



**“The Politics of Nuclear Weapons in the 21st Century:
Policy Implications of the 'New Wave' of Nuclear Proliferation Research”**

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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