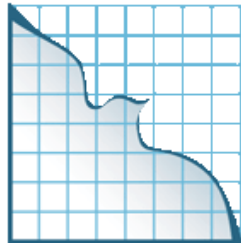


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EPS News

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.

More information available here:

<http://www.rma.ac.be/deml/seminar21jun17/>

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:

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

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.

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In Other News

US Senate Narrowly Approves 500 Million Dollar Saudi Weapons Sale

By William Roberts for *Al Jazeera* June 14, 2017

The US Senate on Tuesday narrowly averted a bid by a bipartisan group of senators to block President Donald Trump's \$500m sale of guided, air-to-ground bombs for use in Yemen by Saudi Arabia's Royal Air Force. _____

Read the full article here:

http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/06/senate-narrowly-approves-500m-saudi-weapons-sale-170613220851926.html?utm_source=In+Case+You+Missed+It&utm_campaign=00ab113fe7-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_06_14&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_46caece17e-00ab113fe7-242942701

Is Growing Inequality Hurting Our Economies?

By Salvatore Morelli for *Washington Center for Equitable Growth*, June 7, 2017

As more and more reliable data became available to researchers, the subject has fallen again under active empirical scrutiny. In fact, a growing body of empirical evidence is now suggesting that the idea that a fairer distribution of economic resources damages economic growth is clearly not supported by the available data.

Read the full article here:

<http://equitablegrowth.org/research-analysis/is-growing-inequality-hurting-our-economies/>

Links

Global Peace Index 2017

By The Institute for Economics and Peace June 2017

Latest research finds surprising positive trends amidst an increasingly divided and complex world. _____

Read the 2017 GPI here:

<http://visionofhumanity.org/app/uploads/2017/06/GPI-2017-Report-L.pdf>

Trump's Reneging on Paris Climate Deal Turns the US into a Rogue State

By Joseph E. Stiglitz for *The Guardian*, June 2, 2017

Donald Trump has thrown a hand grenade into the global economic architecture that was so painstakingly constructed in the years after the end of the second world war. The attempted destruction of this rules-based system of global governance - now manifested in Trump's withdrawal of the United States from the 2015 Paris climate agreement - is just the latest aspect of the US president's assault on our basic system of values and institutions.

Read full op-ed here:

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2017/jun/02/paris-climate-deal-to-trumps-rogue-america>

Book Review

Doughnut Economics by Kate Raworth review - forget growth, think survival

By Richard Toye for *The Guardian*, June 8, 2017

We may be far from rational in our individual economic behaviours, yet - she appears to say - if only the problem is framed in the right way, the population can potentially be induced to support the sustainable and fulfilling human goals from which mainstream economics has led us so cruelly astray.

How is this to be done? Enter the doughnut - a sort of miracle diagram that is apparently going to change the world. The inner ring represents the "social foundation", the situation in which everyone on the planet has sufficient food and social security. The outer ring represents the "ecological ceiling", beyond which excess consumption degrades the environment beyond repair. The aim is to get humanity into the area between the rings, where everyone has enough but not too much - or, as Raworth calls it, "the doughnut's safe and just space".

Read the full review here:

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/books/reviews-new-and-noteworthy-4-may-2017#survey-answer>

Funding & Employment Opportunities

Post-Doctoral Scholar: Washington Center for Equitable Growth

Washington, DC

This new two-year Post-Doctoral Scholar position is a unique opportunity to conduct academic research in a policy-focused environment. We are looking for a scholar with expertise in economic inequality, growth, public finance, taxation, industrial organization, macroeconomics, or racial and gender inequality. The successful candidate will divide time equally between pursuing their own academic research interests in areas related to our mission and supporting our academic grants program and related activities.

Full listing available here:

<http://equitablegrowth.org/jobs/post-doctoral-scholar/>

Senior Researcher, Nuclear Weapon Issues: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

Stockholm, Sweden

SIPRI is an independent international institute whose core mission is to undertake research and activities on security, conflict and peace. Established in 1966, SIPRI provides data, analysis and recommendations, based on open sources, to policymakers, researchers, media and the interested public. SIPRI provides excellent opportunities for scientific and personal development, and is an equal opportunity employer.

SIPRI's research agenda has long focused on the risks and dangers posed by nuclear weapons and ways to reduce them. The Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-proliferation Programme's work encompasses a broad range of topics related to the legal, political and technical aspects of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation. Another core research component is monitoring developments in nuclear forces and doctrines.

Full listing available here:

<https://www.sipri.org/about/vacancies/senior-researcher-nuclear-weapon-issues>

EPS Publications

EPS Quarterly, Volume 29, Issue 1, April 2017

The "Policy Challenges for the New US President" Issue

This issue is comprised of edited transcripts from our latest EPS Symposium: Policy Challenges for the New US President, held in Washington DC, November 2016.

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Read the full issue here:

<http://www.epsusa.org/publications/newsletter/2017/april17/april17.pdf>

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

Academia United On Climate Change

Global climate change presents a grave threat to humanity and the ecosystems we depend on. Overwhelming scientific evidence indicates that increases in greenhouse gas levels must be reversed in order to avoid catastrophic and irreversible change. The Paris Agreement, signed by 195 nations, represents the only unified global effort to address this challenge. Despite the scientific evidence and popular support for global cooperation, the United States government has indicated that it will withdraw from the Paris Agreement. Therefore, US leadership must come from state and local governments, businesses, and other groups uniting and organizing to meet the greatest challenge of our time. Colleges and universities, tasked with advancing scientific knowledge, developing innovative technologies, and educating leaders of the future, must play a central role. Focused research and education are essential for avoiding climate change, and can transform enormous challenges into innovation, growth, and prosperity. Many institutions are already taking action, but the impact of our efforts will be much greater if we are united.

We, the undersigned faculty, students, and staff of US colleges and universities, urge the leaders of our institutions to develop a unified, national academic climate initiative that includes:

- (1) working with states, cities, and businesses to lead the U.S. effort to fight climate change;
- (2) agreeing on local measures for our campuses that reflect Paris Agreement guidelines;
- (3) coordinating and strengthening science, technology, and education on climate change;
- (4) informing the public about climate change science, impacts, and potential solutions.

Find out how to sign here:

<http://academiaunited.org/>

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/>

Upcoming Events

- **June 21, 2017** The Seminar on Transatlantic Defense Partnership organized by the Royal Military Academy, EPS and Airbus will be hosted by the Royal Military Academy in Brussels, Belgium.

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More information available here:

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

- **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, Antwerp, Belgium.

More information available here:

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

- **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 Charachet of War programme at Pembroke College, University of Oxford.

More information available here:

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

- **October 19 - 20, 2017** Festival for New Economic Thinking will be hosted at the Edinburgh Corn Exchange, Scotland.

More information available here:

<https://www.ineteconomics.org/events/fnet>

- **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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