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His lecture: Title: "The risk of nuclear terrorism and how to decrease it". Abstract: "We will review, without going into any technical details, the easiest, hence more likely, route for a terrorist group to destroy a city via a nuclear explosion. We will then outline the steps taken and to be taken in order to decrease the probability that such a terrible event happen".

Background material: see for instance the Issue Brief by J. Boutwell, F. Calogero and J. Harris in the Pugwash website: www.pugwash.org .