



Sixth Annual Summer Programme on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

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The Hague

Update: Confirmed speaker Dr Paul Walker, International Director of Environmental Security and Sustainability (ESS), will speak on the legacy of WMD and the environment

Nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons are generally referred to as “weapons of mass destruction.” This description notes the extraordinary destructive and indiscriminate power of these weapons, if ever used in warfare or conflict. However, often overlooked and unaddressed is the serious damage done by the research, development, and testing of these weapons and related industry on humankind and the environment.

This lecture will seek to bridge the knowledge and awareness gaps between, on the one hand, arms control, disarmament, and demilitarisation, and on the other hand, public health and environment. Dr. Walker will address impacts of radiation and nuclear fallout, chemical pollution, and biological diseases on humanity and the long-term sustainability of the earth. Included will be discussion of industrial accidents and catastrophes including the 1984 Bhopal chemical accident in India, the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear meltdown in Ukraine, and the 2011 Fukushima disaster in Japan. Conclusions will be drawn concerning safety and security requirements, national and multilateral legal frameworks, emergency preparedness, and environmental remediation. Do you want to listen to this lecture and learn more? Sign up for the Summer Programme at: www.asser.nl/Disarmament

A short biography:



Paul Walker is the International Director of Environmental Security and Sustainability (ESS) for Green Cross International (GCI) and manages its Washington DC office. The ESS Program is an international effort to facilitate and advocate the safe and environmentally sound demilitarization, nonproliferation, and remediation of nuclear, chemical, biological, and conventional weapons stockpiles.

