International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts

26th Winter Course on:
“GLOBAL NUCLEAR GOVERNANCE: ACTORS, POLICIES AND ISSUES”
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Course Description

Contrary to ill-founded expectations, the end of the Cold War did not eliminate the threat of nuclear weapons. Although we have likely escaped the danger of a nuclear Armageddon, the presence and proliferation of nuclear weapons continue to pose a serious threat to today’s global security and the risk of their deliberate or accidental use due to human or technical failure is high. The concept of global nuclear governance describes the complex, multi-level web of actors, rules, treaties, informal arrangements, initiatives and networks that together form the regime that the international community has over the years set up to deal with the management and regulation of nuclear weapons, their sensitive technologies and delivery means. The fundamental goal of the system of global nuclear governance is to combat the proliferation of nuclear weapons, thereby assuring the safety and security of nuclear material, while also delegitimizing the weapons’ value and helping create the conditions for sustained progress toward disarmament. The 2015 Isodarco Winter School will address and deepen our understanding of the main elements of the nuclear governance system, review their functions, highlight strengths and limitations, and propose possible remedies to enhance their effectiveness.

Principal Lecturers

Hamad Alkaabi (UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs); Alexei Arbato (IMEMO and Carnegie Endowment, Moscow, Russian Federation); Nadia Arabova (IMEMO and Deputy Chair of Russian Pugwash, Moscow, Russian Federation); Jacek Bylica (Principal Adviser and Special Envoy for Non-proliferation and Disarmament, European Union External Action Service); Paolo Cotta-Ramusino (Secretary General of PUGWASH Conferences on Science and World Affairs, Milan, Italy); Vilmos Csevery (Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Delegation of Hungary to the IAEA; former Assistant Director General, IAEA); Mark Fitzpatrick (International Institute for Strategic Studies); Victor Gilinsky (Independent Consultant, former Member of US National Regulatory Commission); Catherine Kelleher (University of Maryland, College Park, USA); Stefan Klement (Strategic Planning Division, European External Action Service, Brussels, Belgium); Alexander Kmentt, Ambassador and Director for Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, Austrian Foreign Ministry, Vienna, Austria; Hannu Kyrolainen (Division for Global Affairs of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Helsinki, Finland); Jeffrey A. Larsen (NATO Defense College, Rome, Italy); Grégoire Mallard (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland); Steven Miller (Managing the Atom, Belfer Center, Harvard University, US); Vladimir Orlov (President, PIR Centre, Moscow, Russian Federation); Benoît Pelopidas (University of Bristol, UK, and CISAC affiliate, Stanford University, USA); Wolfango Plastino (Roma Tre University, Rome, Italy); Jenni Rissanen (Non-Proliferation Strategy Analyst, IAEA); Enrique Román-Morey (Ambassador of Peru to Portugal; Chairman, 2014 NPT PrepCom; Vice President UN General Assembly 2012-2013); Asghar A. Soltanian (Ambassador, Senior Advisor on Disarmament & International Security, Institute of Political & International Studies (IPIS), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tehran, Iran); Tibor Tóth (Executive Secretary Emeritus of the CTBTO); Carlo Trezza (Chairman, Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR), Italy).

Confirmation is expected from additional eminent scientists who have been invited to lecture at the School.

The course will be articulated in formal lectures, round tables, seminars offered by the participants and general open discussions.

General Information

A. English will be the working language of the School. There will be approximately 80 participants who are expected to attend all lectures and seminars and to stay for the whole of the weeklong course.

B. Applications should be submitted with the following information, which is compulsory even for those who have previously attended Isodarco sessions:
- full name; Date and place of birth; Gender; Present full address (including e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers, if available); Nationality; Degree and/or other academic qualifications; Current professional activities and work address; List of publications and field of interest; In lieu of publications, a letter of recommendation from a professor or a scholar in the field.

C. Applications should be addressed to the Director of the School:
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We suggest that you apply on-line at www.isodarco.it/courses/andalo15/andalo15-info.html or you can download an application form from the same location.

D. Applicants who need a visa to come to Italy should apply to Isodarco by October 6th 2014, indicate in their application to which Italian Consulate they intend to apply and apply for the visa immediately after being accepted to the School. Most Italian Consulates are reluctant to grant visas for a course that lasts only one week and therefore the applicants must provide the Italian Consular Authorities with evidence of their professional qualifications and their specific professional interest in the topic of the course and that their only reason to come to Italy is to attend the Isodarco course. Isodarco, as a NGO, is not in a position to influence the decisions of the Italian Consular Authorities. Applicants who do not need a visa should apply by November 7th 2014.

E. Applications will be considered by the Organizing Committee on the basis of the information submitted.

F. All applicants will be informed of the Committee's decision as soon as possible and before November 24th 2014 (those who need a visa by October 13th).

G. The registration fee, which includes attendance, accommodation and full board, is 500.00 Euros. A reduced fee of 300.00 Euros is applied to students with no income born in 1989 or after and to participants from Countries with foreign currency problems. If you wish to be considered for a reduced fee you must explain in your application why you qualify for it. Participants will be housed in double or triple rooms. The registration fee for single rooms, if requested and available, will be 800.00 Euros; participants asking to share a room with somebody in particular, if this is possible, will be charged an additional 50.00 Euros per person.

H. A limited number of family members can be accommodated at the Hotel Gruppo Brenta or nearby. Room and board for each person is 500.00 Euros for the entire period. Given the limited number of places for families, each request will be examined on an individual basis. Participants wishing to bring their family are requested to submit their application as soon as possible.

I. The School has no funds with which to help meet traveling and participating expenses.

J. The Course will be held at Hotel Gruppo Brenta, via Strigole 1, 38010 Andalo (Trento), Italy. Tel. (+39) 0461 585813, Fax (+39) 0461 585269.

K. Participants wishing to submit a paper for seminar consideration should enclose a short abstract of their proposed contribution in their application. The Director of the School will reserve some limited time for seminars considered particularly relevant to the program of the Course.

L. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to introduce any necessary change to the program.

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