



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

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*Update: Confirmed speaker Ms. Deepti Choubey, Fellow at The Foreign Policy Institute (FPI), Johns Hopkins University, SAIS, will speak about the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)*

The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), opened for signature in 1968, is frequently described as the cornerstone or foundation of the international nuclear non-proliferation regime. As a treaty tackling a global security threat with nearly universal membership, the NPT has been credited for preventing U.S. President John F. Kennedy's 1963 prediction that the 1970s could be a world of up to 25 nations possessing nuclear weapons. Despite this success, both in the past and currently, the NPT has had to address issues of compliance and associated enforcement challenges as well as problems with how key provisions are interpreted and implemented.

This lecture builds on the course reading materials providing the historical context of the NPT and will focus instead on why the NPT matters and the challenges it is facing today. Ms. Choubey will address the "grand bargain" enshrined within the NPT and its "three pillars." She will also explain the role and purpose of the once every five year Review Conferences, including the 1995 NPT Review Conference that led to the indefinite extension of the Treaty as well as the dynamics at the most recent Review Conference concluded in May 2015. The discussion will also include reflections on the implications of the current impasse among NPT members.

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## A short biography:

Deepti Choubey is a Fellow at The Foreign Policy Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) where she leads the Nuclear Policy Initiative. She is a nuclear policy expert with a track record of delivering real-world outcomes reducing nuclear dangers. Follow her on twitter: @RealDeeptiC

