

Speaker Information

Dr. Bruce Blair (USA)

Bruce G. Blair is a research scholar in the Program on Science and Global Security at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He is also the co-founder of Global Zero, an international movement seeking the universal elimination of nuclear weapons, and the principal author of its policy reports. Blair is an expert on U.S. and Russian security policies, specializing in nuclear forces and command-control systems. He currently serves as a member of the U.S. Secretary of State's International Security Advisory Board, to which he was appointed in 2011.



Ms. Sandra Ionno Butcher (USA)

Sandra Ionno Butcher is Executive Director of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs, where she also serves as director of the Pugwash history project. Ms. Butcher was asked by Joseph Rotblat to write the history of the Pugwash Conferences. Over the course of many years, she has conducted oral histories and research on the founding of the organization, from the famous Russell-Einstein Manifesto of 1955 to the first meeting hosted by Cyrus Eaton in Pugwash, Nova Scotia, through to its sharing the 1995 Nobel Peace Prize with Joseph Rotblat.



Prof. Francesco Calogero (Italy)

Francesco Calogero is an ex-officio member of the Pugwash Council, as former Secretary General (1989-1997). He accepted the 1995 Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs. He is an Emeritus Professor of Physics at the University of Rome.



Prof. Paolo Cotta-Ramusino (Italy)

Paolo Cotta-Ramusino has been Secretary General of Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs since August 2002. He is also Professor of Mathematical Physics at the University of Milano (Italy) and Senior Researcher at the Italian National Institute of Nuclear Physics. As Secretary General of Pugwash he has continued Pugwash's tradition of addressing the need of eliminating nuclear weapons and more generally all WMDs. Paolo Cotta-Ramusino is an internationally recognized expert on these issues, and regularly gives presentations on current topics in arms control, disarmament and conflict resolution at leading academic, research and governmental institutions.





Amb. Jayantha Dhanapala (Sri Lanka)

Jayantha Dhanapala is currently the 11th President of the Nobel Peace Prizewinning Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs. He is also Deputy Chairman of the Governing Board of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and on several other advisory boards of international bodies. He is a former United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs (1998-2003) and a former Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the USA (1995-7) as well as to the UN Office in Geneva (1984-87).



Prof. Seiji Endo (Japan)

Seiji Endo has been teaching International Politics at Seikei University since 1993. He has been interested in changing structure of world political economy, and changing character of conflict. Recently he is researching and writing about security issues of Asia-Pacific and Japan. He has just finished the publication project of Series Japanese Security, 8 volumes (Iwanami-shoten Publisher, only in Japanese), organizing nearly 80 specialists mainly from Japan.



Amb. Dr. J. Enkhsaikhan (Mongolia)

J. Enkhsaikhan is the Director of the Blue Banner NGO. He is a career diplomat of Mongolia with wide experience in multilateral affairs. He served as the national security advisor to the first democratically elected President of Mongolia in 1993-1996, when Mongolia's national security and foreign policy concepts were adopted. He is known as the architect and implementer of Mongolia's nuclear-weapon-free status that enjoys wide international support. He is the founder of Blue Banner, a Mongolian NGO devoted to promoting the country's nuclear-weapon-free status. Has written extensively on issues of international security and non-proliferation.



Mongolia

Ms. Anita Friedt (USA)

Anita Friedt is the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance (AVC) of the US Department of State. Prior to joining the AVC Bureau, Ms. Friedt served as the Director for Arms Control and Non-proliferation at the National Security Council from 2009-2011. While on the National Security Staff, she was a key player in the successful negotiation and ratification of the New START Treaty and worked to update conventional arms control in Europe, strengthen European security, and advance missile defense cooperation with Russia.



Dr. Anissa Hassouna (Egypt)

Anissa Hassouna is Secretary-General of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs and Executive Director of the Sir Magdi Yacoub Foundation. She worked as a Diplomatic Attaché at the Egyptian Foreign Ministry after studying Economics and Political Sciences at the University of Cairo. She also worked for fourteen years in the Arab Economic Unity Council of the League of Arab States. Then, she served as General Manager of "Egypt International Economic Forum". In addition, she is a lecturer in the Diplomatic Institute of the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Banking Institute related to the Central Bank of Egypt.





Amb. Akylbek Kamaldinov

Akylbek Kamaldinov is the Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Japan. He has held prominent positions including First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Japan, Head of Section of the Department of Bilateral Co-operation, and Deputy-Director of the Department of Asia, Middle East and Africa in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Head of External Economic Division, Office of the Prime Minister. He assumed his current post in 2007.



Prof. Shigeru Katamine (Japan)

Shigeru Katamine is the President of Nagasaki University. He was elected in 2008, having joined the administrative office of Nagasaki University as Vice-President in 2002. Since 1984, when he first began his tenure at Nagasaki University, he has actively participated in education and research within the field of Virology. During his research career, he spent 3 years (1985-1988) at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Maryland in the USA to study modern life sciences. His special research interests have been human retroviruses and prion infectious agents. His scientific contributions have been published in several highly influential Journals including The Lancet, Nature, Science, and others.



Lt. Gen. (retd.) Khalid Kidwai (Pakistan)

Lieutenant General (retired) Khalid Kidwai is advisor to Pakistan's National Command Authority and the former Director General of Pakistan's Strategic Plans Division, which he headed for 15 years. While serving as Director of Pakistan's Strategic Plans Division, General Kidwai conceived, articulated and executed Pakistan's nuclear policy and deterrence doctrines into a tangible and robust nuclear force structure. General Kidwai is also the architect of Pakistan's civilian Nuclear Energy Program and National Space Program.



Mr. Hitoshi Kikawada

Hitoshi Kikawada was elected as Lower House Representative in 2014 and was recently appointed as Parliamentary Vice Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in October 2015. He graduated from the Department of Civil Engineering, Tokyo Science University and has an MS from the University of Maryland (Ocean Science and Environment) 1998. He finished the doctoral course at Osaka University on civil engineering.



Hon. Yōhei Kōno (Japan)

Yōhei Kōno is a Japanese politician and a member of the Liberal Democratic Party. He served as Speaker of the House of Representatives from November 2003 until August 2009 and was previously Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister. From December 1992 until August 1993, he served as Minister of State and Chief Cabinet Secretary.





Mr. Michiji Konuma (Japan)

Michiji Konuma is a distinguished theoretical physicist and a former Pugwash Council member. He is Professor Emeritus of Physics at Keio University in Tokyo and a Visiting Researcher at the International Peace Research Institute of the Meiji Gakuin University. He is the former Chairperson of The Special Committee on Nuclear Physics Science Council of Japan.



Prof. Kiyoshi Kurokawa (Japan)

Kiyoshi Kurokawa is an Adjunct Professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies and Professor Emeritus of the University of Tokyo. Prof. Kurokawa served as Special Advisor to the Cabinet (2006-2008) and as a Commissioner on the World Health Organization Commission for Social Determinants of Health (2005-2008).



Prof. Saideh Lotfian (Iran)

Saideh Lotfian is the Chair of the Pugwash Council and a Professor of Political Science at the University of Tehran, Iran.



Dr. Steve Miller (USA)

Steve Miller is the Chair of the Pugwash Executive Committee and Co-chair of the US Pugwash Committee. He is the Director of the International Security Program of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, and also the Editor-in-chief of the quarterly *International Security*.



Governor Hōdō Nakamura (Japan)

Hōdō Nakamura is the current governor of Nagasaki Prefecture located in the Kyushu region of Japan. He was re-elected for another four-year term in 2014.





Prof. Alexander I. Nikitin (Russia)

Alexander Nikitin is Deputy Chair of the Russian Pugwash Committee and the Director of the Center for Euro-Atlantic Security of the Moscow State Institute for International Relations of the Russian MFA.



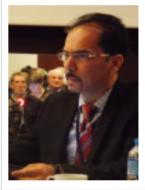
Prof. Ramamurti Rajaraman (India)

Ramamurti Rajaraman is Emeritus Professor of Physics at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and a member of the Pugwash Council. He was also a Co-Chair of the International Panel on Fissile Materials(IPFM), a Vice President of the Indian National Science Academy, and a Member of the Science and Security Board of the *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*.



Mr. Abul Ahrar Ramizpoor (Afghanistan)

M. Abul Ahrar Ramizpoor is a Human Rights Officer at the United Nation Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) and a member of the Pugwash Council. He is a former lecturer at Sharia Faculty of Kabul University and the founder of the Afghanistan Economic & Legal Studies Organization (AELSO).



Prof. Ali Akbar Salehi (Iran)

Ali Akbar Salehi is the head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI). He served as head of AEOI from 2009 to 2010 and was appointed to the post for a second time on 16 August 2013. In the interim period he was Minister of Foreign Affairs (2010 to 2013). He was also the Iranian representative in the International Atomic Energy Agency from 1998 to 2003.





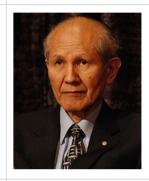
Ms. Linh Schroeder (Switzerland)

Linh Schroeder is Head of Mission of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Japan since March 2015. She joined the ICRC in 1997, working mostly in the field, in Rwanda, Sierra Leone, North and South Caucasus, Ukraine, Colombia and Sri Lanka, and recently as Head of Pacific Regional Delegation in Suva, Fiji, and Head of Delegation in Chad. She graduated from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, and holds an LL.M. in international law from Hull University, UK.



Prof. Osamu Shimomura (Japan)

Osamu Shimomura is Professor Emeritus at the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and Boston University School of Medicine. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2008 for the discovery and development of green fluorescent protein.



Mr. Leon Sigal (USA)

Leon V. Sigal is director of the Northeast Asia Cooperative Security Project at the Social Science Research Council in New York. Sigal was a member of the editorial board of The New York Times from 1989 to 1995. He served in the Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, in 1979 as International Affairs Fellow and in 1980 as Special Assistant to the Director.



Dr. Jennifer Allen Simons (Canada)

Jennifer Allen Simons, C.M., Ph.D., LL.D. is an award-winning educator, thought leader and nuclear disarmament specialist. As Founder and President of The Simons Foundation, an innovative private foundation based in Vancouver, Canada, Dr. Simons has pioneered research, advocacy and action in advancing nuclear disarmament, peace, human rights and global co-operation, and regularly speaks on nuclear disarmament issues at international conferences and other events. Dr Simons is a member of the Pugwash Council.



Ms. Sharon Squassoni (USA)

Sharon Squassoni has directed the Proliferation Prevention Program at Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) since 2010. She joined CSIS from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where she was a senior associate in the Nuclear Non-proliferation Program. From 2002 to 2007, Ms. Squassoni advised Congress as a senior specialist in weapons of mass destruction at the Congressional Research Service (CRS), Library of Congress. Ms. Squassoni also served in the executive branch of government from 1992 to 2001, including in the Non-proliferation Bureau and the Political-Military Bureau at the Department of State, as well as in the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.





Dr. Mark Suh (South Korea)

Mark Suh is Chair of the Korean Pugwash Group and a member of the Pugwash Council. A political scientist, he is Chairman of the Corea Trust Fund and formerly a Senior Researcher and Korean Co-ordinator of the Free University of Berlin, as well as a former Member of the Presidential Advisory Council on Peaceful and Democratic Unification of Korea.



Prof. Tatsujiro Suzuki (Japan)

Tatsujiro Suzuki is Director and Professor at the Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition (RECNA), at Nagasaki University. He is the former Vice Chairman of the Japan Atomic Energy Commission and former Associate Vice President, Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry. He is now co-chair of International Panel on Fissile Material (IPFM) since 2015.



Mayor Tomihisa Taue (Japan)

Tomihisa Taue is the Mayor of the city of Nagasaki.



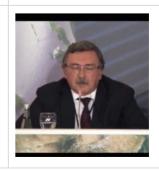
Prof. Masao Tomonaga (Japan)

Masao Tomonaga is Honorary Director of the Japanese Red Cross Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Hospital and Director of the Junshin Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Survivors Nursing Home Clinic.



Minister Mikhail Ulyanov (Russia)

Mikhail Ulyanov is the Director of the Department for Non-proliferation and Arms Control in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. He was formerly the Head of the Delegation of the Russian Federation to the Vienna Negotiations on Military Security and Arms Control, and the Head of the Bilateral Implementation Commission of the Treaty between the Russian Federation and the United States of America on Strategic Offensive Reductions.





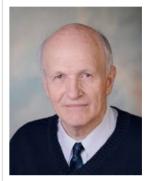
Prof. Hiromichi Umebayashi (Japan)

Hiromichi Umebayashi is the President of the Peace Depot, Yokohama, Japan. He is the International Coordinator of the Pacific Campaign for Disarmament and Security (PCDS) and an Editor-in-Chief, Nuclear Weapon and Nuclear Test Monitor. He is also a member of the International Steering Committee of the Middle Powers Initiative (MPI) and the East Asian Coordinator, Parliamentarian Network for Nuclear Disarmament (PNND).



Prof. Frank Von Hippel (USA)

Frank von Hippel is a theoretical physicist and a Professor of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. He has worked on nuclear policy issues for over thirty years. Prof. von Hippel is a founder and was a Co-Chair of the International Panel on Fissile Materials (IPFM) until 2015, and from 1993 to 1994 he was the Assistant Director for National Security in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.



Mr. Yoshiro Yamawaki (Japan)

Yoshiro Yamawaki is a Hibakusha, a survivor of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki on 9 August 1945. He was appointed as the first Peace Ambassador by the Government of Japan.



Dr. Hiroyuki Yoshikawa (Japan)

Hiroyuki Yoshikawa is Special counsellor to the President, as former Director General of the Center for Research and Development Strategy, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)He is the former President of the International Council for Science (ICSU). He is Chair of Japan Pugwash Senior Advisory Council.





Dr. Tong Zhao (China)

Tong Zhao is an associate in Carnegie's Nuclear Policy Program based at the Carnegie–Tsinghua Center for Global Policy, Beijing. His research focuses on strategic security issues, including nuclear arms control, non-proliferation, missile defense, strategic stability, and China's security and foreign policy. Dr. Zhao was previously a Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow with the Managing the Atom Project and the International Security Program at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University.



Amb. Reza Ziaran (Iran)

Reza Ziaran is the Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization Preparatory Commission (CTBTO PrepCom). He is a former Ambassador to the Netherlands of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

