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## CNS News & Views: September 2017

### Understanding North Korea

Warring words, nuclear tests, and increased missile capabilities have stoked fears of nuclear war between the United States and North Korea.

With op/eds in *New York Daily News*, *Washington Post*, the *Atlantic*, and the *Guardian*, as well as radio appearances on the BBC and television appearances on CNN, PBS, and the CBC, our experts continue to work with major media outlets across the world to share our technical and political insights into each new development and the implications.

[Read the full list of recent North Korea insights .](#)



### The Nuclear Weapons Prohibition Treaty

On September 20, the Nuclear Weapons Prohibition Treaty opened for signature at the UN General Assembly, marking what atomic bomb survivor Setsuko Thurlow called "the beginning of the end of nuclear weapons."

Writing in *Arms Control Today*, CNS Program Director Gaukhar Mukhatzhanova offers a look behind the treaty negotiations and the challenges ahead.

[Read more.](#)



International Organizations and Nonproliferation Program Director Gaukhar Mukhatzhanova

### Reconciling Israeli Democracy with Nuclear Policy

A new report by Professor Avner Cohen and United World College Fellow Brandon Mok examines how four Western

democratic nuclear-weapon states--the United States, the United Kingdom, France, and Israel--handle the essential tension between nuclear weapons (which require secrecy) and liberal democracy.



Israel Supreme Court

Dr. Cohen presented his findings at an unprecedented hearing at the Israeli Supreme Court of Justice on September 6, to hear a petition calling for regulation of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission. The *Jerusalem Post* published an exclusive story on the report.

The Court ultimately denied the petition, but, as Dr. Cohen [writes in an op/ed for Ha'aretz](#), the efforts were not entirely futile.

[Read more.](#)

## New Tools Workshop

On September 8-9, CNS hosted an innovative workshop on new tools and technologies for nonproliferation, bringing together nonproliferation researchers and practitioners to connect with leading tech developers from Silicon Valley and elsewhere.

The workshop featured a variety of panels focusing on both open-source and proprietary data, and included topics such as data collection, analysis, and visualization, and the ethical, legal, and security implications of these new tools.



Stephen Schwartz from Tableau demonstrating how CNS has used Tableau software

[Read a summary report.](#)

## Nonproliferation Review Now Offers "Online First" Publishing

The *Nonproliferation Review*, CNS's double-blind, peer-reviewed journal, now offers "online first" publishing. Authors published in the *NPR* can now share their work more quickly with a wider audience, without having to wait for the entire issue to go to print.

Two articles from our forthcoming issue, which features a special section on "Nuclear Asia," are now available: Christopher J. Watterson revisits the 1999 Kargil War between India and Pakistan to test two competing causal logics behind the stability-instability paradox, and Akira Kurosaki presents a historical analysis of Japan's nuclear policy as it formed during the 1960s.



[Read more.](#)

To learn more about the new journal policy, contact **Managing Editor Rhianna Tyson Kreger**.

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### Enter to Win the \$5,000 McElvany Prize

Beginning October 2, all manuscripts submitted to the *Nonproliferation Review* that pass peer review and are accepted for publication in Volume 25 of the *Review* are eligible to win the Doreen and Jim McElvany Grand Prize of \$5,000, a \$3,000 runner's-up prize, or a \$1,000 honorable mention prize.



The deadline to submit is July 6, 2018. However, eligible articles will be accepted for publication *on a rolling basis*. It is therefore in authors' interest to submit early to ensure consideration for publication in 2018.

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