

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: Angela Kane**

Former UN Under-Secretary-General  
for Disarmament

**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**

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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 October 2018, there are 69 signatory States and 19 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@nzcgs.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzcgs.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  
**History of nuclear disarmament: UNGA Res 1(1) to the 2017 Treaty**  
Angela Kane, former UN Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament
- 11.00 am Morning break
- 11.30 am Session 2  
**Sovereignty and the global interest: The UNSC and multilateralism**  
Prof Ramesh Thakur, ANU (Advisory Panel: NZ-CGS)
- 12.15 pm Session 3  
**TPNW: Changing the disarmament architecture**  
Assoc. Prof Treasa Dunworth, Auckland University
- 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  
**Theory, doctrine, policy: Nuclear weapons and 21st c. global security**  
Commander Robert Green RN (ret'd), Disarmament & Security Centre
- 3.15 pm Afternoon tea**
- Part 2. Analysis**
- 3.45pm Session 5  
**Engaging with the criticisms of the Treaty**  
Dr Tanya Oglivie-White, Senior Fellow, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University
- 4.30pm Session 6  
**The Prohibition Treaty: Ultimate goal of regional and national zones?**  
Colin Keating, former NZ ambassador to UN; principal drafter of NZNFZ



# Conference Programme - Day 2

## Tuesday 19 March

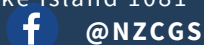
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- 9.00 am      Session 7  
**Political dimension: Universality and irreversibility**  
Dr Kennedy Graham, Senior Associate, IGPS, Victoria University  
Director, NZ-CGS
- 9.45 am      Session 8  
**Legal dimension: The main elements**  
Kevin Riordan, 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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