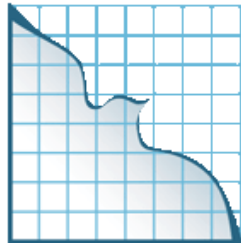


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EPS News

Happy 30th Birthday Economists for Peace & Security



On August 20th Economists For Peace & Security celebrated our 30th Birthday!! We've come a long way in those 30 years. If you'd like to give us a Birthday gift to help us celebrate this important milestone, please use the link below to our secure donation page.

We could not have made it this far without your help and support and for that the EPS team thanks you from the bottom of our hearts.

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Second Annual Summer School: War, Reconstruction and Establishment of Peace from the Roots of War to the Establishment of a Lasting Peace

September 18 - 22, 2017 Tirana, Albania

The European Center for Peace Science, Integration and Cooperation and the Catholic University "Our Lady of the Good Council" organize the Summer School "War, reconstruction and establishment of peace: from the roots of war to the establishment of a lasting peace", co-sponsored by EPS. The Summer School aims to provide an international group of students and graduates the scientific pillars on the roots of war, peace and peace building issues. In line with the tradition of the Science of Peace, the interdisciplinary program involves disciplines such as economics, political science, international relations and history. The Summer School has been designed for students and graduates with a strong interest in the Peace Study and who are willing to pursue advanced university studies or future professionals in the field of international relations and peace building. In order to foster a fruitful and open dialogue with teachers, a small group of students will be selected.

[More information available here](#)

In case you missed it: Recent EPS Events

Seminar on Transatlantic Defense Partnership

The seminar will take place on Wednesday June 21st in Brussels, from 10:30am to 4:30pm at the Royal Military Academy (Brussels) and is organized by the Royal Military Academy and Economists for Peace and Security, with the support of Airbus. This seminar aims at nurturing transatlantic dialogue by crossing American and European perspectives to identify

stakes, challenges and opportunities after the elections in major NATO countries in 2016 and 2017.

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 (Vrije Universiteit 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 future developments.

[More information available here](#)

Michael D. Intriligator Memorial Student Fund

Honoring a Lifetime of Service

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.

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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In Other News

US Antitrust and Competition Policy Amid the New Merger Wave

By John E. Kwoka for *Washington Center for Equitable Growth*, July 27, 2017

Over the past 20 years, major sectors of the US economy have undergone sweeping consolidation, from airlines to brewing, cable television to drug companies, eyeglasses to finance, and grocery stores to hospitals to industrial chemicals –nearly the entire alphabet of industries in the United States. In many cases, this consolidation has reduced the number

of significant competitors in these industries to only three or four, prompting concerns about diminished competition, higher prices, and a range of other harms to the US economy and society. Highlighting these concerns the Obama administration, last year, issued an unprecedented executive order that instructed agencies to ensure that competition plays a role in their policy actions. Backing up that executive order was an issue brief from the White House Council of Economic Advisers, or CEA, titled “Benefits of Competition and Indicators of Market Power”—a title whose significance was lost on no one.

[Read the full brief here](#)

New Study Shows What We Already Learned the Hard Way: Stop Overfunding The Military

By Nick Turse, *Alternet*, August 10, 2017

Since World War II... neither preventing nor winning wars have been among America’s strong suits. The nation has instead been embroiled in serial conflicts and interventions in which victories have been remarkably scarce, a trend that has only accelerated in the post-9/11 era. From Afghanistan to Iraq, Somalia to the Philippines, Libya to Yemen, military investments -- in lives and tax dollars -- have been costly and enduring victories essentially nonexistent.

[Read the full article here](#)

Links

Cyber Spending Database

Taxpayers for Common Sense

Taxpayers for Common Sense has created a comprehensive Cyber Spending database to show how much money the federal government is spending on cyber programs across all agencies - which, in addition to being complex and dynamic, are inherently at risk today, in the age of the hack.

It’s especially important to ask where the taxpayer’s money is going. Until now, there hasn’t been an easy way to track this information. Furthermore, the fragmented nature of cyber security programs means there is no central authority for tracking amounts or efficiencies of spending. Unlike most other types of government spending -- except intelligence and, perhaps, homeland security - cyber spending isn’t easily tracked or fully documented.

[Find out more about The International Inequalities Institute here](#)

Terrorism for Profit

Transcend Media Service, August 14, 2017

The necessity for fundamental change in humanity’s global organization is not only profound, but urgent.

Trump’s latest outburst about North Korea’s nukes – threatening that country “with fire, fury, and frankly power the likes of which the world has never seen before” – creates a comic book Armageddon scenario in the media, except, of course, his power to launch a nuclear war on impulse is real.

[Read the full post here](#)

Book Review

Fossil Capital: The Rise of Steam Power and the Roots of Global Warming by Andreas Malm

By The London School of Economics and Political Science, July 7, 2017

In this bold, original and provocative book, Andreas Malm offers a radical reinterpretation of the origins of the steam age as means to challenge conventional analyses of global warming. He aims to develop a Marxist account of climate change that emphasises the link between carbon-centric development and capitalist accumulation. He proffers the concept ‘Capitalocene’ to replace ‘the Anthropocene’ in a challenge to the idea that the build-up of carbon in the atmosphere is a long-term process reflecting a universal trait of the human species. The underlying claim is that capitalist social relations produced the steam age and global warming, and that they will prevent the emergence of the large-scale collective efforts essential to the successful application of renewable energy. Understanding the origins of the steam age, then, is crucial to understanding the way that socio-economic processes are welded to distinctive forms of energy use.

[Read the full review here](#)

Funding & Employment Opportunities

Assistant Professor in Global Studies: Conflict and Violence

University of California, Santa Barbara

The Department of Global Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara seeks to appoint a tenure-track assistant professor whose work focuses on issues of global conflict and violence, beginning July 1, 2018. Apply by November 1, 2017 for primary consideration.

[Full listing available here](#)

EPS Publications

EPS Quarterly, Volume 29, Issue 2, July 2017

The "Policy Challenges for the New US President" Issue

This issue is comprised of edited transcripts from a session organized by EPS at the 2017 ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings, held in Chicago, Illinois in January 2017.

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

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.

EPS members receive a 50% discount on the annual subscription to the Economics of Peace and Security Journal. A regular one-year subscription is \$50; for EPS members, it's only \$25!

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Action Corner

We Oppose Military Action with North Korea

Tensions between the US and North Korea are reaching new heights, and the possibility for military conflict is growing. The US continues to avoid direct dialogue with North Korea, instead favoring sanctions and a strong-arm approach to bring North Korea to the table. At the same time, North Korea continues to progress its nuclear and missile capabilities. One small misstep by either side could ignite, in the words of General Joseph Dunford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, “a loss of life unlike any we have experienced in our lifetimes.”

Join us, Contact Congress and the Trump administration and urge them to pursue diplomacy, not war, with North Korea.

[Find out how to take action on this issue here](#)

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.

[Learn more about Global Solutions PAC here](#)

[To access the email addresses, phone and fax numbers, or websites of your elected officials in Congress, enter your zip code here](#)

Upcoming Events

- **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](#)

- **October 19 - 20, 2017 Festival for New Economic Thinking** will be hosted at the Edinburgh Corn Exchange, Scotland. EPS will have an informational booth and host a panel on Peace Economics during the festival.

[More information available here](#)

- **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](#)

- **January 17 - 19, 2018 Fourteenth International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic & Social Sustainability** will be hosted by The Cairns Institute, James Cook University, Cairns, Australia

[More information available here](#)

- [June 27 - 29, 2018 22nd Annual Conference on Economics and Security](#) will be held at the Middle East Technical University, Northern Cyprus Campus in Kalkanlı.

[Contact conference organizers for call for paper details here](#)

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