

# THE CENTURY FOUNDATION

## Weapons Threats and International Security: Rebuilding an Unraveled Consensus

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9:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks: New Perspectives, New Opportunities

- **James Leach**, Trustee, The Century Foundation; U.S. House of Representatives (1973-2007); Visiting Professor, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University
- **Filippo Formica**, Director, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy
- **Jayantha Dhanapala**, former Under Secretary General, U.N. Department of Disarmament Affairs (1998-2003)

10:45 a.m.

Session 1: **Looking to 2020: Proliferating threats, static regimes?**

- **Paolo Cotta-Ramusino**, Secretary-General, Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs
- **Michael Krepon**, Co-founder and President Emeritus, Henry L. Stimson Center
- **Sergey Batsanov**, Pugwash; former Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament

*Moderator:* **Joseph Cirincione**, Senior Vice President for National Security and International Policy, Center for American Progress

- **Participant Discussion**

*Focus: What are the weapons threats from suspect "regimes" and from terrorists to the security of states and people? Is the international system dynamic enough to respond to them? Are the international mechanisms – NPT, IAEA, BWC and OPCW – in danger of unraveling, and why? What kind of world do we want in ten years and what do we do now to realize that vision?*

12:15 p.m.

Session 2: **Expanding nuclear energy, preventing weapons proliferation: A porous wall?**

- **Sergio de Queiroz Duarte**, President of the 2005 Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty Review Conference
- **William Potter**, Director, Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies
- **Gustavo Zlauvinen**, Director, United Nations Office, International Atomic Energy Agency

*Moderator:* **Jeffrey Laurenti**, Senior Fellow, The Century Foundation

- **Participant Discussion**

*Focus: If nuclear energy is to play an increasing role in meeting world energy needs, how do we control the spread of technologies through which many more nations can acquire nuclear weapons capabilities? How can the guarantors of international security – from the IAEA to the U.N. Security Council -- and vigilant coalitions of countries and multilateral groupings, most*

*effectively handle states that threaten to cross the weapons line? How are states that linger outside the NPT best handled? How can the partnership between the United States and European Union on nonproliferation help forge a new international consensus on action to prevent proliferation, and how can the U.N. General Assembly nurture and sustain it?*

1:30 p.m.

Lunch

- *Presiding:* **Richard C. Leone**, President, The Century Foundation
- *Point/Counterpoint:* A Nuclear-Weapons Free Iran  
**Richard Haass**, President, Council on Foreign Relations  
**Javad Zarif**, Permanent Representative of Iran to the United Nations  
*Moderator:* **Carla Anne Robbins**, Deputy Editorial Page Editor, The New York Times

3:00 p.m.

Session 3: **Sustainability of nonproliferation in a two-tiered world**

- **Hans Blix**, Chair, International Commission on Weapons of Mass Destruction
- **Jayantha Dhanapala**, former Under Secretary General, U.N. Department of Disarmament Affairs (1998–2003)
- **Henry Sokolski**, Executive Director, Nonproliferation Policy Education Center

*Moderator:* **Janne Nolan**, Professor and Senior Associate, The Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh

- **Participant Discussion**

*Focus: Is the threat of nuclear proliferation so large that we can enforce nonproliferation rules on potential weapons holders while some states maintain, diversify, or enlarge nuclear arsenals? To what extent is effective nonproliferation policy dependent on effective nuclear disarmament? How can lawmakers in the largest nuclear-armed states begin to address concerns about those arsenals? Does the chemical weapons convention offer a model of sustainability for effective nonproliferation, potentially applicable also to nuclear weapons?*

4:30 p.m.

Session 4: **Rebuilding a Durable Consensus**

*Moderator:* **Joseph Cirincione**, Senior Vice President, Center for American Progress

5 p.m. **Adjournment**

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