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CNS News & Views: July 2016

The Future of Russian Nuclear Strategy

The Center for Strategic and International Studies hosted an event on "Russian Nuclear Strategy," on June 27, 2016, featuring Dr. Pavel Podvig, Director of the Russian Nuclear Forces Project and CNS Senior Fellow Dr. Nikolai Sokov.

Dr. Sokov spoke on the evolution of Russian nuclear strategy from the fall of the Soviet Union to present day, highlighting the addition of a new nuclear mission in 1999-- deterring a smaller-scale conventional attack through the threat of limited use of nuclear weapons.



Dr. Nikolai Sokov

Watch the video.

CTBTO Chief Meets with Future Leaders

The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban-Treaty Organization (CTBTO) Executive Secretary Dr. Lassina Zerbo visited the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS) on July 1 to meet with [CNS summer undergraduate interns](#) and [Davis United World College \(UWC\) fellows](#).



CNS Director William Potter and CTBTO Executive Secretary Dr. Lassina Zerbo

This is his second visit to CNS this year, following his April visit for the high-level [US-Russian Dialogue on Nuclear Weapons](#).

Read more.

Spector Calls on UN Committee to Condemn Violations of WMD Controls

At last month's "open consultation" of the UN Security Council (UNSC) on ways to strengthen UNSC Resolution 1540, Leonard "Sandy" Spector, executive director of the CNS Washington, DC, office, called on the Resolution 1540 committee to take steps to prevent states from sidestepping controls put in place by other states, which he says can gravely weaken the entire system the resolution aims to promote.



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Read the statement.

A Brighter Future for Iranian Nonproliferation?

CNS Research Associate Farnaz Alimehri published an article in the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* that explored the ways in which the July 2015 "Iran deal" is working to bolster Iran's civilian nuclear program and nuclear safety and regulation system.



Doomsday Clock of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists

Read the article.

Toward the 8th BWC Review Conference

On July 8, 2016, CNS and the US Department of State co-sponsored a workshop on the challenges and opportunities presented by the Eighth Review Conference of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC). The workshop, held at the CNS Washington office, examined what is at stake at the Review Conference that will take place from November 7-25, 2016, in Geneva.



Dr. Chen Kane makes an intervention during the BWC workshop

The workshop, hosted by Christopher Park, director of the Office of the Biological Policy Staff and Amb. Robert Mikulak, CNS distinguished visiting scholar, engaged fifty government officials and nongovernmental experts. The workshop's participants discussed what state parties need to accomplish, what is possible given the political circumstances, and the consequences of failing to meet those aims. Participants also analyzed the history of the BWC and its development, the best way to engage key stakeholders such as industry and non-governmental organizations, relevant trends in biology and biological security, and the BWC's role in addressing current and future security challenges.

October Short Course Applications Deadline

The Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) is accepting applications

for its next intensive course for diplomats. The course will be held in Vienna from October 3-7, 2016.



Angela Kane leads a VCDNP short course, 2015

The deadline for applications is August 8, 2016.

The one-week program will include an extended analysis of the non-proliferation regime and an assessment of current challenges to nuclear non-proliferation, arms control, disarmament, and nuclear security. The course will be conducted entirely in English; good English language skills will be essential for successful completion of the course.

Learn more.

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