Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 15th, 2011

PPNT Policy Brief – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

9.00 am    Arrival, Continental Breakfast

9:25 am    Welcome (Robert Brown, PPNT Program Director, IGCC)

9:30 am    Panel Introduction: The Politics of Nuclear Weapons in the 21st Century: Policy Implications of the 'New Wave' of Nuclear Proliferation Research

   • Erik Gartzke (University of California, San Diego)
   • Matthew Kroenig (Georgetown University)

9:45 am    Panel: “With a Little Help from My Friends” Causes of Nuclear Proliferation

   Chair: Matthew Fuhrmann (Texas A&M)

   • Alex Montgomery (Reed College) - You’re Doing it Wrong: Competence as a Barrier to Nuclear Weapons Acquisition
   • Jeff Kaplow (University of California, San Diego) and Robert Brown (Temple University) - Talking Peace, Spreading Weapons: The IAEA and Proliferation
   • Bryan Early (SUNY Albany) and Christopher Way - Launching Nukes and Nuclear Weapons Programs: The Spread of Ballistic Missile Technology and Nuclear Weapons Proliferation

10.45 am   Commentary: Mona Dreicer (Deputy Program Leader for Nonproliferation and Arms Control, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory)

11:00 am   Q&A for all panelists

11:30 am   Conclusion of PPNT Policy Brief
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12:00 pm  Lunch – Beacon Bar and Grill

1:30 pm  Panel: The War on the War on Terror
Chair: Robert Brown (Temple University)
  • Victor Asal (SUNY Albany), R. Karl Rethemeyer and Kathleen L. Deloughery - Assume a (very dangerous) Can Opener: Modeling the Nuclear Terrorist Threat to the United States
  • Keir Lieber (Georgetown University) and Daryl Press (Dartmouth University) - No Return Address?: Attributing Nuclear Terrorist Attacks
  • Charles P. Blair (Federation of American Scientists)

3:00 pm  Roundtable: Not Getting There: Understanding and Preventing Nuclear Proliferation
Moderator: Matthew Kroenig (Georgetown University)

4:30 pm  Adjourn

6:00 pm  Dinner – Kababji Grill

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8:30 am  Arrival, Continental Breakfast

9:00 am  Panel: Nuclear Ties: Alliances, Bargaining and Security
Chair: Victor Asal (SUNY Albany)
  • Matthew Fuhrmann (Texas A&M) and Todd S. Sechser (University of Virginia)- Signaling Alliance Commitments: Hand Tying and Sunk Costs in Extended Nuclear Deterrence
  • Dan Reiter (Emory University) - Security Commitments and Nuclear Proliferation
  • Brett Benson (Vanderbilt University)- Nuclear Ambiguity, Bargaining, and Disarmament

11:00 am  Coffee break
11:15 am  Panel: What (not to) Do with Nuclear Weapons: Deterrence, Crises, and War  
Chair: Keir Lieber (Georgetown University)  
  - Todd S. Sechser (University of Virginia) and Matthew Fuhrmann (Texas A&M) - Crisis Bargaining and Nuclear Blackmail  
  - Erik Gartzke (University of California, San Diego) - Deterrence, Nuclear Capabilities and Conventional Conflict  
  - Matthew Kroenig (Georgetown University) – A Nuclear Superiority and the Balance of Resolve: Explaining Nuclear Crisis Outcomes.  
  - Jasen J. Castillo (Texas A&M) - Deliberate Escalation: Deterrence Strategies of Regional Nuclear Powers

1:00 pm  Working Lunch  
Roundtable: Been There, Done That: Understanding and managing a multipolar nuclear world.

Moderator: Kyle Beardsley (Emory University)

2:30 pm  Adjourn