

Michael D. Intriligator Memorial Student Fund

Honoring a Lifetime of Service

Michael D. Intriligator (February 5, 1938 – June 23, 2014) was an American economist at the University of California at Los Angeles, where he was Professor of Economics, Political Science, and Policy Studies, and Co-Director of the Jacob Marschak Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Mathematics in the Behavioral Sciences. In addition, he was a Senior Fellow at the Milken Institute in Santa Monica, a Senior Fellow of the Gorbachev Foundation of North America in Boston, a Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Science, and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He received his Ph.D. in Economics at MIT in 1963 and the same year joined the UCLA Department of Economics.

His research interests included econometrics, health economics, reform of the Russian economy, and strategy and arms control. Dr. Intriligator served on the Research Committee of the Institute for Economics and Peace and on the United States Institute for Peace International Network for Economics and Conflict. Intriligator was co-founder and co-editor of the Handbooks in Economics series with Kenneth Arrow, as well as editor of Advanced Textbooks in Economics; the Handbook of Econometrics; the Handbook of Mathematical Economics; and was on the editorial boards of Defence and Peace Economics; and Conflict Management and Peace Science.

Mike was Vice-chair of EPS from 1996 until 2012, and a trustee of our organization from 2013 until his death. More than that, he was a beloved colleague, a huge inspiration, and an unflagging supporter and fundraiser for EPS.

Mike's interests were wide and varied: He loved to travel, he enjoyed meals with friends and family, and had a passion for classical music. He also seemed to know everyone. Whenever we needed an introduction, Mike would say that he had edited an article with someone, or met them at a conference recently. He is sorely missed among our staff and membership.

Intriligator also loved teaching and often went out of his way to support and mentor young economists. After his death, his family requested donations be made to EPS so that a fund could be established to support students who wish to build a career in peace economics.

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.

The conference, which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary, addresses issues relating to peace and security broadly defined. We strive for a multi-disciplinary program comprising contributions with a wide range of theoretical and methodological approaches. Presenters at the conference are a mix of established professionals and graduate students. Part of our mission is to offer economists and up-and-coming economists an opportunity for presentation and publication; in this way we help to promote peace economics as an economic specialty.