



Conference: Repairing the U.S.-NATO-Russia Relationship and Reducing the Risks of the Use of Nuclear Weapons

Convened by The Simons Foundation and Simon Fraser University's Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue

Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, Simon Fraser University
580 West Hastings Street, Vancouver
26-28 September 2018

Program

Wednesday, 26 September

Asia Pacific Hall

1720-1900 **Public Lecture and Dialogue:**
Repairing the U.S.-NATO-Russia Relationship in a Nuclear World
Presentation by: Bruce G. Blair, Ph.D.
Facilitator: Shauna Sylvester

1900-2030 **Reception**

Thursday, 27 September

Strategy Room 420

0900-0915 **Welcome**
Jennifer Allen Simons, The Simons Foundation Canada
Robin Prest, SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue

Opening Remarks
Jennifer Allen Simons

0915-0930 **Review of Conference/Mission**
Bruce Blair

0930-1100 **Panel 1: Overview of Strategic and Crisis Stability/Current Conditions**
This introduction will lay out US, Russian and European perspectives on crisis and strategic stability, key sources of concern, and identify focal points for possible action. Political, military and personal perspectives will be key to this scene setting discussion.
Discussion Leader: Jon Wolfsthal
Discussants: Thomas Countryman, Lukasz Kulesa, Pavel Zolotarev

- 1100-1115 Break
- 1115-1230 **Panel 2: Incidents Report/Risks of conflict and condition of agreements, tools of escalation management**
This introduction will identify sources of potential conflict and draw out participants regarding risks of actual escalation. Are the risks underappreciated or overhyped? Are there missing areas of concern, what key areas of cooperation are being overlooked?
 Multimedia presentation: Bruce Blair
 Discussant: Vladimir Dvorkin
- 1230-1330 **Panel 3, Working Lunch: Issues affecting Strategic Stability – New Technology, Nuclear Modernization, Political Developments**
What are the technical and political developments that can affect strategic stability in the future and what does that tell us about the future of arms control and competition?
 Discussion Leader: James Timbie
 Discussant: James Acton
- 1330-1500 **Panel 4: INF and New START Discussion**
History, Current State of Play and Possible Futures.
 Discussion Leader: James Goodby
 Discussants: Vladimir Dvorkin, Steven Pifer
- 1500-1515 Break
- 1515-1700 **Panel 5: Debrief from Moscow Track II on Future of Strategic Stability and Arms Control**
 Jon Wolfsthal
 Victor Mizin
- 1900-2200 **Private Event - Dinner hosted by The Simons Foundation Canada:
 Presentation of *The Simons Foundation Award for Distinguished Global Leadership in the Service of Peace and Disarmament* to Bruce G. Blair, Ph.D.**
 Spanish Ballroom, Rosewood Hotel Georgia

Friday 28 September

Strategy Room 420

- 0900-1045 **Panel 6: NATO-Russia Relations and Stability**
Ongoing tensions and military incidents between NATO and Russian Federation forces are a key feature of the current European landscape. Can these NATO and Russia re-engage to improve stability, on what basis, and can bilateral and multilateral agreements to reduce risk and conflict be pursued?
 Discussion Leader: Robert Legvold
 Discussants: William Alberque, Charles Kupchan, David Nelson, Pavel Zolotarev
- 1045-1100 Break

- 1100-1230 **Panel 7: What is Working in the US/Russian/European Relations?**
Despite near daily developments that show the deterioration of US/Russian/European relations, there is still an active network of engagement among the parties that can be used to address a crisis and provide a starting point for reversing the downturn in ties. What are the political, economic, military and technical areas of the relationship that are working that can be used to create momentum for better relations?
Discussion Leader: Thomas Countryman
Discussants: Vladimir Dvorkin, Victor Mizin, Elena Sokova, Paul Stronski
- 1230-1330 **Panel 8, Working Lunch: The Future of Nuclear Arms Control**
How can the current arms control system be enhanced, extended and expanded in the future? What are the key areas of interest among the parties, based on the previous discussion regarding strategic and crisis stability?
Discussion Leader: Richard Burt
- 1330-1430 **Panel 9: Crafting a Vancouver Final Statement**
Review of draft statement and completion of edits.
Chair: Bruce Blair
Discussant: Jon Wolfsthal
- 1430-1530 **Panel 10: Recommendations for Actions and Actors**
Chair: Bruce Blair
Discussant: Jon Wolfsthal
- 1530-1540 **Closing Remarks**
Robin Prest
Bruce Blair
Jennifer Allen Simons