

 ACONA CONFERENCE REYKJAVIK

# NEGOTIATING THE FUTURE OF NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL



ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATION ACADEMY  
ACONA CONFERENCE REYKJAVIK  
SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022  
LOCATION: VERÖLD - HOUSE OF VIGDÍS;  
UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND

## PROGRAMME

09:45-10:00 GMT **Coffee and Light Breakfast**

10:00-10:15 GMT

### Opening Remarks

**Jón Atli Benediktsson**, Rector of the University of Iceland  
**H.E. Guðni Th. Jóhannesson**, President of Iceland

10:15-10:45 GMT

### Opening Panel: Small States, Great Powers: How Do We Negotiate Agreements in a Darker World?

**H.E. Katrín Jakobsdóttir**, Prime Minister of Iceland  
**Baroness Catherine Ashton**, Former High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy, Former First Vice President of the European Commission  
**Moderator: Þóra Arnórsdóttir**, Managing editor, Icelandic National Broadcasting Service (RÚV)

10:45-11:00 GMT

### Remarks on Behalf of ACONA

**Arvid Bell**, ACONA Executive Board Member, Lecturer on Government, Harvard University. Director, Negotiation Task Force, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies  
**Pia Hansson**, ACONA Executive Board Member, Director of the Institute of International Affairs and Höfði Reykjavík Peace Centre, University of Iceland

11:00-11:15 GMT **Coffee Break**

11:15-12:30 GMT

### International Negotiation Design Thinking: Presentation of Findings

**Alexander Bollfrass**, Senior Researcher, Center for Security Studies, ETH Zurich. Associate, Negotiation Task Force  
**Mariana Budjeryn**, ACONA Project Affiliate, Research Associate, Project on Managing the Atom, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Associate, Negotiation Task Force, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies  
**Sascha Hach**, ACONA Project Affiliate, Research Associate and Doctoral Researcher, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt  
**Moderator: William Potter**, ACONA International Advisory Board Member, Sam Nunn and Richard Lugar Professor of Nonproliferation Studies, Founding Director of the Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey

12:30-13:15 GMT **Lunch**

13:15-14:30 GMT

### Expert Panel: Mitigating the Risks of Nuclear War

**Rose McDermott**, David and Marianna Fisher University Professor of International Relations, Brown University  
**William Potter**, ACONA International Advisory Board Member, Sam Nunn and Richard Lugar Professor of Nonproliferation Studies, Founding Director of the Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey  
**Tong Zhao**, ACONA Project Affiliate, Senior Fellow, Nuclear Policy Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace  
**Moderator: Francesca Giovannini**, Executive Director, Project on Managing the Atom, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School

14:30-14:45 GMT **Coffee Break**

14:45-16:00 GMT

### Expert Panel: Strategies for De-Escalation

**Thomas Countryman**, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Nonproliferation, 2011-2017  
**Michiru Nishida**, Professor, School of Global Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagasaki University  
**Pavel Palazhchenko**, ACONA International Advisory Board Member, Head of the International Relations and PR Department at the Gorbachev Foundation  
**Elayne Whyte**, Former Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, Former Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN in Geneva, 2022 Fellow, Advanced Leadership, Harvard University  
**Moderator: Christopher Daase**, ACONA Executive Board Member, Professor of International Organizations, Goethe University Frankfurt, Deputy Director, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt

16:00-16:10 GMT **Coffee Break**

16:10-16:40 GMT

### Closing Keynote

**Steven E. Miller**, Director, International Security Program Editor-in-Chief, International Security, Co-Principal Investigator, Project on Managing the Atom, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School

16:40 GMT

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### Closing Reception



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