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CNS at the NPT

At the 2018 Preparatory Committee meeting of states parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, leaders, researchers, and students from CNS and the Middlebury Institute of International Studies presented research, served on governmental delegations, moderated panels, and more.



Tiara Shaya, CNS graduate research assistant, speaks at a side event at the 2018 NPT PrepCom.

CNS also published the **NPT Briefing Book 2018**, a widely used resource for national delegations and civil society as part of their preparation for NPT meetings. The Briefing Book is published in partnership with the **Centre for Science and Security Studies** at King's College London.

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"The DPRK Dream Team"

Middlebury Magazine is the latest platform to shine a spotlight on CNS's outstanding team of North Korea analysts. In this lyrical write-up, journalist Zach Dorfman interviews Jeffrey Lewis, Melissa Hanham, Dave Schmerler, Andrea Berger, Joshua Pollack and others to understand how and why these CNS researchers are redefining nuclear detective work.

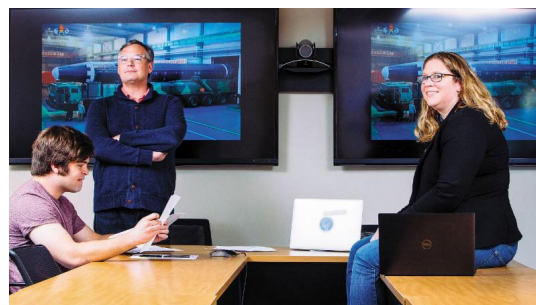


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The Fate of the JCPOA

From unpacking Prime Minister Netanyahu's spectacle to understanding the implications for Saudi Arabia, CNS experts offer insight into the global consequences of the Trump

administration's withdrawal from the Iran Deal:

- **William Potter** called the decision to withdraw "ill-conceived" and likely to "empower the most regressive political forces in Iran";
- **Joshua Pollack** predicts US isolation and a loss of leverage;
- **Chen Kane** explains what it means for the US-Saudi nuclear cooperation agreement;
- In the *New York Times*, **Melissa Hanham** called it "a big win" for Iran hardliners;
- **VCNDP's Ian J. Stewart** looks to Europe to save the deal;
- In Defense One, Joshua Pollack details what was new and what was not in Netanyahu's Powerpoint presentation, what **Jeffrey Lewis** called in *Foreign Policy* "a dog and pony show";
- **Avner Cohen's** op/ed in *Ha'aretz* argues that US withdrawal amounts to a "Countdown to War";
- Also from the VCDNP, **Ulrich Kühn** offers his views of the US withdrawal in the Swiss paper *Aargauer Zeitung* and the Austrian broadcaster *Mittagsjournal*.



The chief US and Iranian negotiators, 2015.
Credit: Wikimedia

**Experts speak to the media in their own capacity and do not reflect the views of CNS.*

Spring Visiting Fellows Program Concludes

Another group of young nonproliferation experts graduated from the 2018 Spring CNS Visiting Fellows Program. Spring 2018 fellows included two diplomats from Cameroon and Kyrgyzstan, a technical specialist from the Republic of Georgia, and a graduate student from Russia.

In addition to lectures and classes, each fellow conducted an individual research project under the mentorship of a CNS expert. Topics included securing radioactive sources in West Africa, radiation safety and security in Kyrgyzstan, cybersecurity aspects of nuclear security, and the Nuclear Suppliers Group policy toward South Asia.

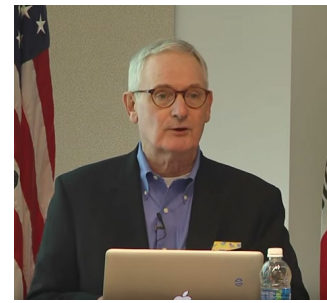
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CNS Spring 2018 Visiting Fellows (from left to right): Kunduz Estebes, Dia Kedze, Nadya Maslennikova, Zaur Akhrakhadze.

The Strategic Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

In the latest issue of the *Nonproliferation Review* (Vol. 24, Nos. 5-6), former US Ambassador Lewis A. Dunn proposes the "strategic" elimination of nuclear weapons as an instrument of statecraft by 2045 as a way to bridge the



Lewis A. Dunn

growing divide between nuclear-armed states and states that support the immediate prohibition of nuclear weapons. Nine experts, representing a range of views, offer their responses to Dunn's proposal.

On May 9, the Stimson Center hosted a panel event featuring Amb. Dunn, Carnegie Endowment's George Perkovich, the US State Department's Anita Friedt, and the Austrian government's George-Wilhelm Gallhofer, to discuss the proposal. NPR Editor Joshua Pollack moderated.

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VIDEO: The History of US-Soviet Nonproliferation Cooperation and Its Relevance Today

On May 10, Senior Fellow Nikolai Sokov, Senior Research Associate Sarah Bidgood, and Master's candidate Paul Warnke led a seminar on the history of US-Soviet cooperation, including the realms of safeguards, nuclear trade, and peaceful nuclear explosions.

Watch the video .



Nikolai Sokov has been a senior fellow at the Center for Nonproliferation Studies since 1996. Prior to joining CNS, he worked at the Soviet, then Russian, Foreign Ministry dealing with international security and arms control issues.

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