

THE LEGAL AND POLITICAL
IMPLICATIONS OF

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

18 & 19 MARCH 2019
THE WELLINGTON CLUB
88 THE TERRACE
WELLINGTON

Keynote Speaker: Prof Ramesh Thakur

ANU, Canberra (Advisory Panel: NZ-CGS)

Other speakers include: Prof Kevin Clements, Prof Alberto Costi, Assoc. Prof Treasa Dunworth, Dr Kennedy Graham, Commander Robert Green Royal Navy (Ret'd), Assoc. Prof Graham Hassall, H.E Dell Higgin, Colin Keating, Dr Tanya Oglivie-White, Kevin Riordan and Angela Woodward.

A free public conference

Lunches optional, \$20.00 pp

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The Legal and Political Implications of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was negotiated through a mandate from the United Nations General Assembly. The negotiations that concluded on July 2017 were participated in by 140 UN Member States. The treaty was adopted by 122 countries, with only one country voting against. For the most part, the nuclear weapon states and their allies boycotted the negotiations. The Treaty opened for signature on 27th September 2017. As of January 2019, there are 70 signatory States and 20 States Parties.

As this Treaty moves towards entry into force, there is a need to analyse the legal and political implications of the Treaty, both for States Parties and for non-signatories. The conference speakers have been selected for their expert knowledge in the field and ability to address some of the complex legal and political aspects of the Treaty.

This conference aims to provide a platform for analysis, discussion and debate. Speakers will address such issues as:

- How does the Treaty fit into the nuclear disarmament architecture?
- Has the Treaty added to the prohibition movement of all weapons of mass destruction?
- What are the respective arguments advanced for, and against, the Treaty?
- How might membership of the Treaty affect a nuclear-allied state?

Join us for two days of discussion, analysis and debate at the Wellington Club, 88 The Terrace. This is a free public conference. Lunches are optional, \$20 pp each day or \$40 for lunch on both days. **RSVPs are essential as seats are limited. RSVP: secretary@nzcg.org.nz**



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Conference Programme - Day 1

Monday 18 March

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- 9.30am Registration and coffee
- 10.00am **Welcome**
Dr. Kennedy Graham, Director NZCGS
- Part 1 Context**
- 10.15 am **Session 1: Keynote**
Nuclear Disarmament and Multilateralism: The Treaty in context
Prof Ramesh Thakur, ANU, Canberra (Advisory Panel: NZ-CGS)
- 11.00 am Morning break
- 11.30 am Session 2
The Prohibition Treaty: Changing the disarmament architecture?
Assoc. Prof Treasa Dunworth, Auckland University
- 12.15 pm Session 3
The Prohibition Treaty: Ultimate goal of regional and national zones?
Colin Keating, former NZ ambassador to UN; principal drafter of NZNFZ
- 1.00 pm LUNCH is optional, priced at \$20 per person. Payment details below.**
- 1.30 pm **Luncheon talk: Reflections on the TPNW negotiating experience**
H.E. Dell Higgin, NZ Ambassador for Disarmament
- 2.30pm Session 4
The Prohibition Treaty: Fulfilment of the ICJ Advisory Opinion?
Prof Alberto Costi, Victoria University. Secretary-General, ILA NZ Branch
- 3.15 pm Afternoon tea**
- Part 2. Analysis**
- 3.45pm Session 5
Theory, doctrine, policy: Nuclear weapons and 21st c. global security
Commander Robert Green, Royal Navy (Ret'd), Disarmament & Security Centre
- 4.30pm Session 6
Engaging with the criticisms of the Treaty
Dr Tanya Oglivie-White, Senior Fellow, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University



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Conference Programme - Day 2

Tuesday 19 March

- 9.00 am Session 7
Political dimension: Universality and irreversibility
Dr Kennedy Graham, Senior Associate, IGPS, Victoria University
Director, NZ-CGS
- 9.45 am Session 8
Legal dimension: The main elements
Kevin Riordan, Judge Advocate-General, NZ Defence Force
Adjunct lecturer in law , Victoria University
- 10.30 am Morning break**
- 11.00 am Session 9
Practical considerations: Verifying denuclearisation
Angela Woodward, Dep. Exec. Director, Vertic (London, Christchurch)
- 11.45am Session 10
Future of the Treaty
Prof Kevin Clements, Director TODA Institute, Member of Board, NZ-CGS
- 12.30 pm Session 11
Conclusions
Assoc. Prof Graham Hassall, School of Govt., Victoria University
Chair of Board, NZ-CGS
- 1pm ***LUNCH is optional, priced at \$20 per person. Payment details below.***
- 1.30pm Discussion Session
- 2.30pm Finish

Lunches are optional at \$20 pp or \$40 for both days. Please advise of any allergies or dietary requirements. If you would like to be included for lunch, please RSVP and deposit the required amount into the NZCGS Bank Account before March 10th. As a reference, please use your name and TPNW.
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