



The 63rd Pugwash Conference

**80 Years after the Atomic Bombing
Time for Peace, Dialogue and
Nuclear Disarmament**

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Conference Schedule

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SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER	
VENUE: HIROSHIMA PEACE MEMORIAL MUSEUM	
08:45	Arrivals – Memorial Hall (B1, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum)
09:00 – 09:40	Film Screening – <i>Hiroshima: A Mother's Prayer</i>
09:40	Welcome by Director of Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum
10:00 – 12:00	Visit to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
CONFERENCE OPENING	
VENUE: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER HIROSHIMA	
13:30 – 14:00 Open session	PL1 – Opening Ceremony Welcome: Prof. Tomohiro Inagaki , chair of the Conference Organizing Committee Welcome by Foreign Ministry of Japan official Welcome by Pugwash officials: H.E. Dr. Hussain Al-Shahristani & Prof. Karen Hallberg Video message from UN High Representative H.E. Izumi Nakamitsu Chair: Dr. Keiko Nakamura , Nagasaki University
14:00 – 14:30 Open session	PL2 – Keynote Welcome Speeches Hon. Kazumi Matsui , Mayor of Hiroshima City H.E. Hidehiko Yuzaki , Governor of Hiroshima Prefecture
14:30 – 16:00 Open session	PL3 – Dialogue with <i>Hibakusha</i> and Citizens Ms. Keiko Ogura , Hiroshima Hibakusha H.E. Dr. Hussain Al-Shahristani , President of Pugwash Chair: Prof. Luli van der Does , Hiroshima University
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 18:00 Open session	PL4 – 80 Years Since Hiroshima and Nagasaki: Towards the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons Dr. Ruth Mitchell , International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) Dr. Tilman Ruff , International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Prof. Tatsujiro Suzuki , Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs Prof. Terumi Tanaka , Nihon Hidankyo Chair: Ms. Yumi Kanazaki , Chūgoku <i>Shimbun</i>
18:00 – 18:40	Film Screening – <i>Black Rain</i>
19:00 – 20:30	Buffet Dinner (Crystal Hall, RIHGA Royal Hotel Hiroshima)



SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER

THE 6TH SIMONS SYMPOSIUM: DISARMAMENT AND NUCLEAR RISKS

09:00 – 09:10	Introduction: Dr. Jennifer Allen Simons, President, The Simons Foundation Canada
09:10 – 10:40 Open Session	PL5 – The Urgency of Nuclear Reductions <i>Speakers to be confirmed</i> Chair: Prof. Götz Neuneck, Chair, Pugwash Council
10:40-11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30 Open Session	PL6 – Practical Steps and Instruments for Nuclear Disarmament Amb. Carlos Duarte, Ministry of External Relations, Brazil Amb. (ret.) Yasuyoshi Komizo, former Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan H.E. Akan Rakhmetullin, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan (<i>tbc</i>) Chair: Amb. Paul Meyer, Canadian Pugwash
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00 Open Session	PL7 – The Role of Scientists in Reducing Nuclear Threats Prof. David Harel, Israeli Academy of Sciences Prof. Frank von Hippel, Princeton University Dr. Anton Khlopkov, Center for Energy and Security Studies, Russia Prof. Michiji Konuma, Keio University Chair: Ms. Talia Weiss, Director, International Student/Young Pugwash
15:00 – 16:30 Open Session	PL8 - Dorothy Hodgkin Lecture: Consequences of a Nuclear War Prof. Alan Robock, Department of Environmental Sciences, Rutgers University Chair: Prof. Tatsujiro Suzuki, Pugwash Japan and Pugwash Council
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee break
17:00 – 18:30	<i>Working Groups meet in parallel sessions</i>
18:30 – 19:00	“Hiroshima's legacy, future threats and the development of human rights”, sponsored by Project "Topologies of Air"
19:30	Buffet Dinner (Crystal Hall, RIHGA Royal Hotel Hiroshima)
20:30 – 21:30 Open Session	PL9 – Briefing on Fukushima Prof. Hisako Sakiyama, 3.11 Fund for Children with Thyroid Cancer Mr. Shigenori Kanehira, freelance journalist Chair: Hiroko Takahashi, Nara University



MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER

09:00 – 09:30 Closed Session	PL10A – Keynote Address: Rethinking Middle East Security H.E. Dr. Javad Zarif , former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Islamic Republic of Iran Chair: (tbc)
09:30 – 10:30 Closed Session	PL10B – Rethinking Middle East Security in a changing environment: Challenges and Opportunities Dr. Saeed Khatibzadeh , Institute for Political and International Studies (<i>tbc</i>) Col. (ret.) Itamar Yaar , Commanders for Israel's Security Chair: Mr. Arnold Luethold , Pugwash Council
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30 Closed Session	PL11 – The future of the European Security Architecture Amb. (ret.) Thomas Countryman , Board Chairman, Arms Control Association, USA H.E. Pavlo Klimkin , Centre for National Resilience and Development, Kyiv Col. (ret.) Wolfgang Richter , former German Federal Army Chair: Dr. Katariina Simonen , Pugwash Council
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00 Closed Session	PL12 – Averting Escalation and Working towards Stability in Northeast Asia Prof. Kiichi Fujiwara , Juntendo University Prof. Jun Hae-won , Korea National Diplomatic Academy Prof. Sharon Squassoni , The George Washington University Dr. Tong Zhao , Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Chair: Dr. Mark Suh , Pugwash Council & Ms. Elisabeth Suh , International Student/Young Pugwash
15:00 – 16:30	<i>Working Groups meet in parallel sessions</i>
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break
17:00-19:30	<i>Working Groups meet in parallel sessions</i>
19:45-20:45	Buffet Dinner (Rihga Royal Hotel Hiroshima Crystal Hall) Celebration of Prof. Paolo Cotta-Ramusino , former Pugwash Secretary General
20:45-22:15	Dialogue between Pugwash International, National Pugwash Groups, and ISYP

TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER

09:00 – 11:00	<i>Working Groups meet in parallel sessions</i>
11:00 – 11:30 Closed Session	PL13 – The situation in Gaza Mr. Roland Friedrich , UNRWA West Bank Chair: Amb. (ret.) Khaled Shamaa , Pugwash Council



11:30 – 13:00 Closed Session	PL14 – The future of the Palestine-Israel Peace Process H.E. Nasser Al-Kidwa , former Foreign Minister for the Palestinian Authority H.E. Ehud Olmert , former Prime Minister of Israel Chair: Prof. Karen Hallberg , Secretary General, Pugwash
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:15 Closed Session	PL15A – President’s Address H.E. Dr Hussain Al-Shahristani , President of Pugwash
14:15 – 14:45 Closed Session	PL15B – Secretary General’s Report Prof. Karen Hallberg , Secretary General of Pugwash
14:45 – 15:00	PL15C – Video message from Dr. Robert Floyd , Executive Secretary of the CTBTO
15:00 – 18:30	Group Excursions
19:00 – 21:00	Banquet Dinner (Rihga Royal Hotel Hiroshima Crystal Hall) Dinner speeches: H.E. Hidehiko Yuzaki , Governor of Hiroshima Prof. Mitsuo Ochi , President of Hiroshima University

WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER

09:00 – 10:30 Open Session	PL16 – Disruptive Technologies and Nuclear Weapons Prof. Yuko Murakami , Rikkyo University Prof. Herb Lin , Stanford University Amb. (ret.) Paul Meyer , Simon Fraser University Chair: Prof. Tomohiro Inagaki , Hiroshima University
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30 Open Session	PL17 – The Pugwash Movement and the Renunciation of War: Dialogue Across Divides Prof. Izzeldin Abuelaish , Daughters for Life Foundation Dr. David Ellwood , Pugwash Council Prof. Seigo Hirowatari , Tokyo University Chair: Prof. Yoshiko Kurita , Chiba University
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30 Open Session	PL18 – Reports of the Working Groups and ISYP conference
14:30 – 15:00 Open Session	PL19 – Closing Ceremony & Press Conference Announcement of the Pugwash Council Hiroshima Declaration

CONFERENCE ENDS



CONFERENCE WORKING GROUPS

Working Group 1: Nuclear disarmament and the future of arms control

Co-convenors: **Alexander Nikitin** (Russia) & **Steve Miller** (USA)

Working Group 2: Nuclear Energy and Non-Proliferation

Co-convenors: **Manpreet Sethi** (India) & **Reza Ziaran** (Iran)

Working Group 3: Asia-Pacific and Nuclear Weapons

Co-convenors: **Masako Ikegami** (Japan) & **Elisabeth Suh** (Germany)

Working Group 4: Conflict and WMD in the Middle East

Co-convenors: **Khaled Shamaa** (Egypt) & **Jan Hoekema** (Netherlands)

Working Group 5: European Security

Co-convenors: **Cliff Kupchan** (USA) & **Thomas Jonter** (Sweden)

Working Group 6: Emerging Technologies and their implications for conflict

Co-convenors: **Stewart Prager** (USA) & **Sibylle Bauer** (Germany)

ABOUT PUGWASH

The mission of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs is to bring scientific insight and reason to bear on the catastrophic threat posed to humanity by nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction. It was in recognition of its mission to “diminish the part played by nuclear arms in international politics and, in the longer run, to eliminate such arms” that Pugwash and its co-founder, Sir Joseph Rotblat, were awarded the 1995 Nobel Peace Prize.

Drawing its inspiration from the Russell-Einstein Manifesto of 1955, which urged leaders of the world to “think in a new way,” to “remember their humanity” and to find peaceful means for the settlement of all matters of dispute between them”, Pugwash focuses on those problems that lie at the intersection of science and world affairs. Pugwash’s main goals remain to seek the elimination of all weapons of mass destruction, to promote dialogue and reciprocal understanding in order to reduce the risks of war, especially in areas where weapons of mass destruction are present and may be used, and to discuss new scientific and technological developments that may bring more instability and heighten the risk of conflicts.

