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"Women of CTBT" photo includes VCDNP's Laura Rockwood and Angela Kane along with EU High Representative Federica Mogherini and CNS student Sarah Bidgood

CTBT 20th Anniversary Events in Vienna

On the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), CNS Director Dr. William Potter chaired an interactive panel on the future of the CTBT and concrete actions to be taken to obtain the treaty's long delayed entry-into-force.

In addition, the CTBT Youth Group held their own session, which Dr. Potter moderated. Along with Arms Control Association Executive Director Daryl Kimball, Dr. Potter also co-chaired a joint meeting of the Group of Eminent Persons (GEM) and the Youth Group. Sarah Bidgood, a CNS student and one of the original Youth Group members, circulated a [well-received concept paper](#) co-authored with Anastasia Shavrova, a Russian student from Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO).

Watch a video of the event

43 Young Professionals Complete CNS-LLNL International Nuclear Safeguards Policy Course

Forty-three graduate students and junior professionals successfully completed an intensive five-day course on international nuclear safeguards policy jointly conducted by CNS and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. This is the eighth consecutive year that CNS and LLNL have offered this course, which is sponsored by the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) of the US Department of Energy as part of the Next Generation Safeguards Initiative.



2016 CNS-LLNL Safeguards Course Participants at the MIIS campus

The course gives participants practical lessons in applying IAEA safeguards to nuclear facilities to ensure no nuclear material is being diverted from peaceful purposes to use in nuclear weapons. The course provides important information and skills for those who may be considering a career in safeguards.

[Learn more](#)



Crowdsourcing Imagery Analysis

This month, CNS has embarked on a grand new experiment.

Led by CNS satellite imagery analysis experts, we launched the Geo4nonpro.org website, a crowd-sourced imagery analysis project designed to connect experts of all stripes and backgrounds in a united goal to interpret, annotate, and debate the mysteries of satellite imagery in the service of WMD nonproliferation and disarmament.

[Learn more](#)

The *Diplomat* Tackles US-China Relations with NPR's Joshua Pollack

The *Diplomat*, an international current-affairs magazine for the Asia-Pacific region, is conducting a series of joint interviews of distinguished US and Chinese scholars, in collaboration with the Chinese-language **Consensus Net**.



In the first of the series, the *Diplomat* interviewed Joshua Pollack, editor of the *Nonproliferation Review* and a leading expert on nuclear and missile proliferation, about North Korea's nuclear program, the international response, and where to go from here.

[Read the interview](#)



Paul Ingram of BASIC discusses UK Trident debate

New Video Lectures

This semester, CNS students and staff had had the pleasure and honor of hosting a number of visiting experts who provide insightful, groundbreaking, or inspiring lectures on a wide range of WMD nonproliferation issues.

Many of these lectures have been recorded and are now part of our ever-growing Nonproliferation Video Library, including recent lectures on the **UK Trident debate, emerging**

disruptive technologies, strategic stability in South Asia, and US-Russia relations.

[View the Video Library](#)

Reminder! McElvany Nonproliferation Essay Challenge Deadline

The 2016 Doreen & Jim McElvany Nonproliferation Challenge contest is now underway!

Submit your best ideas and proposals for combating the spread of weapons of mass destruction and you could be eligible to win \$10,000.

Deadline for submissions is September 9, 2016.

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