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Fifth Annual Conference BISA Nuclear Order Working Group

Global Nuclear Futures: Nuclear Order and Political Change

Co-hosted by the Centre for International Studies & Diplomacy (CISD)
21-22 September 2017 at SOAS University of London, UK

Day One, 21 September 2017, Brunei Gallery, SOAS University of London

12:00-1:00 Registration and Lunch – Room B211 (2nd floor)

1:00-1:30 Welcome – Room B202 (2nd floor)

Dr Dan Plesch, Dr Benoit Pelopidas, Dr Nick Ritchie

1:30-3:00 Panel: Nuclear doctrine – Room B202 (2nd floor) (1.5 hours)

Chair: Dr Nick Ritchie

Dr Bhumitra Chakma, University of Hull, “Doctrinal Innovations in a Nuclear South Asia”

Dr Marco Vieira, University of Birmingham, “Accommodating Rising Powers in the Global Order: Getting the Balance Right”

Rian Whitton, King’s College, “Missile defence, cyber and the future of nuclear deterrence”

Dr Suzanne Doyle, University of East Anglia, “The United States Sale of Trident to Britain: Deal Making in the Anglo-American Nuclear Relationship”

3:00-3:30 Tea/coffee – Room B211 (2nd floor)

3:30-5:00 Panel: Nuclear crises – Room B202 (2nd floor) (1.5 hours)

Chair: Dr Benoit Pelopidas

Dr Mark Bell, University of Minnesota, “What is a nuclear crisis?”

Debak Das, Cornell University, “Settling Nuclear Crises: Reputation, Deterrence and Regional Powers”

Paul Schulte, University of Birmingham and King’s College, “A Chemical Test of Underlying Nuclear Order: the Sobering, Understated, Relevance of the Syrian Chemical Compliance Crisis”

Brecht Volders, University of Antwerp, “What can we learn from Aum Shinrikyo’s biological and chemical weapons activities?”

5:00-5:30 Tea/coffee – Room B211 (2nd floor)

5:30-6:30 Keynote – Room KLT, SOAS Main Building (Groundfloor)

Anja Kaspersen, Director, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, “New Technologies/Killer Robots: Myths, Realities and Implications for Nuclear Weapons” (TBC)

Day Two, 22 September 2017, Brunei Gallery, SOAS University of London

9:00-9:30 Tea/coffee – Room B211 (2nd floor)

9:30-11:00 Panel: Revisiting Core Concepts of Nuclear Studies: Luck, Nuclear and Disarmament Norms, Leadership Style - Room B202 (2nd floor) (1.5 hour)

Chair: Dr Dan Plesch

Dr Benoit Pelopidas, Sciences Po, “Taking Luck Seriously in Nuclear Studies”

Dr Hassan Elbahtimy, King’s College, “Charismatic Leaders Facing Nuclear Vulnerability: De Gaulle and Nasser after the 1962 Global Nuclear Crisis”

Dr Nicola Leveringhaus, King’s College, “Talking Nuclear Norms Beyond The West: The Case of China”

Dr Lyndon Burford, University of Auckland, “Defining The Nuclear Disarmament Norm: Politics, Law and ‘The Continuation of Policy by Other Means’ ”

11:00-11:30 Tea/coffee – Room B211 (2nd floor)

11:30--1:00 Panel: General and Complete Disarmament – Room B202 (2nd floor) (1.5 hour)

Chair: Dr Nick Ritchie

Discussant: Henrietta Wilson, University of Bristol

Dr Dan Plesch, SOAS University, “Precedents & Prototypes for WMD Elimination”

Kevin Miletic, SOAS University, “The Role of Conventional Weapons in the Nuclear Disarmament Equation”

1:00-2:00 Lunch – Room B211 (2nd floor)

2:00-3:30 Panel: Being nuclear – Room B202 (2nd floor) (1.5 hour)

Chair: Dr Nick Ritchie

Sebastian Brixey-Williams, British American Information Council, “Responsible Nuclear Behaviour”

Dr Laura Considine, University of Leeds, “Conceptions of the “nuclear” in anti-nuclear activism: The Humanitarian Initiative and the UN Convention on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons”

N.A.J. Taylor, University of Melbourne, “Is there an ecological path to nuclear free world?”

Henrietta Wilson, University of Bristol, “Can Experts Help Bridge Gaps in International Nuclear Weapons Governance?”

3:30-4:00 Close: Dr Dan Plesch, Dr Nick Ritchie

Directions:

Brunei Gallery
SOAS University of London
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