





# Planning for Peace



**Table 1.** The 15 countries with the highest military expenditure in 2012

Spending figures are in US\$, at current prices and exchange rates. Figures for changes are calculated from spending figures in constant (2011) prices.

Rank		Country	Spending, 2012 (\$ b.)	Change (%)		Spending as a share of GDP (%) <sup>a</sup>	
2012	2011			2011-12	2003-12	2012	2003
1	1	USA	682	-6.0	32	4.4	3.7
2	2	China	[166]	7.8	175	[2.0]	[2.1]
3	3	Russia	[90.7]	16	113	[4.4]	[4.3]
4	4	UK	60.8	-0.8	4.9	2.5	2.5
5	6	Japan	59.3	-0.6	-3.6	1.0	1.0
6	5	France	58.9	-0.3	-3.3	2.3	2.6
7	8	Saudi Arabia	56.7	12	111	8.9	8.7
8	7	India	46.1	-0.8	65	2.5	2.8
9	9	Germany	[45.8]	0.9	-1.5	[1.4]	1.4
10	11	Italy	[34.0]	-5.2	-19	1.7	2.0
11	10	Brazil	33.1	-0.5	56	[1.5]	1.5
12	12	South Korea	31.7	1.9	44	2.7	2.5
13	13	Australia	26.2	-4.0	29	1.7	1.9
14	14	Canada	[22.5]	-3.9	36	[1.3]	1.1
15	15	Turkey <sup>b</sup>	[18.2]	1.2	-2.1	2.3	3.4
		World total	1 753	-0.5	35	2.5	2.4

[ ] = SIPRI estimate.

**Press release**

Campaigners voice support for activist fined £440 for trying to put London's arms fair 'on trial'

**Saudi Arabia**

Parliamentary inquiry gives blessing to arms sales

**Introduction to the Arms Trade**

Why does the government support this deadly trade?

**Arms trade treaty**

Legitimising the arms industry

**Arms trade**

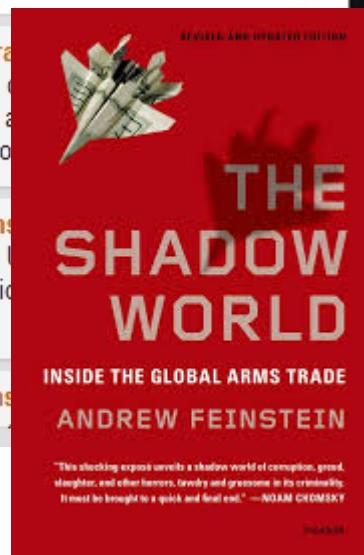
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## Supporting repression

Three years ago Saudi Arabia [sent armoured vehicles](#) – made by UK arms company BAE Systems – into Bahrain to support its brutal crackdown on protest. The UK is still arming Bahrain and Saudi Arabia today. Last month Prince Charles flew to Saudi Arabia and danced for its autocratic rulers [to help BAE](#) secure another weapons deal. [Take action.](#)



*A dance with dictators. Are these the swords used in Saudi executions?*

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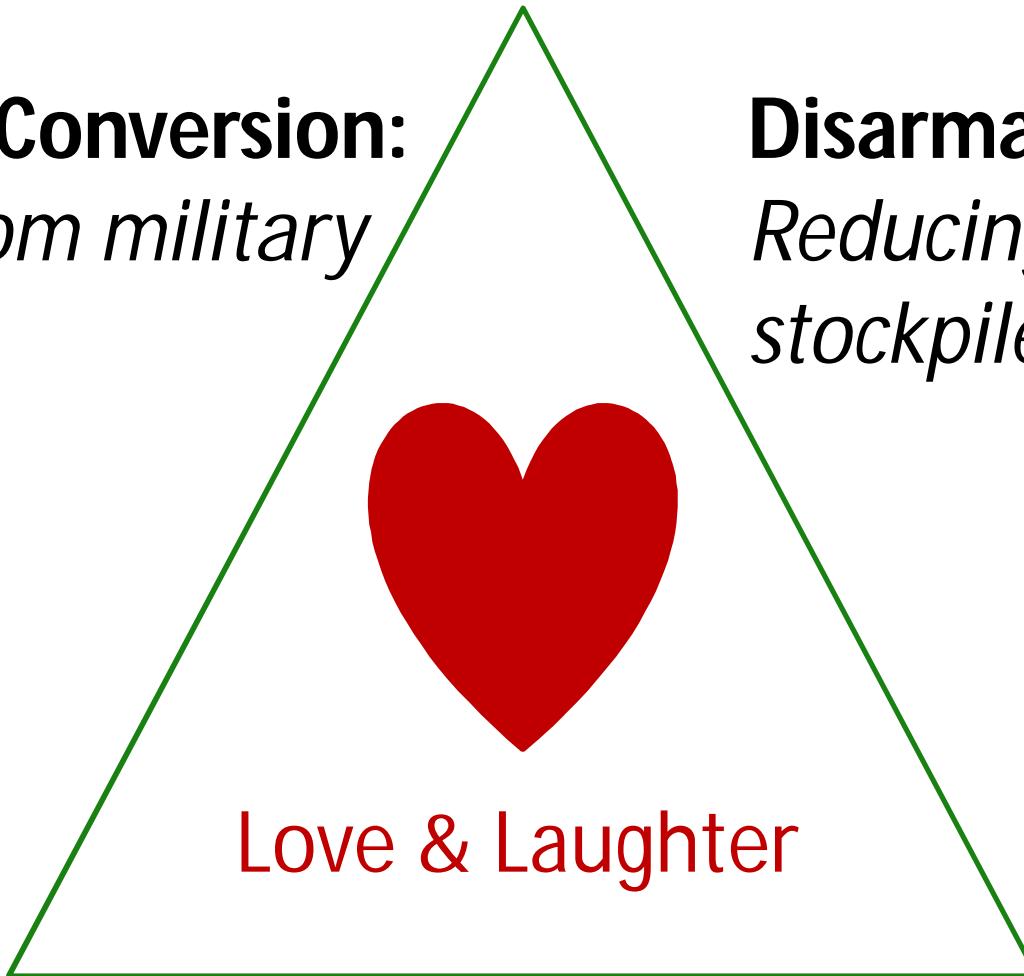
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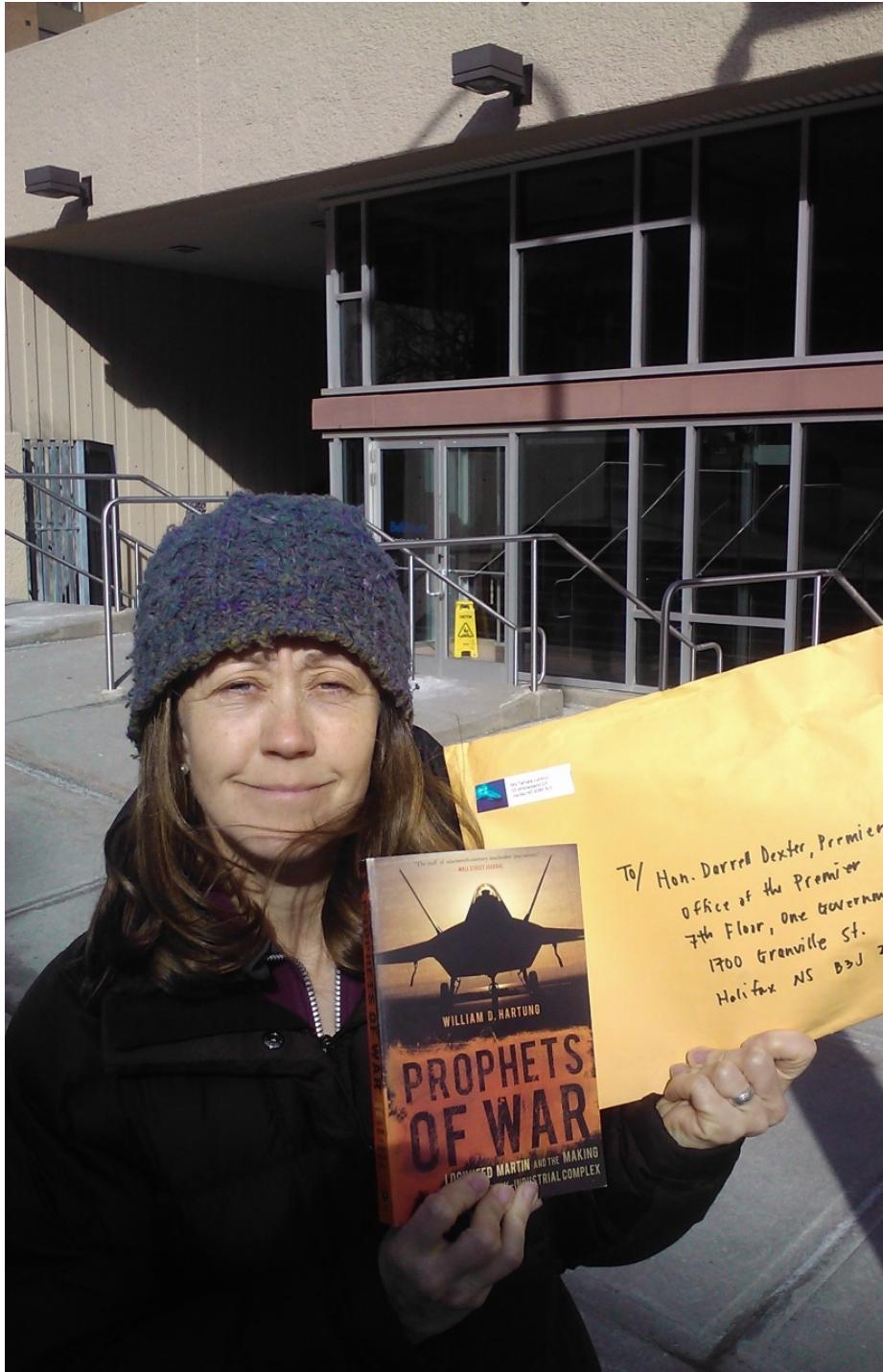
**Disarmament:**  
*Reducing current  
stockpiles*



**Demilitarization:**  
*building a culture of peace & non-violence*



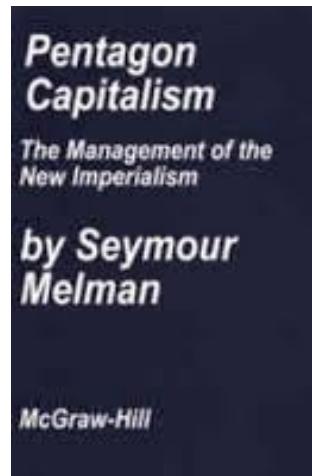
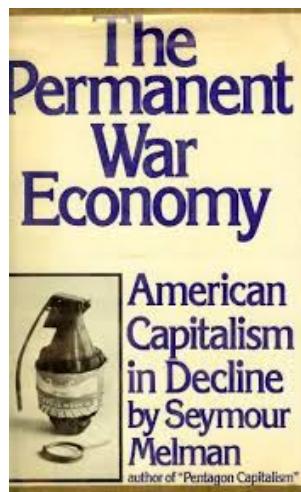
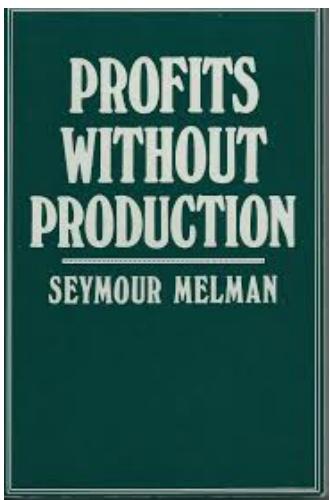
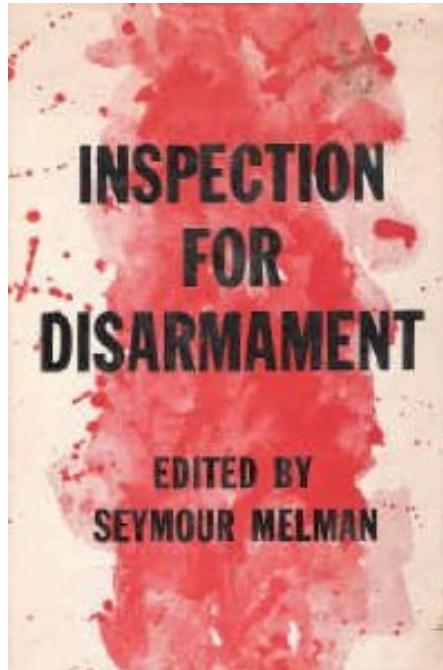






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# Seymour Melman Industrial Engineer and Economist 1917-2004



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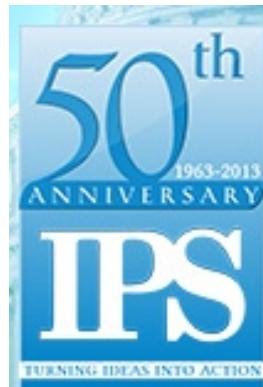
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## Demilitarizing the Economy: A Movement is Underway

December 19, 2013 · By [Miriam Pemberton](#)

As we end the longest period of war in our history, we should be entering a period of postwar downsizing - but what about the communities dependent on the massive post-9/11 military budget?



End wars. Shrink the Pentagon budget. Reinvest the savings in neglected domestic priorities. It's a logical progression. Right?



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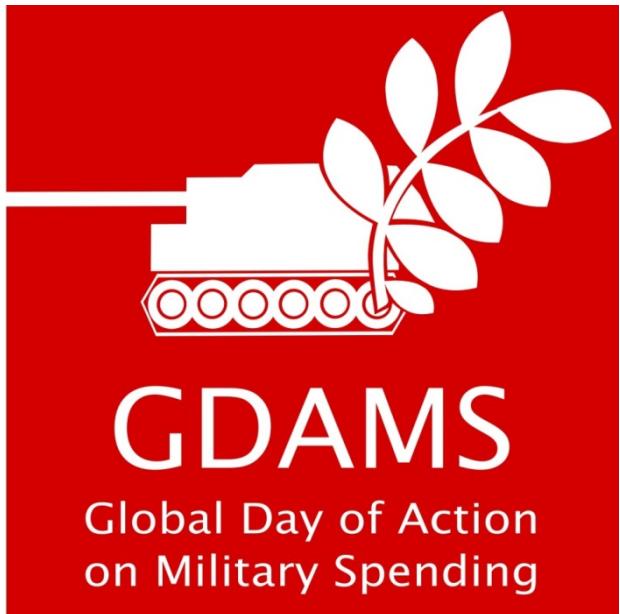
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**Global Day of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS)**

April 14 [www.gdams.org](http://www.gdams.org)

**Spring Days of Action Against Drones, Surveillance & Global Militarization / World Beyond War**

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Department of Peace Studies Conference**

May 1 to May 3 at the University of Bradford, UK

**Deadline for Rotary World Peace Fellowship Application - July 1**

**International Peace Conference : Creating a Culture of Peace**

100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World War I from June 6-9, Sarajevo

**Keep Space for Peace - October 4-11**