

## **Conference: Repairing the U.S.-NATO-Russia Relationship and Reducing the Risks of the Use of Nuclear Weapons**

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### **List of Participants**



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Dr. Bruce G. Blair is a research scholar in the Program on Science and Global Security at Princeton University and is co-founder of the Global Zero movement for the elimination of nuclear weapons. From 2011 to 2017, he served as a member of the U.S. Secretary of State's International Security Advisory Board. For many years, Blair was a senior fellow in the Foreign Policy Studies Program at the Brookings Institution and served as a project director at the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment. He previously served in the U.S. Air Force as a Minuteman ICBM launch control officer and as a support officer for the Airborne Command Post of the Strategic Air Command. Blair holds a PhD in operations research from Yale University.



**Dr. James Acton**

Jessica T. Mathews Chair and Co-director of Nuclear Policy Program  
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James Acton holds the Jessica T. Mathews Chair and is co-director of the Nuclear Policy Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. A physicist by training, Acton's current research focuses on the escalation risks of advanced conventional weapons. His work on this subject includes the Carnegie edited volume, *Entanglement: Chinese and Russian Perspectives on Non-nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Risks*, and a recent article in the journal *International Security*. He has testified on advanced nonnuclear weapons to the U.S. House of Representatives Armed Services Committee and the congressionally chartered U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.



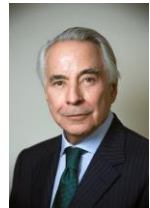
**Mr. William Alberque**

Director

NATO WMD Arms Control, Disarmament, and Non-Proliferation Centre (ACDC)

Mr. Alberque has worked on arms control, non-proliferation, and safeguards issues since 1994. One of his earliest assignments was to improve the security of Russian nuclear weapons-related facilities as part of the Nunn-Lugar Program. He joined DTRA in 2000, focusing on arms control inspections, strategic planning, and Small Arms/Light Weapons, and then served as the DoD Treaty Manager for Arms Control, before moving to the State Department to support the 2010 NPT RevCon. He returned to the Pentagon in 2011 to direct European arms control policy, and worked on the BTWC, CTBT, and IAEA safeguards.

He began serving at NATO Headquarters in 2012, and currently serves as the Director of the Arms Control, Disarmament, and WMD Non-Proliferation Centre (ACDC). His recent publications include “The NPT and the Origins of NATO’s Nuclear Sharing Arrangements,” *Proliferation Papers*, No. 57, Ifri, February 2017, and “Substantial Combat Forces in the Context of NATO-Russia Relations,” *Research Paper*, No. 131, NATO Defense College, June 2016.



**Ambassador Richard Burt**

Managing Director, McLarty Associates;

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Ambassador Burt is the managing director for Europe, Russia and Eurasia at McLarty Associates. McLarty Associates counsels corporations and financial institutions in the United States and abroad on strategic planning government issues, market access, mergers and acquisitions and political and economic risk issues. He also serves as U.S. Chair for Global Zero, an international campaign seeking for long-term elimination of nuclear weapons.

Ambassador Burt served in the Reagan administration as Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs and then as US Ambassador to Germany from 1985 to 1989. Under President George H.W. Bush, he served as US Chief Negotiator in the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks with the former Soviet Union.

Ambassador Burt serves as chairman of the board of advisors of The National Interest, an important U.S. foreign policy journal. He is a senior adviser to the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a member of the executive board of the Atlantic Council. He also serves on a number of prominent corporate boards.



**Mr. Thomas Countryman**  
Chairman of the Board  
Arms Control Association

Thomas Countryman has been Chairman of the Arms Control Association since 2017. The ACA is a nonpartisan NGO which analyzes key national security issues and advises the executive branch, Congress and the public on choices that promote global security and reduce risk from weapons of mass destruction.

He retired from the Senior Foreign Service in January 2017 after 35 years of service. At that time, he served simultaneously as acting Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, and as Assistant Secretary for International Security and Nonproliferation, a position he held since September 2011. The ISN Bureau leads the US effort to prevent the spread of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, their related materials, and their delivery systems.

Previously he served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs (2009-10), and as Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs (2010-11), with responsibility for the Balkans region. He served overseas at US Embassies in Belgrade, Tunis, Cairo, Rome and Athens; and served in the US Mission to the United Nations, the White House and the Pentagon.



**Ms. Cheryl Cruz**  
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Cheryl was appointed in September 2018 as the Deputy Director of Nuclear and NACD Policy at Global Affairs Canada, based at the department's headquarters in Ottawa. In August 2018, she completed a three-year post as the head of Political and Economic Affairs at the Canadian Embassy in Ankara, Turkey, with concurrent accreditation to Georgia, Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan. From 2006-2007, Cheryl served as a political officer in the Canadian Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, providing field expertise to Canada's Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force. Both a foreign service officer and lawyer by trade, she spent several years in legal practice with Global Affairs Canada's Legal Affairs Bureau, including three years as the Deputy Director of Economic Law advising the Government of Canada on its economic sanctions regime. Prior to joining Global Affairs Canada, Cheryl was a litigator with Justice Canada's Tax Litigation office in Ottawa. Cheryl is Barrister and Solicitor with the Law Society of Ontario, and holds a Master of Laws degree with a specialisation in public international law from the University of Cambridge (Pembroke College).



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General Dvorkin is a distinguished scholar of Russian science and technology, Dr.Sci.Tech., the professor. He is a full member of the Russian academy of rocket and artillery sciences, Academies of military sciences, the Russian engineering academy, the International engineering academy, and Academy of astronautics. He is now the chief researcher of the Center for International Security of the Institute of Economic and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences.



**Ambassador James Goodby**  
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James Goodby served for 35 years as a US Foreign Service Officer, retiring in 1989 with the rank of Career Minister. He was appointed Ambassador to Finland by President Carter, held three other ambassadorial-rank positions under President Reagan in assignments involving nuclear weapons and European security issues, and was called back to active duty by President Clinton to work on nuclear security negotiations.

Following his government service, he pursued a teaching and writing vocation at Georgetown, Carnegie Mellon, and Stanford Universities. Since 2007, Ambassador Goodby has been working closely with former Secretary of State George Shultz at Hoover Institution on nuclear disarmament questions. He is the author and editor of several books and many articles. Ambassador Goodby holds the Commander's Cross of the German Order of Merit and was the first winner of the Heinz Award in Public Policy. He is a member of the American Academy of Diplomacy.



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Lukasz Kulesa is Research Director at the European Leadership Network (ELN), a non-partisan, non-profit organization which works to develop collaborative European capacity to address foreign and security policy challenges. His own research interests include: nuclear and conventional deterrence and arms control, NATO and Russian security policy, non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Until 2014, Lukasz worked as the Head of the Non-proliferation and Arms Control Project at the Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM). He is currently based in Warsaw.



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Robert Legvold is Marshall D. Shulman Professor Emeritus at Columbia University. Former director, the Harriman Institute, Columbia University; former director the Euro-Atlantic Security Initiative chaired by Sam Nunn, Wolfgang Ischinger, and Igor Ivanov. Currently co-director of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences' project, "Meeting the Challenge of the New Nuclear Age." Most recent book: *Return to Cold War* (2016); most recent essay, "The Challenges of a Multipolar Nuclear World in a Shifting International Context," *American Academy Occasional Paper* (forthcoming).



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Paul Meyer is Fellow in International Security and Adjunct Professor of International Studies at Simon Fraser University and a Senior Fellow with The Simons Foundation Canada. Previously, Mr. Meyer had a 35-year career with the Canadian Foreign Service, including serving as Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations and to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva (2003-2007). He writes on issues of nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, space security and international cyber security.



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