**Negotiating the Future of Nuclear Diplomacy**

**FRIDAY MAY 17, 2024 FROM 10:00-17:00 IN VERÖLD - HOUSE OF VIGDÍS IN REYKJAVIK**

09:45-10:00 – Coffee and Light Breakfast

10:00-10:10
Opening Remarks: Jón Atlí Benediktsson, Rector, University of Iceland

10:10-10:15
Remarks on Behalf of ACONA
Arvid Bell, Lecturer on Government, Harvard University; Member, ACONA Executive Board
Silja Bára Ómarsdóttir, Professor of International Affairs, University of Iceland, ACONA Associate

10:15-11:00
Opening Conversation: Strategies for Global Security: Nordic Nations’ Approaches to Nuclear Threats
Margot Wallström, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sweden
Moderator: María Mjöll Jónsdóttir, Director General, Directorate for International Affairs and Policy at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Iceland

11:00-11:15
Distinguished Greetings: A Chinese Perspective on Arms Control
Fan WANG, President, China Foreign Affairs University

11:15-11:30 : Coffee Break

11:30-12:30
Expert Panel: Echoes of Reykjavík: From Arms Race to Common Ground
Gudmundur Hálfdánarson, Professor of History, University of Iceland
Edward M. Ifft, former U.S. arms control negotiator; Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University
Pavel Palazhchenko, former personal interpreter to Mikhail Gorbachev; Head of the International Relations and PR Department, Gorbachev Foundation, Member, ACONA International Advisory Board
Bo QI, Associate Professor and Director, Institute of International Relations, China Foreign Affairs University
Moderator: Christian Ostermann, Director, History and Public Policy Program, Wilson Center, Member, ACONA Executive Board

12:30-13:15 – Lunch

13:15-14:00
Innovation Round Table: Design Thinking, Negotiation Campaigns, and New Ideas for Nuclear Diplomacy
Mariana Budjeryn, Senior Research Associate, Project on Managing the Atom, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School, ACONA Associate
Sascha Hack, Research Associate, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, ACONA Associate
Valeria Hesse, ACONA Fellow ’24 and Winner of the January 2024 ACONA Boot Camp Negotiation Award; Researcher, Odesa Center for Nonproliferation
ACONA Fellow ’24, winner of the may 2024 ACONA Boot Camp Policy Brief Award
Commentator: Bruce Turner, U.S. Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament
Moderator: Arvid Bell, Lecturer on Government, Harvard University; Member, ACONA Executive Board

14:00-14:30
**Keynote: The Future of Nuclear Diplomacy**
Bruce Turner, U.S. Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament

14:30-14:45  – Coffee Break

14:45-16:15
Expert Panel: Avoiding Nuclear Escalation Today: Deterrence, No First Use, or New Forms of Diplomacy?
Jyri Lavikainen, Researcher, Finnish Foreign Policy, Northern European Security and NATO Research Programme, Finnish Institute of International Affairs
Amy Nelson, Fellow, Foreign Policy, Strobe Talbott Center for Security, Strategy, and Technology, Brookings Institution
Guy Roberts, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs
Tong ZHAO, Senior Fellow, Nuclear Policy Program, Carnegie China
Moderator: Christopher Daase, Professor of International Organization, Goethe University Frankfurt; Deputy Director, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt; Member, ACONA Executive Board

16:15-16:45
Closing Keynote: Modern Diplomacy and the Future of the Nuclear Order
Melissa Parke, Executive Director, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN); former Minister for International Development, Commonwealth of Australia

16:45-17:00
Closing Remarks: Mariana Budjeryn, Senior Research Associate, Project on Managing the Atom, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School, ACONA Associate
Silja Bára Ómarsdóttir, Professor of International Affairs, University of Iceland, ACONA Associate

17:00-18:00
Closing Reception

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All times are in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)