

'Trust-building and the Nuclear Future' – Networking Symposium

Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth University, 7-8 September 2010

The aim of the symposium is to bring together early career researchers, established academics and practitioners working in the fields of trust research and/or nuclear politics. The meeting will provide a forum for interaction between all three groups with a particular view to facilitating professional links for the early career researchers. It is also envisaged that the workshop will further contribute to enhancing collaboration between researchers across various social scientific disciplines such as international relations, psychology, and sociology.

The event is part of the three-year research project 'The Challenges to Trust-building in Nuclear Worlds'. The project is led by Professor Nicholas Wheeler of Aberystwyth University and supported by the RCUK's programme 'Global Uncertainties: Security for All in a Changing World'. The project's overall goal is to explore the contribution that multidisciplinary research on trust can make to opening up new policy options for promoting cooperation and security in the nuclear field.

The workshop will be held in the Department of International Politics at Aberystwyth University on 7-8 September 2010. The event will consist of four sessions, two of which will feature presentations by early career researchers and two of which will gather some of the leading scholars in the fields of trust research and nuclear weapons. These sessions will be devoted to the study of trust, regional nuclear dynamics, and the future of the international nuclear non-proliferation regime. A roundtable on trust and the global nuclear future will close the symposium. Each of the sessions will begin with short presentations followed by discussion. This workshop is the first one in a series of three which will take place over the course of the next three years.

The event is free and lunch will be provided on the second day. If you are interested in attending please register by emailing Jan Ruzicka (jlr@aber.ac.uk).

For information about the project on 'The Challenges to Trust-building in Nuclear Worlds' see www.aber.ac.uk/interpol/en/research/DDMI/research_trust_building.html.

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Tuesday, 7 September 2010

14:00 - 14:15 – Registration

14:15 - 14:30 – Introduction and welcome

- Nicholas J. Wheeler (Aberystwyth University)

14:30 - 16:00 – Session 1: 'How to do research on trust and trust-building?'

Opening presentations:

- Guido Möllering (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies Cologne)
- Geoffrey Hosking (University College London)

16:00 - 16:30 – Coffee Break

16:30 - 18:00 – Session 2: 'Conflict and cooperation in regional nuclear contexts'

Opening presentations:

- Sara Kutchesfahani (University College London) – 'From Nuclear Rivalry to Nuclear Cooperation: The Case of Argentina and Brazil'
- Chris Kitchen (University of Sheffield) - 'Identity as a Bedrock of Nuclear Trust: The Case of British Approaches to Iran'

Wednesday, 8 September 2010

8:45 - 10:15 – Session 3: 'The Future of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty'

Opening presentations:

- Hassan Elbahtimy (King's College London) – 'The Search for a Middle East Nuclear Weapons Free Zone'
- Matthew Harries (King's College London) - 'The Future of the NPT'

10:15 - 10:30 – Coffee break

10:30 - 12:00 – Session 4: 'Global Nuclear Future Roundtable'

Participants:

- Andrew Barlow (Foreign and Commonwealth Office)
- Ken Booth (Aberystwyth University)
- William Walker (University of St. Andrews)

12:00 – 13:00 - Lunch