



Public Policy and Nuclear Threats Boot Camp

University of California

Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation

JULY 5 – 15, 2026



PPNT Agenda

Welcome

SUNDAY, JULY 5

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| 7:00 am – 4:00 pm | Arrivals |
| 4:30 pm | Welcome Dinner
<i>Location: Seventh College Tower, Floor 15
UC San Diego</i> |
| 5:00 pm | Keynote Address
<i>Dr. Thom Mason</i> |

Location: All lectures will take place in the Great Hall at UC San Diego.

Introduction

MONDAY, JULY 6

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| 8:30 am | Welcome and Introductions
<i>Linton Brooks, IGCC Team</i> |
| 8:45 am | A Practitioner's Approach to Nuclear Policy
<i>Linton Brooks</i> |
| 10:15 am | Break |
| 10:30 am | Nuclear Devices and Effects
<i>John Scott</i> |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:30 pm | Principles of Nuclear Deterrence
<i>Linton Brooks</i> |
| 3:00 pm | Break |
| 3:15 pm | The Legacy of the Cold War: Strategy, Policy, and Forces
<i>Linton Brooks</i> |
| 5:00 pm | Adjourn |
| 5:30 pm | Nuclear Trivia
<i>Location: Faculty Club, Cecil's Lounge</i> |

The Cold War and Hot Peace

TUESDAY, JULY 7

8:15 am	Current U.S. Nuclear Security Policy and Extended Deterrence <i>Elaine Bunn</i>
9:45 am	Break
10:00 am	Nuclear Weapons Modernization <i>Linton Brooks</i>
11:15 am	Group Photo & Lunch
12:45 pm	Proliferation: Causes and Consequences <i>Rebecca Davis Gibbons</i>
2:15 pm	Break
3 pm	Stockpile Stewardship <i>George Miller</i>
4:30 pm	Adjourn
5:15 pm	Small Group Dinner

International Safeguards

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

8:15 am	Nuclear Reactor Proliferation and the Fuel Cycle <i>Bethany Goldblum</i>
9:45am	Break
10:00 am	International Nonproliferation Regime <i>Laura Rockwood</i>
11:30 am	Lunch
1:00 pm	Lecture – IAEA Fuel Cycle Verification and Monitoring <i>Risa Haddal</i>
2:30 pm	Break
2:45 pm	International Physical Security <i>Laura Holgate and Will Tobey</i>
4:15 pm	Adjourn
5:15 pm	Small Group Dinner

World Nuclear Forces

THURSDAY, JULY 9

8:15 am	British, French, and NATO Policy <i>Elaine Bunn</i>
9:45 am	Break
10:00 am	China <i>Tong Zhao</i>
11:30 am	Lunch
1:00 pm	North Korea <i>Sulgiye Park</i>
2:30 pm	Break
2:45 pm	Space and Nuclear Deterrence <i>Doug Loverro</i>
4:15 pm	Adjourn
5:15 pm	Small Group Dinner

Legal and Ethical Issues of Nuclear Weapons

FRIDAY, JULY 10

8:15 am	Nuclear Ban Treaty and Civil Society <i>Heather Williams</i>
9:45 am	Break
10:00 am	Nuclear Taboo and the Law of Armed Conflict <i>Newell Highsmith & Heather Williams</i>
11:30 am	Working lunch
12:45 pm	Break
1:00 pm	Nuclear Arms Control <i>Linton Brooks</i>
2:45 pm	Break
3:00 pm	Iran <i>Mike Singh</i>
4:30 pm	Adjourn
5:30 pm	Underground Nuclear Testing – History and Control (Optional) with Linton Brooks

Free Day

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Nuclear Risks and Responses

SUNDAY, JULY 12

8:15 am	Responding to Tactical Use <i>Linton Brooks</i>
9:45 am	Break
10 am	India and Pakistan <i>Toby Dalton</i>
11:30 am	Lunch
1:00 pm	Trump Administration Nuclear Policy <i>Rob Soofer (Virtual)</i>
2:30 pm	Break
2:45 pm	Russia <i>Michael Kimmage</i>
4:30 pm	Adjourn
5:15 pm	Small Group Dinner

Major Issues

MONDAY, JULY 13

8:15 am	U.S. Nuclear Command and Control <i>John Warden</i>
9:45 am	Break
10:00 am	The Two Peer Problem <i>Michael Albertson</i>
11:30 am	Lunch
12:45 pm	Strategic Stability <i>Brad Roberts</i>
2:15 pm	Break
2:30 pm	Ballistic Missile Defense <i>Dean Wilkening</i>

Modern and Emerging Threats and Responses

TUESDAY, JULY 14

4:30 pm Adjourn
5:15 pm Small Group Dinner

8:15 am Nuclear Terrorism
Rolf Mowatt-Larssen
9:45 am Break
10:00 am Nuclear Forensics
Kim Knight
11:30 am Working Lunch -- Presidential Sole Authority to Order Nuclear Use
Linton Brooks
1:00 pm Uses and Misuses of Intelligence
Amy McAuliffe
2:45 pm Break
3:00 pm Can Abolition Still Be a Feasible Goal
Lynn Rusten
4:30 pm Simulation Instructions
4:45 pm Adjourn
5:30 pm Film Screening: Command and Control
Location: Robinson Auditorium

Closing Session

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

8:15 am Cyber and Nuclear Weapons
Chris Inglis
9:45 am Break
10:00 am AI and Strategic Stability
Andrew Reddie
11:30 am Lunch
12:30 pm Proceed to breakout rooms
12:45 pm Scenario briefings in breakout rooms

1:00 pm	Simulations
2:30 pm	Break and reassemble
3:00 pm	Solution presentations; 30 min per group
5:00 pm	Adjourn
5:15 pm	Closing Reception <i>Location: Faculty Club, Cecil's Lounge</i> <i>Closing Keynote: Kim Budil</i>



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