

# NewsNotes

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## EPS News



cordially invites you  
to join us  
in honoring

***James K. Galbraith***

Saturday, January 6, 2018

Reception at 6:30pm

Dinner at 7:30pm

Marriott Philadelphia Downtown

**Host committee:**

Michael Bernstein

Luiz Carlos Bresser-Pereira

Eugenia Correa

Gary Dymski

Jan Kregel

Mariana Mazzucato

Aleksandr Nekipelov

Richard Parker

Robert Reich

Jeffrey Sachs

Anwar Shaikh

Joseph Stiglitz

Lawrence Summers

Yanis Varoufakis

[More information available here](#)

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### **EPS at The ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings**

January 5 - 7, 2018 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

EPS will be organizing two panel sessions as well as hosting our annual dinner at this years ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings.

***Panel Sessions:***

**Are Trump Administration Policies Improving International Security?**

Saturday, January 6, 2018 12:30 - 2:15 pm

Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Meeting Room 306

Chair: Richard Kaufman

- Linda Bilmes, Harvard University  
*US Security budget*
- Jennifer Olmsted, Drew University  
*Immigration*
- Sam Perlo-Freeman, World Peace Foundation  
*Transatlantic relationships*
- David Firestein, East West Institute  
*Transpacific relationships*

**Are Trump Administration Policies Improving Domestic Security?**

Sunday, January 7, 2018 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Independence Ballroom I

Chair: Stephanie Kelton, State University of New York-Stony Brook

- James Galbraith, University of Texas at Austin  
*Growth/Secular stagnation*
- William A. Darity, Duke University  
*Racial and Ethnic Inequality*
- Pavlina Tcherneva, Bard College  
*Job Security*
- Teresa Ghilarducci, The New School for Social Research  
*Retirement Security*

[More Information as it becomes available can be found here](#)

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### The 22nd Annual International Conference on Economics and Security

The 22nd annual international conference on economics and security will be held at the Middle East Technical University, Northern Cyprus Campus in Kalkanlı.

This Conference is organized by Ali Cevat Taşırın (Middle East Technical University NCC), and Paul Dunne (University of Cape Town).

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

Offers of papers on related topics are also welcome.

**Abstracts** (up to 300 words) should be submitted before **April 1, 2018** to be considered for the conference.

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the conference organizers at:**

[nccices@metu.edu.tr](mailto:nccices@metu.edu.tr)

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### In Case You Missed It



**EPS Symposium, co-sponsored by the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the  
University of Texas at Austin:  
*At the Turning Point: Economics, Security, and American Politics***

With keynote address

**Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT)**

and special remarks from  
Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA)

November 13, 2017  
The Partnership for Public Service Building  
Washington, DC

Economists for Peace and Security held its 10th annual policy Symposium in Washington DC on November 13, 2017, to discuss economics, and American politics as well as the economic dimensions of current critical security issues. The program featured three panels of senior specialists who presented the elements of a program to address the most fundamental issues animating American political discourse.

Welcoming Remarks: Stephanie Kelton and James K. Galbraith

Panel One - Mideast and Russia - Changing Security Environment

Special Remarks:  
Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA)

Panel Two - Growth, Jobs, and the Next Crisis

Keynote:  
Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT)

Panel Three: Future of Healthcare: Medicare for All?

[Video is available here](#)

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

We are now accepting nominations for the 2018 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

### **Department of Labor Proposes Owners Be Allowed to Steal Tips**

By Heidi Shierholz, David Cooper, Julia Wolfe, and Ben Zipperer, December 12, 2017 for The Economic Policy Institute

On December 5, the Trump administration took its first major step toward allowing employers to legally pocket the tips earned by the workers they employ. The Department of Labor (DOL) released a proposed rule that would allow restaurants to take the tips that servers earn and share them with untipped employees such as cooks and dishwashers. But, crucially, the rule doesn't actually *require* that employers distribute "pooled" tips to workers. Under the administration's proposed rule, as long as tipped workers earn minimum wage, *employers could legally pocket those tips*.

[Read the full article here](#)

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### **Why Trump's Tax Plan Spells Disaster for The Environment**

By Erich Pica for *AlterNet*, December 6, 2017

For all of the terrible elements in the Republicans' new tax plan—the extreme giveaways to the rich, tax increases for the middle class, major breaks for corporations that pollute our air and water—the reality is that this isn't a plan to reform the tax code. This is a plan to end government as we know it.

[Read the full article here](#)

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## Call for papers

18th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference that will be held at the University of Verona, Italy, on 18th - 20th June 2018.

The Jan Tinbergen Conference is interdisciplinary. Presentations are welcomed that address any issue relating to peace and security broadly defined. As in the past, 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 January 31, 2018 will be considered for the conference.

[More information available here](#)

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## Links

### **Interactive Map: The Vulnerability of America's Military Bases to Climate Change**

by Sierra Hicks and Esther Babson, December 12, 2017 for The American Security Project

The capability of the United States military to protect the United States and advance its interests rests on its ability to respond quickly to any crisis at home or abroad. Climate change will impact the national security of the United States in a myriad of ways and will profoundly impact the ability of the Department of Defense to ensure military readiness. At the installation level, physical changes to the environment will impact the military's infrastructure, including bases, training fields, and airstrips.

[See the interactive map here](#)

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## Book Review

### **Private Government: How Employers Rule our Lives (and Why We Don't Talk about It)** by Elizabeth Anderson

By The London School of Economics and Political Science, December 4, 2017

In *Private Government: How Employers Rule Our Lives (and Why We Don't Talk about It)*, a version of her 2015 Tanner Lectures, Elizabeth Anderson argues that modern workplaces are coercive and hierarchical institutions, a fact that is camouflaged by the facades of market freedom and contractual equality. By privileging the free market, current policy and discourse occlude the actual nature of work, leaving us without a language to articulate the problems it presents. Instead, Anderson urges us to see capitalist firms as arbitrary governments, antithetical to our moral commitments to freedom and equality.

[Read the full review here](#)

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## Funding & Employment Opportunities

### **Deputy Director**

Institute for Policy Studies, Washington DC

The Institute for Policy Studies is the nation's oldest and largest multi-issue think tank promoting progressive thought.

The Institute for Policy Studies is strengthened by the diversity of our community and our differences in background, culture, experience, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, and much more. We strongly encourage applications from people of color, women, the LGBTQIA community, and other groups that have historically been subject to discrimination.

[Full listing available here](#)

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## EPS Publications

### EPS Quarterly, Volume 29, Issue 3, September 2017

*Transatlantic Defense Partnership at Stake?*

This issue consists of edited transcripts of an event held Wednesday June 21, 2017 at the Royal Military Academy in Brussels, Belgium.

The conference sought to address pressing alliance issues, and answer some of the following questions:

While NATO has regularly reaffirmed the need to increase military spending to contribute to the Alliance's security, most countries face several budgetary constraints. Moreover political choices to come will be influenced by deep transformations in the political landscape on both shores of the Atlantic (Trump administration, general elections in France, the Netherlands, Germany...).

The end of ISAF posed a challenge for the future of NATO, since the alliance has to look for renewed goals and a reinforced pact of collective security. Despite several threats, notably from terrorist organizations, and a rising Russian power, it appears difficult to overcome tensions inside NATO that are amplified by a new political environment.

On which ground can we expect to reignite the transatlantic defense partnership? What can be the missions for NATO and other transatlantic initiatives after Afghanistan? How to increase the effectiveness of military spending while keeping fiscal pressure under control? The conference was co-hosted by EPS, the Royal Military Academy, and the Free University of Brussels. It was made possible by the support of Airbus.

[Read the full issue here](#)

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### The Economics of Peace and Security Journal, Volume 12, Number 2 (October 2017)

This issue contains five articles first presented at the Allied Social Sciences Association annual meetings in Chicago, IL, in January 2017 as part of a roundtable discussion on research and teaching in peace economics, organized by Economists for Peace and Security (USA). **Shikha Silwal** address the conjunction of peace and development economics, using the topic of migration as one of her special examples. **Charles H. Anderton** speaks briefly about Walter Isard, an early and prominent proponent of peace economics, before delving into bargaining theory as a theoretical underpinning to explain both war and peace. **Raul Caruso** addresses peace economics and peaceful economic policies in light of the classic work of Kenneth Boulding. **J. Paul Dunne** develops an extensive essay on what peace economists have learned over the past 25 years or so, especially in regard to economic development issues. And **Raymond Gilpin**, while acknowledging the progress peace economics has made since Boulding and Isard, nonetheless challenges it to become more attuned to current issues and to become more applied and practical.

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

### As a Person Concerned About Inequality if You Would Like to Tell Your Member of Congress to Vote No on the New Tax Bill

Daily Kos

Republicans are touting their tax plan as a tax cut for the middle-class but the facts tell a different story. Their bill would result in massive tax breaks for the wealthy and corporations at the expense of the low- and middle- income families.

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

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### 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](#)

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## Upcoming Events

- **January 5 - 7, 2018** The 2018 ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

[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](#)

- **January 22 - 23, 2018 Venture Peace Building Symposium** will be held at The American University School of International Service in Washington DC.

[More information available here](#)

- **June 18 - 20, 2018 18th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference** will be held at the University of Verona, Verona, Italy.

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

- **June 26 - 30, 2018 93rd Annual Conference of the Western Economic Association International** will be held at the Sheraton Wall Centre, Vancouver British Columbia, Canada.

[More information available here](#)

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

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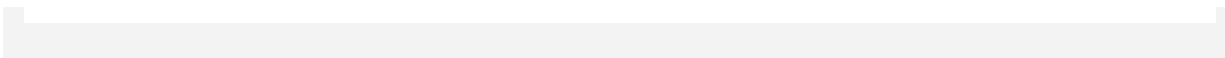
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