



**“U.S.-Russia Virtual Dialogue on the NPT Review Process:
Ideas from Next Generation”**

Third Meeting of the Track 2.5 Working Group

*Zoom video conference
May 15, 2020*

Senior nonproliferation experts, including former officials from the United States and Russia, tend to compare the current crisis in this field to the Cold War era, often in favor of the latter. As we approach the upcoming NPT Review Conference, it is especially valuable to examine the history of U.S.-Russian engagement on NPT issues over the last 50 years through a scholarly lens. We ask the younger generation to share the lessons they learned from studying this experience.

8:30-8:45 AM PST/6:30 PM-6:45 PM MST

Opening Remarks by the Working Group Co-Chairs

Dr. Vladimir **Orlov**, Director, PIR Center; Professor, MGIMO University; Head, Center for Global Trends and International Organizations, Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Federation

Prof. William **Potter**, Director, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies and Sam Nunn and Richard Lugar Professor of Nonproliferation Studies at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey

8:45-10:00 AM PST/6:45 PM-8:00 PM MST

Session I. U.S.-Soviet/Russia Cooperation and the NPT at 50: Taking Stock of Past and Present

- 1) *In what ways was U.S.-Soviet engagement central to the establishment of the NPT and the nonproliferation regime?*
- 2) *Was U.S.-Russia nuclear dialogue more productive in Cold War times and, if so, why?*
- 3) *Why are the U.S. and Russia failing to address current challenges to the NPT today despite having been able to do so in the past?*
- 4) *What were the most significant drivers for cooperation in the past, and in what ways are they different today?*

Moderator: Ms. Yulia **Sych**, Educational Program Director, PIR Center

Panelists: Ms. Grace **Kier**, Undergraduate Student, College of William and Mary

Mr. Nikita **Degtyarev**, Graduate Student, MIIS-MGIMO Dual Degree Program in WMD Nonproliferation

Mr. Sam **Whitefield**, Graduate Student, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey

Ms. Nadezhda **Kulibaba**, Graduate Student, Strategic and Arms Control Studies Program at Saint Petersburg State University



10:00-11:15 AM PST/8:00 PM-9:15 PM MST

Session II. Reviving U.S.-Russia Cooperation in the NPT Context: Looking Toward 2025

- 1) *What are the potential consequences of the demise of U.S.-Russia cooperation within the NPT?*
- 2) *How can the United States and Russia most usefully collaborate in the leadup to the postponed 2020 NPT Review Conference?*
- 3) *What lessons from past U.S.-Soviet cooperation on NPT issues can the U.S. and Russia apply during the next review cycle?*
- 4) *What can the U.S. and Russia do to strengthen the NPT and enhance the prospects for a successful 2025 NPT RevCon?*
- 5) *How can next generation experts contribute to this process?*

Moderator: Ms. Sarah **Bidgood**, Director, Eurasia Nonproliferation Program, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies

Panelists: Mr. Jeremy **Faust**, Graduate Student, MIIS-MGIMO Dual Degree Program in WMD Nonproliferation

Mr. Sergey **Semenov**, Graduate Student, MIIS-MGIMO Dual Degree Program in WMD Nonproliferation

Ms. Aubrey **Means**, Graduate Student, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey

Mr. Vladislav **Chernavskikh**, Graduate Student, MIIS-MGIMO Dual Degree Program in WMD Nonproliferation

11:15-11:30 AM PST/9:15 PM-9:30 PM MST

Concluding Remarks by the Working Group Co-Chairs

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