



The [International Peace Bureau](#) is dedicated to the vision of a World Without War. Our current main programme centres on [Disarmament for Sustainable Development](#) and within this, our focus is mainly on the [reallocation of military expenditure](#).

### **IPB ACTIVITIES**



January 20, 2015. Paul Lansu writes: In the past six years, Gaza has suffered three consecutive wars, thousands of people have been killed, hundreds of thousands are wounded, and the people live in an aftermath of destruction and despair. The Palestinian expression "Go to Gaza" means "Go to hell!"...[Read More](#)

### [Rome Summit Final Declaration](#)

In the magnificent, Michelangelo-designed plaza in Rome's famed Campodoglio palace, the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates convened. What could be more clearly in line with IPB policies than this language: *"Militarism has cost the world over 1.7 trillion dollars this past year. It deprives the poor of urgently needed resources for development and protection of the earth's ecosystem and adds to the likelihood of war with all its attendant suffering"*.

[A comparative study of the military spending of Nordic Countries](#)



Our Intern Julina Canga [has released a paper that presents a comparative study of military spending](#) with a focus on: Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland. The Nordic region is an important region to consider as a model of unity in peace terms.

## MAKING PEACE



### [Making peace photo exhibition returns to Sweden](#)

Following a record number of visitors to Making Peace at the Nobel Museum, Stockholm in 2013 (110,000 people) the exhibition returns to Sweden between 15 February-13 September 2015. This time the exhibition will be shown not in two museums! Making Peace will be shared between the popular [Östergötlands Museum](#), and the [Swedish Air Force Museum](#), which following a radical redesign in 2010 was named Sweden's Best Museum 2011. Today Sweden celebrates over 200 years of peace. That's longer than any other country ever!

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## MILITARY SPENDING

### [Oil Price Plunge Could Take a Bite from Arms Budgets](#)

In a satirical piece titled 'An Unserious Look at the Year Ahead' in the Wall Street Journal, Hugo Rifkind predicts the price of a barrel of oil will fall so low that people across the world would start buying oil for the barrel – and throw the oil out.

### [A better way to spend on defense](#)

The United States has historically significant difficulty preparing for the kinds of conflicts it finds itself involved in. The result was a shortfall of necessary equipment and expertise in the early days of the War on Terror, with former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld [infamously quipping](#) that "You go to war with the army you have."

### [Analysis: Tensions over policy at the top of UKIP](#)

UKIP's first elected MP and its now ex-policy chief have had significant disagreements over what to do about the National Health Service.

## **NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

### [CBO: Nuclear arsenal to cost \\$348B over decade](#)

The U.S. will need to spend \$348 billion over the next decade to maintain its nuclear arsenal, according to a new [report](#) from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).

### [It is 3 minutes to midnight](#)

Unchecked climate change, global nuclear weapons modernizations, and outsized nuclear weapons arsenals pose extraordinary and undeniable threats to the continued existence of humanity.

## **IMPACTS**

### [Anti-base protests flare at Futenma relocation site as survey work gets under way](#)

The Defense Ministry's Okinawa Defense Bureau started installation work Jan. 15 of a floating pier for the seabed drilling survey, part of measures toward relocating the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station Futenma from Ginowan in the prefecture to the Henoko district of Nago.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### [Kathy Kelly: 3 months prison for peaceful protest against drones](#)

Katy Kelly writes: "In December, 2014, Judge Matt Whitworth sentenced me to three months in federal prison after Georgia Walker and I had attempted to deliver a loaf of bread and a letter to the commander of Whiteman Air Force base, asking him to stop his troops from piloting lethal drone flights over Afghanistan from within the base."

## **RESOURCES**

### [Women and Peace: A New Directory Resource](#)

Prajnya volunteers began desk-based research in May 2014 to see if we could identify South Asian women's organisations with an interest also in peace and conflict issues.

### [Wounding the World](#)

Wars are frequently justified 'in our name'. Militarist values and practices co-opt us, permeating our language, invading our dream space, entertaining us at the movies or in front of game consoles.

### [Betty A. Reardon: A Pioneer in Education for Peace and Human Rights & Key Texts in Gender and Peace](#)

This collection of reflective inquiry and ongoing research gathers essential works on peace education and human rights (1967-2014) and provides access to Reardon's key works

## [The International HANDBOOK on Tourism and Peace](#)

The fundamental experience of tourism visiting a new place and meeting its people and culture is a transformative aspect that defines tourism's role as an agent of peace.



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