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Disarmament and Non-Proliferation: Historical Perspectives & Future Objectives

A major one-day interdisciplinary symposium bringing together policy makers, practitioners, academics and civil society to consider historical and current disarmament issues.

28th March 2014

Venue: The Meeting Room, Royal Irish Academy

Attendance is free but places are limited so please register your interest at
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Indicative Schedule

- 09.45: Introduction and welcoming remarks by Dr. Mervyn O'Driscoll, School of History, University College Cork.
- 09.55: Introductory remarks from the Ambassador of Japan to Ireland, HE Chihiro Atsumi
- 10.00: Keynote address by Mr. Joe Costello, Minister of State for Trade and Development, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
- 10.20: Keynote Address by Ms. Setsuko Thurlow, Survivor of the Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima.
- 10.50: Keynote Address by Dr. Patricia Lewis, Research Director for International Security at Chatham House, London.

11.15: Coffee Break

11.30: PANEL 1 – Disarmament in Practice

Practitioner panel. Topics covered will include: the humanitarian imperative and impact of disarmament; the role of the Defence Forces in relation to conventional disarmament; the role of the EU in disarmament and non-proliferation; the implementation of successful disarmament instruments such as Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Anti-Personnel Landmines Convention.

Moderator:

Dr. John Doyle, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dublin City University

Panellists:

1. Lt. Colonel Jim Burke, Defence Forces, Ireland.
Speaking on a theme of: The role of the Irish Defence Forces in conventional disarmament.
2. Ms. Clara Gansland, Head of Division "WMD, Conventional Weapons and Space", European External Action Service.
Speaking on a theme of: Europe as an actor in disarmament and non-proliferation diplomacy
3. John Borrie, Senior Researcher and Policy Advisor, UNIDIR
Speaking on a theme of: The impact and implementation of the convention on cluster munitions.

13.00: Lunch

14.30: **PANEL 2 - Reflections**

A panel examining significant achievements in nuclear and conventional disarmament, including the Irish Resolution; Establishing and Consolidating the NPT; Disarmament and Development; the Oslo Process and the Convention on Cluster Munitions; Arms Trade Treaty.

Moderator:

Mr. Noel Dorr, Former Secretary General of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland.

Panellists:

1. Colm O’Gorman, Executive Director, Amnesty International Ireland
Speaking on a theme of: Negotiating the Arms Trade Treaty: A success story?
2. Michael Kennedy, Executive Editor of the Documents on Irish Foreign Policy series, Royal Irish Academy
Speaking on a theme of: ‘The shadow of the Atom bomb’, Frank Aiken’s non-proliferation legacy.
3. Dáithí Ó’Ceallaigh, Former Irish Ambassador to London and the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva and Chairman of the Dublin Diplomatic Conference on Cluster Munitions.
Speaking on a theme of: Ireland and the negotiation of the convention on cluster munitions.

15.45: Coffee Break

16.00: **PANEL 3 - Getting to Zero: Opportunities and Obstacles in Nuclear Disarmament**

Panel will discuss conceptual problems and approaches in achieving nuclear disarmament including, for example, Deterrence; Missile Defence; Role of Nuclear Weapons in Defence Policy; Negative Security Assurances; Nuclear Weapons Convention.

Moderator:

Prof. Ben Tonra, Head of the School of Politics and Associate Professor of International Relations, University College Dublin.

Panellists:

1. Dr. Andrew Cottey, Senior Lecturer and Jean Monnet Chair In European Political Integration
Speaking On a theme of: Europe's soft power diplomacy and nuclear weapons
2. Dr. Nick Ritchie, Senior Lecturer in International Relations, University of York
Speaking on a theme of: Delegitimising nuclear weapons.
3. Dr. Rebecca Johnson, Acronym Institute
Speaking on a theme of: The humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons – a new approach.

17.15 Closing Remarks
