Strategic Stability in a New Era: Identifying Pathways for U.S.-Russia Dialogue and International Cooperation

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Before this appointment, Mr. Adnan was the Special Assistant to the Director General for Nuclear Sciences and Applications (NA) and Technical Cooperation (TC) in the Director General’s Office for Coordination (DGOC) at International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna, Austria. Before joining the Agency, he was the Director General and Executive Secretary of the Atomic Energy Licensing Board (AELB), the Malaysian nuclear regulatory authority responsible for nuclear safety, security and safeguards under the Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation (MOSTI), Malaysia (2006 – 2013). Prior to that he was also the Minister Counsellor (Science) at the Embassy & Permanent Mission of Malaysia, Vienna (1995 – 2005). Mr. Adnan was also a member of IAEA Director General’s Advisory Group on Nuclear Security or “AdSec” (2006 – 2013) and as its Chairman (2011 – 2013). He was also a member of the IAEA Commission for Safety Standards (CSS) in the 2012/15 period.

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Ms. Bell’s areas of focus include bilateral and multilateral arms control and non-proliferation, Euro-Atlantic security, diplomacy, and Congressional affairs. Previously, she served as a Senior Advisor in the Office of the Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security. Before joining the Department of State in 2010, she worked on nuclear policy issues at the Ploughshares Fund and the Center for American Progress. Ms. Bell received a master’s degree in International Affairs from the New School and a Bachelor’s degree in Peace, War and Defense from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. From 2001-2003, she was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Saint Elizabeth, Jamaica. Ms. Bell is a Member of the British American Security Information Council (BASIC) Board of Directors, a Truman National Security Fellow, a 2012-2017 Council on Foreign Relations Term Member, a 2017 Munich Security Conference Young Leader, and a member of the Project on Nuclear Issues Mid-Career Cadre and the Younger Generation Leaders Network on Euro-Atlantic Security.
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Ms. Bidgood is a Senior Research Associate and Project Manager at CNS. Her areas of research include US-Soviet and US-Russia nonproliferation cooperation, as well as nonproliferation and disarmament diplomacy. Previously, she was a graduate research assistant at CNS and the project manager for the Graduate Initiative in Russian Studies. Sarah is a member of the CTBTO Youth Group, and she served as an intern at the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs during the 2015 NPT Review Conference. Before coming to Monterey, she worked in the field of scientific publishing as a managing editor and peer review manager. Sarah earned her BA in Russian from Wellesley College. She co-edited Once and Future Partners: The US, Russia, and Nuclear Nonproliferation book published by Routledge in 2018. She also holds an MA in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an MA in Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies.

Gen. Evgeny Buzhinskiy, Chair of the Executive Board, PIR Center

Lieutenant-General (Retired), Ph.D. in Military Sciences. He graduated from the Military Institute, M.V. Frunze Military Academy and served in the Armed Services since 1968. In 1976-1992, he served in different positions as Officer of the General Staff. From 1992 to 2009 served in positions of Senior Officer, Deputy Head of Direction, Head of Direction, Deputy Head of Department, Head of Department of the International Treaty Directorate of the Main Department of International Military Cooperation of the Russian Ministry of Defense. In 2002, he was appointed on the position of Head of the International Treaty Directorate – Deputy Head of the Main Department of International Military Cooperation of the Russian Federation Ministry of Defense. In 2009-2015, Gen. Buzhinskiy was PIR Center’s Consultant, then Senior Vice-President. He has been PIR Center's Chairman of the Executive Board since 2014. He gives lectures at the International School on Global Security since 2010, and the Dual Degree Master’s Program on WMD Nonproliferation established by MGIMO University, the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey and PIR Center in 2016. He is also Vice President of Russian International Affairs Council and Member of the PIR Center International Expert Group.
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Oleg Demidov is a Consultant with the PIR Center and serves as the Secretary of the Working Group on Information Security and Internet Governance under the PIR Center Advisory Board, whose member he currently is. Beyond the PIR Center, Oleg is the Head of Information Security Direction at the Moscow-based Institute of Internet Studies. Previously, in 2011-2012, Oleg held the position of Project Coordinator at Center for Political and International Studies (CPIS) under the International Federation for Peace and Conciliation. In 2012-2014, he led the Program International Information Security and Global Internet Governance at the PIR Center.

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Oleg has contributed to a number of international research initiatives projects on global security and IT. In 2011-2014 he took part in the international project “A Twenty-First Century Concert of Powers” conducted by Frankfurt Peace Research Institute (PRIF). In 2017, he was working on the draft National Cybersecurity Concept of the Kyrgyz Republic as a part of the project launched by UNDP Kyrgyz Republic / UNDP Moscow offices. Oleg is the author of a monograph and a number of research articles on cybersecurity and global internet governance in PIR Center’s Security Index journal and other editions.

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From 2007-2012, Dr. Moore was a senior analyst in the Office of Nuclear Security at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). He worked with the Incident and Trafficking Database and served as scientific secretary for the Director General's Advisory Group on Nuclear Security. He also served as scientific secretary for the development of the Agency's “Fundamentals of Nuclear Security” document. Dr. Moore is a former Fulbright scholar (Netherlands) and a former Atomic Energy Commission Special Fellow. He is a licensed professional engineer (nuclear) in California and was formerly a research reactor operator. Dr. Moore served as a lieutenant commander in the Navy. Leaving active duty, he joined Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) working in nuclear physics, nuclear effects, and radiation detection and measurement. He then practiced law with Pacific Gas & Electric and the San Francisco firm of Kenney & Markowitz. After 9/11, he returned to LLNL, working in the Nuclear Assessment Program (NAP) before joining the IAEA. Dr. Moore is a retired Captain, U.S. Naval Reserve, and a pilot, holding a commercial license.
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In 1994, Dr. Orlov founded PIR Center (the Russian Center for Policy Studies), a private think tank dealing with international security and Russia’s foreign policy issues, now a leading Russian and international research and publishing non-governmental organization in this area. In 2015, Dr. Orlov decided to step down as PIR Center’s CEO while remaining on Center’s Executive Board and concentrating on specific nuclear nonproliferation and other projects as Center’s Special Advisor. Since 2014, Dr. Orlov is the Head of the Diplomatic Academy’s Center for Global Trends and International Organizations.

His areas of research include major threats and challenges to international security, primarily, nuclear nonproliferation, Iranian nuclear program, proliferation challenges in the Middle East, as well as US-Russian and European-Russian relations in the framework of international security, and the prospects of cooperation on peace and security within BRICS. Dr. Orlov is constantly engaged in teaching and educational activities, giving lectures and expert comments on Russian foreign policy and on nuclear nonproliferation within Russia and abroad. His initiative culminated in establishment of the International Dual Degree MA Program in Nonproliferation and Global Security Studies in 2016 – a joint project by the Moscow State Institute of International Affairs (MGIMO) of the Russian Foreign Ministry, the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, and PIR Center. He serves as academic consultant to the program and teaches Russian foreign and security policy as well as nuclear nonproliferation at MGIMO.

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Mr. Purvis is responsible for overseeing the IAEA Incident and Trafficking Database, developing cyber security guidance for nuclear and other radioactive material activities for the use of member states, and managing the Agency’s program for the preparation of nuclear security support plans for implementing nuclear security enhancements in member states. Prior to beginning with the IAEA in September 2015, Scott worked for 25 years with the US Department of Energy, in the field of safety and security of nuclear and other radioactive material. His experience runs from leading safety and security oversight teams to the environmental clean-up and stabilization of nuclear materials. Most of his time with the Department of Energy was with the National Nuclear Security Administration, working on nuclear security programs associated with threat assessment, international nuclear detection and response assistance programs, and international nuclear material physical protection assistance programs. This included a secondment for several years to the US Department of Homeland Security’s Domestic Nuclear Detection Office.

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Previously Dr. Williams was a MacArthur Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Department of War Studies at King’s College London, where she also finished her PhD in 2014. Prior to joining King's as a postdoc, she was a Research Fellow at Chatham House on nuclear weapons policy and worked at the Institute for Defense Analyses in Washington, DC, where she is now an adjunct Research Staff Member. Her current research focuses on US-Russia arms control, approaches to nuclear disarmament, and emerging technology, particularly the impact of social media on conflict escalation. She is currently completing a book on trust in U.S.-Russia arms control, and a study on how to incorporate emerging technology into arms control frameworks. She is a co-convenor for the Master’s in Arms Control and International Security programme and teaches modules on the History and Politics of Arms Control, Arms Control Case Studies, and Understanding Deterrence in Theory and Practice.