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This second issue of *The EPS Journal* takes up the theme of economic aspects of peacemaking and peacekeeping. Economics Nobel-Laureate Lawrence R. Klein reviews the arguments for, and the likely cost of, a standing United Nations peacekeeping force. Lloyd J. Dumas argues that minimizing economic stress points also helps minimize the potential for conflict, and Dietrich Fischer reviews the cost of war as against the cost of war-prevention. But for all the good reasons of why peace is cheaper than war, war nonetheless recurs. Jurgen Brauer examines why there seems to be so little peace – if it is so cheap to obtain – and studies the conditions under which states appear willing to intervene in trouble spots elsewhere. Bassam Yousif, Guy Lamb, J. Paul Dunne, and Ross Fetterly, present a set of country studies – on Iraq, Namibia, Mozambique, Rwanda, and Canada. The Canadian piece is of particular value as there is virtually no literature in existence that tries, as Fetterly does, to compute the cost of providing peacekeeping services. The other country studies offer valuable comparative lessons of what does, and does not, work in post-conflict reconstruction. The final two articles look at the business side of things. Bob French has written a forceful account of what it takes to clean up land mine pollution, and John T. Marlin examines what consumer campaigns might do, and have done, to rattle the market for gold jewelry – and thereby compel gold-mining companies to adopt behaviors that might reduce conflict.

With this issue, we introduce a new feature on our accompanying web site. This is a book review section, managed by Bjørn Møller, Senior Research Fellow at the Danish Institute for International Studies in Copenhagen, Denmark. The review section is continually updated and devoted to economic aspects of conflict, war, and peace. The web site contains *book reviews* (500-1,000 words), *book notes* (<500 words), and a list of books available for review. Readers are invited to suggest works for review and to volunteer as reviewers. To do so, please contact Bjørn Møller at reviewseditor@epsjournal.org.uk. We also wish to publish *review articles* in *The EPS Journal*, especially of particularly noteworthy new books, or comparative reviews of books related to a common theme or topic. These should be about 3,000-4,000 words in length. If you wish to contribute a review of this sort, again, please contact Bjørn Møller directly.

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