





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

## **Confirmed Speaker:**

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## Lecture

Nonproliferation of fissile materials in the context of the recent Nuclear Security Summits (NSS) and prospects for a Fissile Material Control Treaty (FMCT)

Four high-level Nuclear Security Summits (NSS) since 2010 have brought together over fifty national leaders from nuclear-capable countries every two years to address the risks involved with nuclear-related materials for research, energy, military, industrial, and medical purposes. These summits have been held in Washington DC (2010 and 2016); Seoul, South Korea (2012); and The Hague, The Netherlands (2014). Over these past six years more than 1,500 kilograms of highly-enriched uranium (HEU) and plutonium have been recovered or eliminated, and many other pledges have been made to improve nuclear security and help prevent theft, diversion, and use of weapons-grade fissile materials by non-state actors for weapons or radioactive bombs. This lecture, given in memory of former Dutch Foreign Ministry official Arend Meerburg, will discuss the importance of minimising weapons-grade fissile materials, establishing global norms for nuclear security and safety, and the possibilities for future multilateral negotiations and limits on fissile and radioactive materials.

## **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 demilitarisation, nonproliferation, and remediation of nuclear, chemical, biological, and conventional weapons stockpiles.

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