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Geo4Nonpro 2.0

CNS broke several international news stories in major outlets—including the *New York Times*, National Public Radio, and the *Wall Street Journal*—using imagery analysis crowdsourced on Geo4Nonpro, a platform we developed to share open-source geographic information of known or suspected WMD sites.



Image courtesy of Planet

Occasional Paper #38, from lead author **Melissa Hanham**, discusses the evolution of this platform, its newest features, and the central role that it played in many of the headline-grabbing discoveries made in Syria, North Korea, Iran, and Russia.

[Read Occasional Paper #38.](#)

It is Time to Update the President's Nuclear Command Authority

There is a common belief that presidents possess complete and unfettered freedom to use nuclear weapons. Although this is not entirely correct, there are few barriers to such action. Nevertheless, debates about the extent of presidential authority should have begun long ago, soon after the end of the Cold War.



US Air Force photo by Michael Peterson/released

Writing in the *National Interest*, Senior Fellows **Miles Pomper** and **Nikolai Sokov** discuss practical proposals to address this issue.

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Concern over EPA Proposal to Lower Radiation Levels



The Conversation:
Academic rigor, journalistic flair

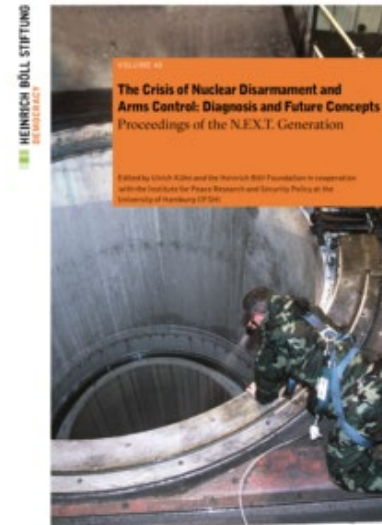
Writing in *The Conversation*, Scientist-in-Residence **Ferenc Dalnoki-Veress** argues that a proposed change to the EPA's regulation concerning acceptable levels of radiation is not backed by science, and may only serve the financial benefit of industry stakeholders.

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New Book: The Crisis of Nuclear Disarmament and Arms Control

VCDNP Senior Research Associate **Ulrich Kühn** edited a new volume, *The Crisis of Nuclear Disarmament and Arms Control: Diagnosis and Future Concepts*, published by Heinrich Böll Stiftung (HBS) in cooperation with the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg.

The volume marks the capstone of HBS's Nuclear Expert Talks: Next Generation (N.E.X.T.) Project, and includes articles by a select number of international midcareer scholars and experts on nuclear matters from Europe, Russia, and the United States.



The book is available to download from the HBS website.

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Assessing the Past Performance and Future Relevance of the Presidential Nuclear Initiatives

"The fabric of US-Russian nuclear arms reductions is unraveling," write Senior Fellow **Nikolai Sokov** and CNS Director **William Potter** for the Toda Peace Institute Policy Brief



" Amid a regional standoff between Saudi Arabia and Iran and provocative comments from Saudi leaders, some observers worry that the program is little more than a pretext for developing nuclear weapons. Others, however, point to what they see as legitimate peaceful motivations for the program."

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