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Centre for International & European Law

Training Programme on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

27 September – 1 October 2021

Day 1: Monday 27 September 2021

General WMD Issues; Nuclear Weapons

- 09:30 - 10:15 **Opening & round of introductions**
Rob van Riet (Researcher, Asser Institute)
- 10:15 - 11:00 **Keynote Address by the Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons**
H.E. Mr Fernando Arias (Director-General, OPCW)
- 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee/Tea Break
- 11:30 - 12:45 **International Law and the Use of Force**
Dr Niels van Willigen (Associate Professor in International Relations, Leiden University)
- 12:45 - 13:30 Lunch Break
- 13:30 - 14:45 **Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) from a Geo-Political Perspective**
Sico van der Meer (Research Fellow, Netherlands Institute of International Relations 'Clingendael')
- 14:45 - 15:15 Coffee/Tea Break
- 15:15 - 16:30 **Weapons of Mass Distortion: Exploring the intersection between emerging technologies and nuclear stability**
Marina Favaro (Research Fellow, the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, University of Hamburg; Consultant, Science and Security Studies, King's College London)

Day 2: Tuesday 28 September 2021

Nuclear Weapons

- 09:00 – 10:15 **The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)**

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Dr Michal Onderco (Assistant Professor of International Relations, Erasmus University Rotterdam)

10:15 - 10:45 Coffee/Tea Break

10:45 - 12:00 **The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty**

Dr Jenny Nielsen and Natalia Silkina (Public Information Officer, Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation; Legal Officer, Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation")

12:00 - 12:30 Coffee/Tea Break

12:30 - 13:45 **Nuclear Safeguards**

Ionut Suseanu (Senior Legal Officer, International Atomic Energy Agency)

13:45 - 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 - 15:45 **US-Russia Relations and Their Effect on International Arms Control**

Dr Oliver Meier (Senior Researcher, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, University of Hamburg)

15:45 - 16:15 Coffee/Tea Break

16:15 - 18:00 **Virtual Technical Visit TU Delft: Nuclear Technology & Proliferation**

Marcel Schouwenburg (Senior Lecturer Radiation Protection, Technical University Delft)

Day 3: Wednesday 29 September 2021

Biological and Chemical Weapons; Export Controls

09:00 - 10:30 **The Biological Weapons Convention**

Daniel Feakes (Chief, Implementation Support Unit of the Biological Weapons Convention, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs)

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee/Tea Break

11:00 - 12:15 **Scientific and Technological Developments: Biological and Chemical Disarmament in a Technologically Evolving World**

Dr Peter Hotchkiss (Senior Science Policy Officer, OPCW)

12:15 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 - 15:15 **Export control regimes**

Sibylle Bauer (Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, SIPRI)

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Day 4: Thursday 30 September 2021

Chemical Weapons

- 09:30 - 10:45 **The Chemical Weapons Convention**
Yvonne Mensah (Head of Political Affairs and Protocol, OPCW)
- 10:45 - 11:15 Coffee/Tea Break
- 11:15 - 12:30 **The Chemical Weapons Convention's Mechanism of Verification – From Declarations to Inspections**
Dr Gareth Williams (Head of Safety and Analytical Chemistry Cell, OPCW)
- 12:30 - 13:15 Lunch Break
- 13:15 - 14:30 **Chemical Terrorism: Threat and Response**
Cormac O'Reilly (Senior Policy Officer, OPCW)
- 14:30 - 15:00 Coffee/Tea Break
- 15:00 - 16:15 **Upholding the Chemical Weapons Convention: the work of the OPCW Investigation and Identification Team**
Santiago Oñate (Coordinator, Investigation and Identification Team, OPCW)
- 16:15 - 16:30 Coffee/Tea Break
- 16:30 - 17:30 **The OPCW Lab and Equipment Store**
Dr Timothy Wood (Senior Analytical Chemist, OPCW)

Day 5: Friday 1 October 2021

Current Challenges

- 10:00 - 11:15 **When Non-Proliferation Fails: Case Study on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**
Prof. Dr Remco Breuker (Leiden University)
- 11:15 - 11:45 Coffee/Tea Break
- 11:45 - 13:00 **The Islamic Republic of Iran and Nuclear Weapons: What Is Next?**
Laura Rockwood
- 13:00 - 13:45 Lunch Break
- 13:45 - 15:15 **The Future of WMD Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (Panel Discussion)**
- 15:15 - 15:45 Coffee/Tea Break
- 15:45 - 16:15 **Programme summary, evaluation, and closing reception**

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