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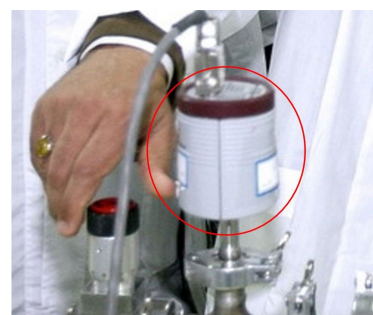
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## CNS News & Views: January 2017

### Outlawing State-Sponsored Nuclear-Procurement Programs

A CNS Occasional Paper by Deputy Director Leonard S. Spector highlighted in last month's issue examines the crucial role that state-sponsored illicit nuclear procurement activities have played in advancing the nuclear programs of Iran and North Korea. The study proposes to outlaw such activities through the accretion of declarations by international and multilateral bodies condemning this conduct.

The CNS Washington office will host a launch event of the study on Friday, January 27. Contact [Noah Williams](#) for more details or to RSVP.



A US-made pressure transducer at an enrichment facility in Natanz, Iran

**Read the occasional paper.**

### Critical Issues Forum students attend Nagasaki Youth Forum

Last month, CNS Critical Issues Forum students participated in the "Forum of Youth Communicators for a World without Nuclear Weapons" in Nagasaki, Japan. The Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nagasaki University, and the United Nations Regional Center for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific coordinated the event. Students collaborated to create and present recommendations for achieving a nuclear-free world before submitting them to United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs Kim Won-soo.



Youth Forum Participants Photo credit Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs

While in Japan, Masako Toki, CNS research associate and CIF coordinator presented at the "Nuclear Disarmament as the Human Security Challenge" symposium coordinated by the Japan Association for Human Security Studies at Soka University in Tokyo. Toki spoke

about the need for disarmament and nonproliferation education in order to make progress toward peace and security and a world free of nuclear weapons.

[Read more about the Forum here.](#)

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## New Analysis

New articles by CNS experts explore the trafficking of WMD goods, Thomas Schelling's theories of deterrence, and the dangerous prospect of new nuclear weapons tests:

- Joshua Pollack, "**Thomas Schelling, Re-Explored,**" a two-part piece in *Arms Control Wonk*
- Jeffrey Lewis, "**Not Even Rick Perry Is Stupid Enough To Resume Testing Nuclear Weapons,**" *Foreign Policy*
- Leonard Spector, "**Outlawing State-Sponsored Procurement Networks,**" in *1540 Compass*



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## CNS Interviews and Media Commentary

In a recent interview with *Politico Magazine*, CNS Senior Research Associate Josh Pollack discussed recent pronouncements from Kim Jong Un and President-elect Donald Trump, and the potential for diplomacy between North Korea and the United States.

Jeffrey Lewis, Director of the East Asia Nonproliferation Program at CNS, dissected president-elect Trump's recent tweets about the US nuclear arsenal in an interview with *The Atlantic*, and urged caution in reading too deeply into these pronouncements.



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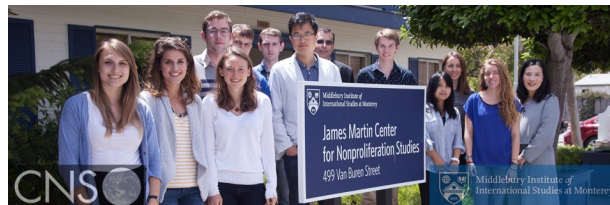
### Recent expert commentary:

- January 7, 2017 "**North Korea 'Very Far Along' in Developing New Ballistic Missile,**" Melissa Hanham on *NPR News*
- January 5, 2017, "**The Korean missile crisis,**" Josh Pollack in *The World Weekly*
- December 24, 2016, "**Trump warned the Kremlin of trying to enter into a nuclear arms race with the United States,**" Nikolai Sokov in *Voice of America*

[Find a list of CNS experts' recent commentary on North Korea and US nuclear policy here.](#)

## Summer internship applications open

CNS is accepting applications for paid undergraduate internships for Summer 2017 now through February 15. The position provides an opportunity to research WMD issues, including nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, as well as regional security issues. Find more information about this highly competitive program and a link to the application [here](#) .



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