2016 Deterrence and Assurance Workshop and Conference
University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha Nebraska

3 March 2016

8:00-12:00 ACADEMIC ALLIANCE TTX, U.S. STRATEGIC COMMAND
(Invitation only event)

1:00-5:00 CHECK IN AT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER (CEC), UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA (UNO)
EXPO: JOB FAIR AND EDUCATION PROGRAM TABLES

5:00-5:30 RECEPTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS, CEC, UNO
✓ Major General Allen Batschelet, U.S. Strategic Command

5:30-6:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS, ROOM 101, COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (CPACS), UNO
✓ Former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel

4 March 2016

7:30-8:00 CHECK IN (AS REQ) AND COFFEE AT CEC, UNO

8:00-8:15 WELCOMING REMARKS, ROOM 101, CPACS
✓ Dr. Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, Assistant Vice Chancellor, UNO
✓ Major General Clinton E. Crosier, Plans and Policy Director, U.S. Strategic Command

8:15-9:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESS, ROOM 101, CPACS
✓ Ambassador Scheinman, Department of State, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation

9:15-9:30 BREAK

9:30-10:45 PANEL #1: Deterrence Theory and Strategy
ROOM 201/205, CEC, UNO
✓ Chair: Dr. Adam Lowther (School of Advanced Nuclear Deterrence Studies)

Panel:
✓ Dr. Patricia Shamai (University of Portsmouth)
Deterring Potential Proliferators: The Significance of Stigma and Prestige

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✓ Confirmed
 ✓ Dr. Blake McMahon and Dr. Stephan J. Werner (Air University/Air Force Research Institute)
   *Reassessing the Imperative for Preemptive and Preventive Attacks*

 ✓ Mr. Paul Bernstein (Center for the Study of WMD)
   *Strategic Deterrence and the Contemporary Nuclear Debate*

 ✓ Dr. James Scouras (John Hopkins University/APL)
   *Nuclear War as a Global Catastrophic Risk*

 ✓ Mr. Chris Davis (Creighton University)
   *Shift from Deterrence and Assurance*

9:30-10:45  PANEL #2: *Adversary Perceptions and Case Studies*
ROOM 230/231, CEC, UNO
✓ Chair: Major General Allen Batschelet (Chief of Staff, USSTRATCOM)

Panel:
* • Ms. Pupak Mohebali (University of York)
  *Historical Concepts of Deterrence: Future of Iran’s Nuclear Ambitions*

 ✓ Dr. Evan Renfro (University of Northern Iowa)
  *Personalities and Perceptions in Strategic Deterrence*

 ✓ Ms. Bethany Walters, Mr. Kevin Holohan, and Mr. Harrison Johnson
   (University of Nebraska at Omaha)
  *Russia’s Capabilities and Intentions in the Arctic, and Implications for US Foreign Policy*

 ✓ Mr. Davis Florick (Creighton University)
  *Understanding Deterrence across the Pacific: Analyzing Fundamental Divides in the Strategic Deterrence Policies of the People’s Republic of China and the United States*

 ✓ Mr. Brett Mattson (Nebraska Wesleyan)
  *Limiting the Spread of Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Technology*

10:45-11:00  BREAK

11:00-12:15  PANEL #3: *Capability Impact on Deterrence*
ROOM 201/205, CEC, UNO
✓ Chair: Mr. Michael Wrobel (USSTRATCOM J3)

Panel:
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Dr. James Fergusson (University of Manitoba)  
Strategic Deterrence, Defense and Stability: Does the Cold War Matter?

Mr. Mark Kyriss (University of Nebraska at Lincoln)  
Beating Shields Into Swords: Missile Defense as a Driver of Conflict?

Dr. Andrew Futter (University of Leicester)  
Cyber Threats and Nuclear Weapons

Mr. Andrew Torres, Mr. Kevin Wendt, Mr. Van Bloemer, Ms. Emily Newman, Mr. Sam Heald (University of Nebraska at Omaha)  
ISR and Diplomacy: Effectively Implementing Smart Power

Dr. Michael J. Frankel, Dr. Jams Scouras, and Dr. George Ullrich (John Hopkins University/APL)  
Nuclear Decisions for a New Administration

11:00-12:15 PANEL #4: NATO and Alliances  
ROOM 230/231, CEC, UNO

Chair: Commodore John Mcdonald (Head of CBRN Policy, UK Ministry of Defense)

Panel:

Mr. Fabian Christoph Sievert (Kings College London)  
The Alliance Dynamics of Assurance: The United States and Nuclear Deployments in Europe from 1972 to 1979

Mr. Tom Haindfield (University of Nebraska at Omaha)  
Rethinking U.S. Security Interests in Europe: An Argument against Further NATO Expansion

Mr. Matthew Costlow (National Institute for Public Policy)  
Proposed Nuclear Reduction Plans and the Future of the U.S. Deterrent

12:15-12:30 LUNCH, ROOM 101, CPACS

12:30-1:00 Keynote Speaker: Perspectives on Deterrence

Admiral Cecil D. Haney, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command

1:00-1:30 TRAVEL BACK TO CONFERENCE

1:30-3:00 Workgroup Sessions: Attendees participate in 1 of 4 workgroup sessions

Deterrence Theory: Dr. Patricia Shamai (University of Portsmouth)
✓ Model Diplomacy: Mr. Charles Landow (Council on Foreign Relations)
✓ War Game: Mr. Hank Brightman (Naval War College)
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3:00-3:15 BREAK

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4:30-4:40 CLOSING COMMENTS

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