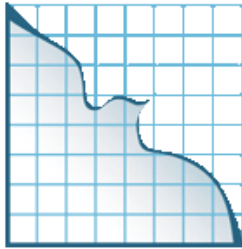


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-Abraham Lincoln

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EPS News

21st Annual Conference on Economics and Security

The 21st Annual Conference on Economics and Security will take place June 22 - 23, 2017 at the Royal Military Academy, Brussels.

This Conference is organized by Cind Du Bois (Royal Military Academy Brussels), Caroline Buts (VrijeUniversiteit Brussels) and Paul Dunne (University of Cape Town, EPS UK).

The conference aims to provide an opportunity for economists, political scientists and others from around the world to share ideas and discuss the future developments in the following areas:

- [Regional security](#)

- Economics of security
- Corruption and military spending
- Globalisation and the restructuring of the MIC
- Militarism and development
- Security sector reform
- Economics of conflict and war
- Post-conflict reconstruction
- Economics of the arms trade
- Procurement and offsets
- Arms races and alliances
- Peace economics and peace science
- Conversion and demilitarisation
- Economics of terrorism

More information available here:

<http://www.rma.ac.be/deml/21ConfEconSec/>

Michael D. Intriligator Memorial Student Fund *Honoring a Lifetime of Service*

Michael D. Intriligator (February 5, 1938 - June 23, 2014) was an American economist at the University of California at Los Angeles, where he was Professor of Economics, Political Science, and Policy Studies, and Co-Director of the Jacob Marschak Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Mathematics in the Behavioral Sciences. In addition, he was a Senior Fellow at the Milken Institute in Santa Monica, a Senior Fellow of the Gorbachev Foundation of North America in Boston, a Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Science, and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He received his Ph.D. in Economics at MIT in 1963 and the same year joined the UCLA Department of Economics.

His research interests included econometrics, health economics, reform of the Russian economy, and strategy and arms control. Dr. Intriligator served on the Research Committee of the Institute for Economics and Peace and on the United States Institute for Peace International Network for Economics and Conflict. Intriligator was co-founder and co-editor of the Handbooks in Economics series with Kenneth Arrow, as well as editor of Advanced Textbooks in Economics; the Handbook of Econometrics; the Handbook of Mathematical Economics; and was on the editorial boards of Economic Directions, Defense and Peace Economics; and Conflict Management and Peace Science.

Mike was Vice-chair of EPS from 1996 until 2012, and a trustee of our organization from 2013 until his death. More than that, he was a beloved colleague, a huge inspiration, and an unflagging supporter and fundraiser for EPS.

Mike's interests were wide and varied: He loved to travel, he enjoyed meals with friends and family, and had a passion for classical music. He also seemed to know everyone. Whenever we needed an introduction, Mike would say that he had edited an article with someone, or met them at a conference recently. He is sorely missed among our staff and membership.

Intriligator also loved teaching and often went out of his way to support and mentor young economists. After his death, his family requested donations be made to EPS so that a fund could be established to support students who wish to build a career in peace economics.

We are proud to announce the Michael D. Intriligator Memorial Student Fund. This annual award will assist one promising graduate student in economics or a related field to attend our Annual International Conference on Economics and Security. The student will be invited to give a paper and be presented to the attendees in a plenary session. Travel expenses to the conference and registration fees will be covered.

The conference, which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary, addresses issues relating to peace and security broadly defined. We strive for a multi-disciplinary program comprising contributions with a wide range of theoretical and methodological approaches. Presenters at the conference are a mix of established professionals and graduate students. Part of our mission is to offer economists and up-and-coming economists an opportunity for presentation and publication; in this way we help to promote peace economics as an economic specialty.

We hope that you will join us in continuing to honor Michael D. Intriligator's legacy of dedication to the field of economics, the idea of peace, and the mentoring of the next generation, by donating to the Fund.

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<https://epsusa.z2systems.com/donation.jsp?campaign=5&>

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Twitter

<https://twitter.com/epsusa>

In Other News

CEOs Now Make 300 Times More Than Their Workers. This City Is Putting a Stop to That
By Chuck Collins for *Yes! Magazine*, April 7, 2017

With national policy likely to compound the income and wealth gap in the coming years, states and localities are fighting back.

Across the country, local jurisdictions aren't waiting for federal action or corporate governance reforms to close the wage gap. In December, for example, the city of Portland, Oregon, passed an ordinance to raise the business tax on companies with CEOs who earn more than 100 times the median pay of their workers. Portland officials said the ordinance is the first of its kind in the country. And now, more cities and states are poised to follow suit.

“The huge divide in income and wealth has real-world implications,” Steve Novick wrote last October in inequality.org. Novick sponsored the ordinance when he was on the Portland City Council. “Too many Americans cannot get a leg up,” he wrote. “Income inequality undermines the American dream.”

Read the full article here:

<http://www.yesmagazine.org/new-economy/ceos-now-make-300-times-more-than-their-workers-this-city-is-putting-a-stop-to-that-20170407>

Building a New Movement Against Militarism

By Phyllis Bennis and Stephen Miles for *The Nation*, April 12, 2017

Donald Trump bombed a Syrian government air base just a couple of weeks after releasing his budget plan for next year. The budget—with its call for a massive escalation in Pentagon spending, to be paid for with funds stolen from programs that fulfill urgent human needs—was met with outrage. But Trump’s illegal cruise-missile strike, ostensibly in response to a chemical-weapons attack on a Syrian town in Idlib Province, largely knocked the budget outrage off the agenda.

That’s a huge problem. As the saying goes, budgets are moral documents, and Trump showed us precisely where his morals lay when he unveiled his blueprint for federal spending. We must ask ourselves, what do our morals tell us, and how can we put those values into action?

With that mission in mind, a number of us gathered last month to discuss how we might jointly respond to Trump’s budget.

While the majority of us in the room were veterans of the US antiwar movement, our meeting was designed to break out of the silos that have isolated progressive activists and weakened our movements for far too long. As Daniel May recently noted in *The Nation*, a modern movement to challenge US militarism must recognize and operate from the understanding that we are all in this together, that opposing war is one component of the multifaceted movement for social justice. Thus we were joined in our discussions by key leaders of many of the social movements now rising—the Movement for Black Lives and mobilizations fighting for women’s and LGBTQ rights, environmental justice, anti-Islamophobia, economic equality, immigrant and refugee rights, and more.

Read the full article here:

<https://www.thenation.com/article/building-a-new-movement-against-militarism/>

Links

Mexico Peace Index 2017

The Institute for Economics and Peace, April 2017

According to the most authoritative research into Mexico’s peacefulness, the Mexico Peace Index, produced annually by the Institute for Economics and Peace, this was the first deterioration in peacefulness since the recovery from the war on drugs began in 2012. It is too early to determine whether the deterioration recorded forms the beginning of a new trend.

This deterioration is largely attributed to an 18% increase in homicides - 61% of which were the result of a deadly attack with a firearm. This is the second consecutive year that Mexico has seen an upward trend in the rate of homicides and the use of firearms. Despite this worrying increase, some promising positive figures portray the hard work that is being done across the country to maintain and improve peacefulness. Violent crime fell by 9% from 2015, with crimes related to organized crimes, such as extortion, reaching their lowest level in a decade as well as the number of people incarcerated without trial decreasing by 13%.

See the 2017 Index here:

<http://visionofhumanity.org/indexes/mexico-peace-index/>

An Open Letter from 1,470 Economists on Immigration

New American Economy, April 12, 2017

Dear Mr. President, Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Ryan, and Minority Leader Pelosi:

The undersigned economists represent a broad swath of political and economic views. Among us are Republicans and Democrats alike. Some of us favor free markets while others have championed for a larger role for government in the economy. But on some issues there is near universal agreement. One such issue concerns the broad economic benefit that immigrants to this country bring.

As Congress and the Administration prepare to revisit our immigration laws, we write to express our broad consensus that immigration is one of America's significant competitive advantages in the global economy. With the proper and necessary safeguards in place, immigration represents an opportunity rather than a threat to our economy and to American workers.

We view the benefits of immigration as myriad:

- Immigration brings entrepreneurs who start new businesses that hire American workers.
- Immigration brings young workers who help offset the large-scale retirement of baby boomers.
- Immigration brings diverse skill sets that keep our workforce flexible, help companies grow, and increase the productivity of American workers.
- Immigrants are far more likely to work in innovative, job-creating fields such as science, technology, engineering, and math that create life-improving products and drive economic growth.

Immigration undoubtedly has economic costs as well, particularly for Americans in certain industries and Americans with lower levels of educational attainment. But the benefits that immigration brings to society far outweigh their costs, and smart immigration policy could better maximize the benefits of immigration while reducing the costs.

We urge Congress to modernize our immigration system in a way that maximizes the opportunity immigration can bring, and reaffirms continuing the rich history of welcoming immigrants to the United States.

Read the full list of signers here:

<http://www.newamericaneconomy.org/feature/an-open-letter-from-1470-economists-on-immigration/>

Funding & Employment Opportunities

Senior Research Fellow

The Institute for Economics & Peace
Sydney, Australia

The Senior Research Fellow will be an experienced and senior expert with a track record of conducting quantitative research in the social sciences, development studies, statistics, economics, and peace and conflict studies. S/he will be able to lead new and ground-breaking thinking on conceptualizing frameworks and measurements for creating more peaceful societies. S/he will have strong understanding of current debates in development, peace and conflict studies, and in relevant international forums.

More information available here:

http://economicsandpeace.org/about/jobs-and-internships/?utm_content=bufferbd76e&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer

EPS Publications

The Economics of Peace and Security Journal, Volume 12, Number 1 (April 2017)

Organized by **Renaud Bellais**, his own article on the naval shipbuilding industry starts off a symposium on the European armaments industry. Bellais' article is followed by an article on the land armaments industry by **Adrien Caralp**. The military helicopter industry is examined by **Josselin Droff** while **Vasilis Zervos** looks at the outer space industry.

Finally, **Renaud Bellais and Daniel Fiott** discuss issues of disruptive innovation and market destabilization within the context of the European armaments industry. An article that collects global perspectives on the foregoing articles concludes the symposium. The perspectives were written by **Richard Bitzinger** (Singapore), **Aude Fleurant and Yannick Quean** (Sweden/France), **Keith**

Hartley (UK), Wiliam Hartung (US), and Stefan Markowski and Robert Wylie (Australia). The issue concludes with a stand-alone article by **Kjell Hausken and MthuliNcube** exploring how benefits provision by an office incumbent interacts with the probability of triggering and spreading a revolutionary uprising.

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

EPS Quarterly, Volume 28, Issue 4, December 2016

The Climate and The Military Issue

Climate change is not some future threat. It's here now. Flooding, drought, increased severity of storms, and melting ice caps are already impacting all life on our planet. It seems critically important that we extend the discussion of the appropriate use of our military to include the possible costs and consequences of climate change.

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- Sea Levels Rise and the US Military's Mission - Center for Climate and Security

Read the full issue here:

<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2016/dec16.pdf>

Action Corner

How to Join the Peoples Climate March and March for Science: Stand up for science and take part in a week of action April 22-29, 2017

Record-breaking global temperatures. Unprecedented attacks on government scientists. Growing risks to America's workers and communities. An administration that appears unwilling to accept—nevermind act on—well-established scientific facts.

Science, evidence, facts, and reason form the very foundation of a strong democracy—and they are under attack like never before.

Now is the time to stand up for science, justice, and our democracy itself.

The Peoples Climate March

Saturday, April 29 | Washington, DC

Organized by the Peoples Climate Movement and co-sponsored by Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), this march is mobilizing and uniting the voices of scientists, health workers, labor unions, environmental justice groups, and more.

Join UCS and thousands of other concerned people as we march on Washington for jobs, justice, and climate.

The March for Science

Saturday, April 22 | Washington, DC and locations across the US

The March for Science features hundreds of local events across the country and around the world, including a rally and teach-in on the National Mall in Washington, DC.

Join UCS as we rally in support of science and evidence-based policy making! We are also hosting a casual sign-making party in our office the night before the march. We will provide the craft materials, all you need to bring is an idea for a great sign. You can RSVP when you sign up to join the march. And if you don't live near DC, find one of the hundreds of satellite marches planned around the world.

The March for Science is a celebration of science. It's not about scientists or politicians—it is about the very real role that science plays in all of our lives and the essential role it must play in shaping decisions and policies that affect us all.

More information available here:

<http://www.ucsusa.org/center-for-science-and-democracy/empowering-citizens-and-scientists/how-join-peoples-climate-march>

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 Thea Harvey at theaharvey@epsusa.org.

Upcoming Events

April 20 - 23, 2017 Waging Peace AFC'S Summit for Peace and Justice will be held at the Sheraton Hotel Philadelphia, PA

More information available here:

<https://www.afsc.org/summit?emci=d30ef44b-45ed-e611-80c3-000d3a125750&emdi=307f9088-0df3-e611-80c3-000d3a125feb>

May 1 - 4, 2017 Governance and Democratic Practices in War-to-Peace Transitions (training course) will be held at The United States Institute of Peace in Washington, DC.

More information available here:

<https://www.usip.org/education-training/courses/governance-and-democratic-practices-war-peace-transitions>

June 22 -23, 2017 The 21st Annual Conference on Economics and Security will be held at the Royal Military Academy in Brussels, Belgium.

More information available here:

<http://www.defense-realms.com/call-papers-conference-economics-security-2017/>

June 25 - 29, 2017 The Western Economic Association International 92nd Annual Conference will be held at the Marriott Marquis & Marina, San Diego, California.

More information available here:

<http://www.weai.org/AC2017>

June 26 - 28, 2017 The Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference will be held at the University of Antwerp, Prinsstraat 13, Antwerpen, Belgium.

More information available here:

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

September 6 - 9, 2017 The European Consortium for Political Research 2017 General Conference will be held at the University of Oslo, Norway.

More information available here:

<https://ecpr.eu/Events/EventDetails.aspx?EventID=96>

September 18 - 19, 2017 Conflict Research Society Annual Conference 2017: Ending Violence in Turbulent Times: Exploring the Conflict, Peace and Violence Nexus will be hosted by the Changing Character of War programme at Pembroke College, University of Oxford.

More information available here:

<http://conflictresearchsociety.org/ourevents/crs-conference-oxford-2017/>

January 11 - 14, 2018 The Western Economic Association International, 14th Annual International Conference will be hosted by the Newcastle Business School, University of Newcastle, Australia.

More information available here:

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

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