having priority papers on developing countries.

In the revisions of the literature the Brazilian and Latin-American relevant authors are not supposed to be left aside.

In the case of econometric studies, the technical aspects are supposed to be published only in the journal's electronic edition.

Read more here:

<http://www.rep.org.br/>

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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Global Security and Economics: Dangers and Hopes

Read the full Issue here

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

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

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

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<http://epsusa.org/membership/membership.htm>.

Action Corner

The Green Climate Fund

The Green Climate Fund is an exciting new initiative to help people and communities around the world deal with the effects of climate change. Already, the fund is helping ensure access to clean drinking water, develop solar power, and improve infrastructure to keep people safe when extreme weather hits.

The US is one of 42 nations that has promised support for this independent fund. Just two months ago, the US made its first payment on the promise. As Congress decides how to spend money in the upcoming year, it's important that they fully support the Green Climate Fund.

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

http://fcnl.org/action/alert/2016/support_the_green_climate_fund/

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 elliewarren@epsusa.org

Upcoming Events

- **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 Universitat Berlin, Germany.

More information available here:

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

- **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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