

Nuclear Studies Research Initiative Conference 2019

Rethinking the Nuclear Future: Perspectives from Europe and America

Hamburg, Germany
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Call for Papers

Nuclear Studies Research Initiative (NSRI), now housed within the Henry A. Kissinger Center for Global Affairs at Johns Hopkins SAIS is collaborating with the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH) for the 2019 NSRI Conference.

Scholarship on nuclear issues has flourished in the past decade, which presents an opportunity to assess the contributions of past and current research. This year's conference is committed to reexamining the fundamental questions of our field, from technological advancements to questions of strategy and proliferation policy. We encourage papers that take a broader "big think" approach, such as synthesizing across literatures and debates or taking on reevaluations of core questions.

We invite scholars to submit proposals for papers on new ideas that would benefit from the cross disciplinary examination NSRI offers or on any of the following topics, broadly defined. NSRI and IFSH will cover transportation and lodging for conference participants.

World Order

- Implications of nuclear weapons for grand strategy and world order

Strategy

- Challenges related to non-singular goals for nuclear weapons
- Arms control bargaining dynamics; prospects for future (multilateral and multidimensional) agreements
- Nuclear weapons effects on deterrence and compellence; effects on broader peace and conflict
- Integration of nuclear with other military strategy (including conventional, cyber, space)
- Nuclear weapons and crisis stability

Proliferation

- Intersection of counter-proliferation policy and nuclear strategy
- Nuclear proliferation policies and regimes under multilateral/ multipolar conditions

Technology

- Consequences of emerging technology on nuclear proliferation, strategy, arms control, or nuclear crisis stability

Please submit an abstract [via this link](#) or to dbernab1@jhu.edu by August 17, 2019.

Our focus is more on the ideas than the stage of the project, and we will consider proposals ranging from early stage concept notes to more fully formed research papers.

Though proposal writers do not need to commit at this time, we hope that the papers from this NSRI conference may come together as an edited book or edited volume in the future.

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