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# Summer Programme

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

### Confirmed Speaker:

Oliver Meier, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)

#### Lecture

#### *WMD from a (geo)political perspective*

Threats from weapons of mass destruction are moving up the international security agenda. At the same time, political and technological trends are putting increased pressure on multilateral regimes to control nuclear, biological and chemical weapons and dual-use technologies. The presentation focuses on the motivations for acquiring weapons of mass destruction and lessons for non-proliferation and disarmament efforts, with a focus on nuclear weapons. What have we learned from the analysis of past proliferation programs and what does that tell us about some current proliferation problems? Particularly, what reasons have been identified why states' investigate, pursue, acquire or give up weapons of mass destruction?



#### Biography

Dr Oliver Meier is Deputy Head of the International Security Division at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) in Berlin. Previously, he was Senior Researcher with the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg and the International Representative and Correspondent of the U.S. Arms Control Association.

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