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CNS News & Views: November 2018

CNS International Advisory Council Focuses on US-Russia Relations

On Monday, October 22, 2018, the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) convened the annual meeting of its International Advisory Council (IAC) at the CNS office in Washington, DC ([view agenda](#)). This event provides an opportunity for Council members and invited guests to learn more about the Center's recent work and what it has planned for the future.



Senator Sam Nunn and CNS Director Bill Potter

Because most of [the individuals who comprise the IAC](#) have devoted their professional lives to preventing the spread of weapons of mass destruction, this meeting invariably stimulates a lively and informed exchange of views across a range of topics.

This year was no exception.

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NPT Roundtable at the Malaysian Mission to the UN

CNS joined the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations in co-hosting a roundtable discussion on the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). Ambassador Muhammad Shahrul Ikram Yaakob of Malaysia, the chair-designate of the next NPT preparatory committee meeting (PrepCom), briefed delegations on his preparations to date. It also enabled him to hear from NPT states parties regarding their objective for the current NPT review cycle and the obstacles they foresee to achieving their goals.



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The October roundtable is one in a series of diplomatic workshops and dinner salons CNS

traditionally organizes each year to assist delegations in preparing for the next prepcom or review conference.

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Trump's Punk Rock Nuclear Policy

"There is no reason," Jeffrey Lewis argues in *Foreign Policy*, for President Trump to withdraw from the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

"Reasons," he writes, "are an affront" to the Boltonesque view of American exceptionalism, and to the Trumpian proclivity to "own the libs." If there is a reason, it is simply to shock and upset those who do not share these views.



[Read the post.](#)

Intensive Short Course for South African Diplomats and Practitioners

In continuing and expanding its training programs for diplomats and practitioners in nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament issues, CNS partnered this year with the South African government to offer a one-week intensive course in Pretoria from November 5-9, 2018.



Intensive short course participants

The course provided a unique opportunity for 30 South African government and nongovernmental representatives to study and discuss the history, challenges, and new opportunities facing the nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament regimes and interact with leading international and South African experts in the field.

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The Ban Treaty: A View from the Caribbean

Shorna-Kay Richards, director of the Bilateral Relations Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica, spoke at CNS about the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, multilateral diplomacy, and how small states can wield outsized influence.



Shorna-Kay Richards

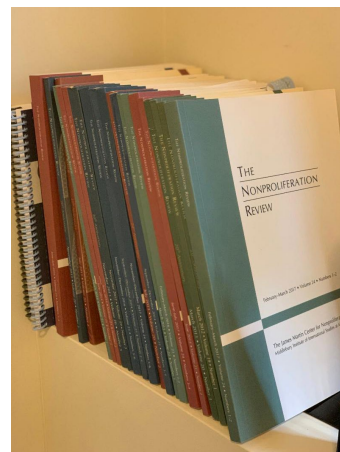
While at CNS, Ms. Richards [also received briefings](#) from CNS experts as well as provided feedback to students in Dr. Potter's NPT simulation course.

[Watch the video.](#)

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This wide-ranging double issue of our peer-reviewed journal includes work on a range of issues with diverse methods. One recurring theme is a growing perception that the fabric of nonproliferation and arms control is fraying; nevertheless, the work continues.

This issue's authors--John V. Sislin, Erin D. Dumbacher, Bryan Early, Victor Asal, John Krige, Jayita Sarkar, Matt Korda, Aaron Arnold, Sarah Bidgood, David Santoro, and James J. Wirtz--draw valuable lessons from the past and identify constructive proposals for the future.



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