

Centre for International & European Law



Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in a Changing World

4 to 9 September 2016

Sunday 4 September: Welcome		
17.00 - 18.00	Welcome and reception	

Monday 5 Septer	mber: Overview on Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)	
08.30 - 09.00	Registration	
09.00 - 09.30	Opening	Tanya Mehra T.M.C. Asser Instituut
		Deepti Choubey OPCW
09.30 - 10.30	Preventing Re-emergence of Chemical Weapons: Lessons for Non-Proliferation	Keynote speaker Hamid Ali Rao Deputy Director General
		OPCW
10.30 - 10.45	Coffee break	
10.45 - 12.15	 WMD from a Geo-Political Perspective The reasons why states pursue WMD; WMDs and the international order; The role of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation; Case studies. 	Dr Oliver Meier Senior Research Fellow German Institute for International & Security Affairs
12.15 - 13.15	Lunch	
13.15 - 14.45	 International Law and the Use of Force The use of force under international law; Humanitarian Intervention; The Responsibility2Protect; Case studies. 	Niels van Willigen Assistant Professor in International Relations Leiden University
14.45 - 15.00	Coffee break	
15.00 - 16.00	 International Humanitarian Law and WMD Jus in bello and weapons law; Restrictions on the use of nuclear weapons; Prohibitions on the use of chemical and biological weapons; Humanitarian Nuclear Weapons Initiative. 	Onur Güven Researcher T.M.C. Asser Instituut
16.00 - 16.15	Coffee break	
16.15 - 17.15	 Scientific and Technological Aspects of Nuclear Weapons How do nuclear weapons work? What is involved in their production? What is necessary for their deployment, and their control? Could a non-state actor (such as a terrorist group) make/use a nuclear explosive? 	tbc
18.30	Opening Dinner	

Tuesday 6 September: Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons + Field Visit			
09.00 - 10.45	 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty History leading to its adoption; Three pillars of the NPT; Review Conferences and 1995 extension; Current state of play. 	Beyza Unal Research Fellow The Royal Institute of International Affairs Chatham House	
10.45 - 11.00	Coffee break		
11.00 - 12.00	 Nuclear Safeguards The various types of safeguard agreements and their progressive development in view of proliferation cases; State-level approach. 	Laura Rockwood Executive Director Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation	
12.00 - 12.15	Coffee break		
12.15 - 13.15	 Iran Nuclear Deal: Implementation Challenges Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA); Verification regime; Break-out time concept. 	Laura Rockwood Executive Director Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation	
13.15 - 14.00	Lunch in bus		
14.15- 17.00	Field visit: TU-Delft Nuclear Research Reactor		

Wednesday 7 September: Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Nuclear and Biological Weapons		
09.00 - 10.15	 Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Current challenges and policy issues; Nuclear Weapon Free Zones. 	Andreas Persbo Executive Director Vertic
10.15 - 10.30	Coffee break	
10.30 - 11.30	 The Importance of a Fissile Materials (Cut-off) Treaty for Nuclear Disarmament Why and how to prohibit the production of fissile materials; What are the prospects of an international agreement? 	Paul Walker International Program Director Environmental Security and Sustainability Program Green Cross International

		Ambassador Nölke
		Ambassador of Canada to the Kingdom of the Netherlands
		Permanent Representative of Canada to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
11.30 - 11.45	Coffee break	
11.45 - 12.30	 Nuclear Security Summit 2016: Working Towards a Global Nuclear Architecture Minimise the use of highly-enriched uranium; Secure vulnerable materials; 	Paul Walker International Program Director
	 Secure vulnerable materials, Counter nuclear smuggling; Deter, detect, and disrupt attempts of nuclear terrorism. 	Environmental Security and Sustainability Program Green Cross International
12.30 - 13.30	Brownbag lunch: Professional opportunities in the sphere of WMD	
13.45 - 14.30	 Life Sciences, Chemistry and Disarmament Scientific underpinning of treaty implementation; Scientific development and security concerns; Need for and role of science in policy. 	Alastair Hay Professor of Environmental Toxicology
		University of Leeds
14.30 - 14.45	Coffee break	
14.45 – 17.30 (incl. coffee break)	 Biological Weapons Treaties, regulations, codes of conduct; The Implementation Support Unit; Intersessional meetings; Current challenges and policy issues. 	Richard Guthrie Independent authority on chemical and biological weapons and frequent media commentator on the situation in Syria

Thursday 8 September: Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Chemical Weapons + Field Visit			
09.00 - 10.00	 The Chemical Weapons Convention History leading to its adoption; Main pillars of the CWC; New and emerging challenges: Transition in focus from disarmament to non-proliferation. 	Grant Dawson Principal Legal Officer, Office of the Legal Adviser OPCW	
10.15 - 10.15	Coffee break		
10.15 - 11.00	 The OPCW: Mechanism of Verification (from declarations to inspection) Obligation of state parties; Verification by the OPCW: three types of inspections; Addressing non-compliance. 	Philippe Denier Director of the Verification Division OPCW	
11.00 - 11.15	Coffee break		
11.15 - 12.45	 The Use of Chemical Weapons in Syria and Iraq The impact on public health; Security aspects; The experience of inspectors. 	Aamir Shouket Deputy Chief of Cabinet, Office of the Director-General OPCW	
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch		
13.45 - 14.30	Travel to field visit		
14.30 - 17.00	Field visit: Live Exercise of an Investigation of Alleged Use of WMD in Wassenaar		

Friday 9 September: Multi Stakeholder Approaches to WMD Diplomacy & Current Challenges		
09.00 - 10.30	 Scientific and Technological Development: Opportunities and Challenges to Chemical and Biological Disarmament: Converging sciences; Technology development; (Bio)chemical disarmament in a technologically evolving world. 	Ralf Trapp International Disarmament Consultant
10.30 - 10.45	Coffee break	

10.45 - 12.00	 Export Control Regimes Nuclear Suppliers Group; Zangger Committee; Missile Technology Control Regime; Wassenaar Agreement; Australia Group. 	Dr Sibylle Bauer Director, Dual-use and Arms Trade Control Programme Stockholm International Peace and Research Institute
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 - 14.30	Simulation exercise	Dr Sibylle Bauer Director, Dual-use and Arms Trade Control Programme Stockholm International Peace and Research Institute
14.30 - 15.45	 Broadening the Community of Stakeholders in WMD Disarmament and Non-Proliferation How to enhance the impact of scientific advice on policy; Obligations of diplomacy in sourcing expert advice; Role of civil society. 	Moderator: Deepti Choubey Head of Public Affairs and OPCW Spokesperson Susi Snyder Nuclear Disarmament Programme Manager Pax Elisabeth Wächter Chief CTBTO Public Information
15.45 - 16.00	Coffee break	
16.00 - 16.30	Programme summary and evaluation – Open Session	
17.00 - 18.30	Closing reception	