



Middlebury Institute of
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Workshop

“War on Ukraine and the Nuclear World Order”

Venue: Fondation pour la recherche stratégique,
55 rue Raspail, 92300 Levallois-Perret

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2022 has not only brought a systemic crisis in international security, but also made an impact over the whole nuclear world order. The Russian aggression against Ukraine has questioned the values of the liberal regimes and systems the NPT regime is built upon. The attack of the biggest nuclear weapon state over a state having denied its nuclear arsenal in exchange for security assurances presents just one aspect. Another one is the tremendous growth of the role of nuclear weapons in communication among world actors. Russia’s nuclear blackmail of NATO, coercing its members from direct military support to Ukraine, updated the functions attributed to nuclear weapons, in particular the nuclear coercion function. Russia’s nuclear coercion already shows its indirect influence over the policies of states such as China, Iran and North Korea.

The workshop aims to explore the influence of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on the nuclear world order, in particular: testing the capabilities and limits of nuclear deterrence, examining opportunities for arms control and its future, discovering challenges to disarmament and nonproliferation. The workshop's goals are to increase awareness among the expert community over the risks to the nuclear world order posed by Russia's war on Ukraine and to involve young scholars in the experts' dialogue on nuclear deterrence, arms control, nonproliferation, and nuclear security.

Day 1.		
14.15 –	<i>Welcome coffee</i>	Xavier Pasco
14.30	Opening remarks	Polina Sinovets
14.30- 15.00	Keynote speaker (15 min of presentation and 15 min for Q&A)	Philippe Bertoux
15.00 – 16.30	Session 1. Deterrence and Arms Control (part 1) <i>Moderator: Benjamin Hautecouverture</i>	Speakers: Polina Sinovets Bruno Tertrais William Alberque

16.10 – 16.30	Coffee break	
16.30 – 18.00	Session 2. Deterrence and Arms Control (part 2) <i>Moderator: Polina Sinovets</i>	Speakers: Mélanie Rosselet Nikolai Sokov Corentin Brustlein Benjamin Hautecouverture
18.30	Reception sponsored by the NTI and GCNP	
Day 2.		
9.30 – 11.00	Session 3. Disarmament and Nonproliferation: Global and Regional Challenges <i>Moderator: Margarita Kalinina-Pohl</i>	Speakers: Jennie Gromoll (Zoom) Emmanuelle Maitre Valeriia Gergiieva Manuel Herrera (Zoom)
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break	
11.30 – 13.00	Session 3. Russia and European Security <i>Moderator: Natalia Melnyk</i>	Speakers: Camille Grand Tetyana Melnyk Julien Théron Valentina Cassar
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.15 – 15.45	Session 4. Nuclear Security: The Strategic Challenges <i>Moderator: Valeriia Gergiieva</i>	Speakers: Ali Alkis Valeriia Hesse Olga Brusylovska Iryna Maksymenko
15.45 – 16.00	Concluding remarks	