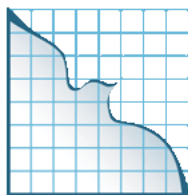


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EPS News

Call for Papers - 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 Ca

Organizers welcome contributions from economists, political scientists and others from around the world to share ideas and discuss the future developmei

Abstracts (up to 300 words) should be submitted before April 1, 2017 to be considered for the conference.

For further information or to submit a paper or panel proposal, contact:

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In Other News

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said that Europe must not cave in to US demands to raise military spending, arguing that devel

US President Donald Trump has raised questions about his commitment to the NATO defense alliance if European countries do not raise defense spending to 2 percent of alliance funds.

US Defense Secretary Jim Mattis warned North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies on Wednesday that they must honor military spending pledges to make sure "It has been the American message for many, many years. I am very much against letting ourselves be pushed into this," Juncker said in a speech on the sidelines of the summit.

Read the full Reuters article here:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-nato-defence-eu-idUSKBN15V31F>

Links

DAPL Doesn't Make Economic Sense

By Mark Paul for Dollars & Sense, February, 2017

Last week, Donald Trump signed an executive order to advance approval of the Keystone and Dakota Access oil pipelines. This should come as no surprise, given the deniers, ranging from the negligent choice of Rick Perry as energy secretary to Scott Pruitt as the new head of the Environmental Protection Agency. Pruitt's "disagree" on humans role in climate change may very well take the "Protection" out of the EPA, despite a majority of Americans—including a majority of Democrats—strengthened.

As environmental economists, my colleague Anders Fremstad and I were concerned. We crunched the numbers on the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). The pipeline through the pipeline will impose a \$4.6 billion burden on current and future generations.

First and foremost, the debate about DAPL should be about tribal rights and the right to clean water. Under the Obama administration, that seemed to be an unprecedented gathering of more than a hundred tribes, Obama did indeed halt the DAPL, if only for a time. Under Trump and his crony capitalism mentality, profits over tribal rights. Following Trump's Executive Order to advance the pipeline, the Army Corps of Engineers has been ordered to approve the final environmental impact statement. The Standing Rock Sioux have vowed to take legal action against the decision.

Read the full article here:

<http://www.dollarsandsense.org/archives/2017/0217paul.html>

Call for papers: Political, Economic, Social, and Legal Aspects of Hosting Migrants and Refugees

By the end of 2014, over 59 million people had been forcibly displaced, the highest number since World War II. This increase is in particular a result of the recent decades. Syrian refugees have mostly fled to neighboring countries, with Turkey hosting the largest number (currently about 2.7 million), but the conflict in the European Union.

This workshop brings together early career researchers from the UK and Turkey working on different aspects of migration and refugee flows, such as:

- the reasons for migration
- the choice of destination
- the political and economic rights of refugees/migrants
- public opinion towards refugees
- the consequences of hosting refugees for the political, economic, and social stability and development of the host countries.

The workshop will combine early career and experienced researchers as well as practitioners (non-profit NGOs and government officials), and encourage a

More information available here:

<http://www.europeanpeacescientists.org/Call%20for%20Papers%20-%202017th%20Jan%20Tinbergen%20European%20Peace%20Science%20Conference.pdf>

Funding & Employment Opportunities

Student Associate, The Project on Managing the Atom (MTA)

Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Massachusetts

The Project on Managing the Atom (MTA) at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government seeks Student Associates for the Summer of 2017. These internship students will meet experts in nuclear policy, attend lectures and seminars, and assist MTA project faculty, staff, and fellows with their research. MTA will provide a paid internship.

The MTA project conducts and disseminates policy-relevant research on a variety of topics:

Reducing the risk of nuclear and radiological terrorism

Stopping the spread of nuclear weapons

Reducing the dangers of existing nuclear stockpiles

Lowering the barriers to the safe, secure, and peaceful use of nuclear energy

The project supports an international group of pre- and post-doctoral fellows and other experts working on these issues.

More Information available here:

[http://www.belfercenter.org/project/managing-atom?
utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=MTA%20Internships%20\(1\)&utm_content=fsMailingID=16579120&spUserID=MTI2ODM2M](http://www.belfercenter.org/project/managing-atom?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=MTA%20Internships%20(1)&utm_content=fsMailingID=16579120&spUserID=MTI2ODM2M)

Executive Director, Center for International Policy

Washington, DC

CIP seeks an Executive Director ("ED") who is prepared to join the fight, to shape and recruit programs and build a new American peace and security mov new ED who will carry on and strengthen CIP's mission to promote cooperation, transparency and accountability in global relations. CIP is searching for a new directions in response to today's unique foreign policy challenges. Dedication to the mission is critical and equally important is a fighter who is unafra

More Information available here:

http://www.ciponline.org/images/uploads/press/CIP_ED_Position_Profile_%281%29.pdf

EPS Publications

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 or discussion of the appropriate use of our military to include the possible costs and consequences of climate change.

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- The US Military on the Front Lines of Rising Seas - Erika Spanger-Siegfried, Kristina Dahl, Astrid Caldas, Shana Udvardy
- 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>

The Economics of Peace and Security Journal, Volume 11, Number 2 (2016)

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) has long been researchers' primary source for countries' military expenditure data. For the m onward. Now, SIPRI is releasing revised and backdated data for, in most cases, 1960 onward. The articles in this issue of EPSJ examine the new data and u "old" SIPRI data. By way of introduction, the lead article by Sam Perlo-Freeman and Elisabeth Sköns, the previous and current leaders of SIPRI's military ex expenditure data construction. Gulay Gunluk-Senesen compares the "old" and "new" SIPRI data for the cases of Greece and Turkey. So does Eftychia Nikola emphasis on reexamining the nexus between military expenditure and economic growth, especially in light of the post-2008 global financial and EU-debt c the scope to study the EU15 countries, focusing on growth, investment, and military expenditure. Julien Malizard also studies the EU15, focusing on milita and Binyam Solomon broaden the scope even further, to eleven Middle Power countries. Finally, J. Paul Dunne and Nan Tian include nearly 100 countries in expenditure and economic growth with the "old" and "new" SIPRI data.

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EPS Quarterly, Volume 28, Issue 3, September 2016
The "Crisis of Austerity" Issue

This issue is comprised of edited transcripts from a panel session held during the Allied Social Sciences Associations meetings in San Francisco, CA, January

Panel

Chair: Marshall Auerback

Patrick Honohan
Jeffrey Sommers
James K. Galbraith

Read the full issue here:

<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2016/september%2016/sep16.pdf>

Action Corner

Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017

On February 24, Congressman Ted W. Lieu (D-Cal.) and Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Ma.) introduced H.R. 669 and S. 200, the Restricting First Use of Nuclear

The legislation is intended to prohibit a first-use nuclear strike without a declaration of war by Congress. The United States is a democracy, yet our nuclear President can simply launch a nuclear weapon on a whim. No one can stop him. Not even Congress or the Supreme Court.

The bills intended purpose is to reduce the risk of intentional or accidental unilateral action. No one person, regardless of who it is, should have the sole

As the text of H.R. 669 states, this legislation is necessary because:

Nuclear weapons are uniquely powerful weapons that have the capability to instantly kill millions of people, create long-term health and environmental consequences, and put the United States at existential risk from retaliatory nuclear strikes.

If you would like to support this bill, please phone your senators. You can find their direct numbers here <https://www.senate.gov/senators/contact/>

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Upcoming Events

February 23 - 27, 2017 The 43rd Annual Eastern Economics Association Conference will be held in New York, New York at the Sheraton Times Square Hotel

More information available here:

<https://www.qu.edu/eea/conferences/>

March 27 - 31, 2017 Trust, Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation Training Program will be run by the Institute for Conflict, Cooperation and Conflict Resolution

More information available here:

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/centres/iccs/training/index.aspx>

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-e611-80c3-000d3a125750>

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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 & Washington City Center

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, Antwerp

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

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 Confli Changing Characet of War programme at Pembroke College, University of Oxford.

More information available here:

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

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