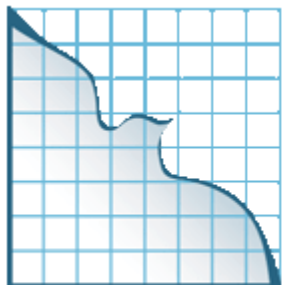


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## EPS News

### 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/>

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### 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/>

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## 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

### **Seeing the light: How India is embracing solar power**

By Padraig Belton for *BBC News*, May 9, 2017

India unveiled the world's biggest solar farm earlier this year and has quadrupled its solar capacity in the last three years, bringing electricity to millions of off-grid households. But what are the innovations that could see solar replacing fossil fuels completely?

**Read the full article here:**

[http://www.bbc.com/news/business-39844446?utm\\_source=In+Case+You+Missed+It&utm\\_campaign=aa5451c4fa-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2017\\_05\\_09&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_46caece17e-aa5451c4fa-242942701](http://www.bbc.com/news/business-39844446?utm_source=In+Case+You+Missed+It&utm_campaign=aa5451c4fa-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_05_09&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_46caece17e-aa5451c4fa-242942701)

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## Life expectancy gap between rich and poor US regions is 'more than 20 years'

By Richard Luscombe for *The Guardian*, May 8, 2017

Your average life expectancy now varies by more than 20 years depending on where you live in the United States, according to an in-depth study by the University of Washington.

The researchers found that while residents of certain affluent counties in central Colorado had the highest life expectancy at 87 years, people in several counties of North and South Dakota, typically those with Native American reservations, could expect to die far younger, at only 66.

**Read the full article here:**

<https://www.theguardian.com/inequality/2017/may/08/life-expectancy-gap-rich-poor-us-regions-more-than-20-years>

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## Links

### Know The Score

*Peace Action*

Use Peace Action's online tool to see how your members of Congress voted on peace issues.

**Access the online tool here:**

<http://thescore.peaceactionwest.org/>

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## The US Way of War Is a Budget-Breaker: Never Has a Society Spent More for Less

By William Hartung for TomDispatch, May 9, 2017

In this century of nonstop military conflict, the American public has never fully confronted the immense costs of the wars being waged in its name. The human costs -- including an estimated 370,000 deaths, more than half of them civilians, and the millions who have been uprooted from their homes and sent into flight, often across national borders -- are surely the most devastating consequences of these conflicts. But the economic costs of our recent wars should not be ignored, both because they are so massive in their own right and because of the many peaceable opportunities foregone to pay for them.

**Read full op-ed here:**

<http://www.truth-out.org/opinion/item/40517-the-us-way-of-war-is-a-budget-breaker-never-has-a-society-spent-more-for-less>

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## Book Review

### Buddhist Economics: An Enlightened Approach to the Dismal Science

By Clair Brown, Ph. D

"This is an important contribution not only to a new understanding of the discipline of economics, it is also a strikingly imaginative attempt at using the remarkable insights of Buddha from more than 2,000 years ago to serve as a powerful critique of what economists today take for granted as their predominant task. There is certainly need for much rethinking in economics, and Clair Brown has given us a very promising line of re-examination that would, if successfully implemented, make a very significant difference."

-Amartya Sen, Nobel Laureate in Economics, 1998 and Author Development as Freedom

**Read *Time Higher Education's* full review here:**

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

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## Funding & Employment Opportunities

### Macroeconomist: Congressional Budget Office

Washington, DC

The division's portfolio of analysis covers a wide range of issues, including these over the past several years: the effects of federal investment on private-sector productivity, the effects of immigration reform on the economy, the effects of changes in the global economy and international trade, and the economic effects of health care reform. The position involves analyzing similar issues, writing CBO reports describing the analyses, and carrying out original economic research.

**Full listing available here:**

<https://chp.tbe.taleo.net/chp03/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=CONGRESSIONALBUDGET&cws=1&rid=342>

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## Peace Action Scoville Fellowship

Silver Spring, Maryland

The Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship, established in 1987, is a competitive national fellowship program that provides college graduates with the opportunity to gain a Washington perspective on key issues of peace and security. Twice yearly, the Fellowship's Board of Directors selects a group of outstanding individuals to spend six to nine months in Washington. Supported by a stipend, the Fellows serve as full-time junior staff members at the participating organization of their choice. The program also arranges meetings for the Fellows with policy experts. Many former Scoville Fellows have gone on to pursue graduate degrees in international relations and related fields and taken prominent positions in the field of peace and security with public-interest organizations, the Federal Government, and in academia. To date, 120 Fellowships have been awarded.

**Full listing available here:**

<http://scoville.org/apply/>

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## 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>

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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

### Stop the Sale of Lethal Weapons to Human Rights Abusers

The United States is responsible for the production and sale of more deadly weapons and military tools than any other country in the world.

During the Obama administration, there were limits to which countries the United States would arm. Now, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson is taking those buffers away. Last month he lifted all human rights preconditions on a major sale of fighter jets and other lethal weapons to Bahrain.

Congress has the power to stop this. Section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act says that Congress has the power and authority to pass legislation to block or modify an arms sale at any time up until the weapons are delivered into foreign hands. It can block the sale that Tillerson is trying to broker right now with Bahrain and pass laws that condition our future arms sales so that we never sell weapons to human rights abusers again.

**Support this action here:**

[https://act.credoaction.com/sign/no\\_arms\\_sales?t=1&akid=22851.6938327.bnLhvp](https://act.credoaction.com/sign/no_arms_sales?t=1&akid=22851.6938327.bnLhvp)

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

**More information available here:**

<http://conflictresearchsociety.org/ouevents/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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