

STV9035- Deterrence and strategic stability in the third nuclear age

Time and place: December 11-15, University of Oslo

Tentative schedule and reading list:

Day 1: Current & emerging scholarship on strategic stability and deterrence in regional environments (Do Young Lee)

- Vipin Narang and Scott D. Sagan, "Introduction: The Fragile Balance of Terror," in *The Fragile Balance of Terror* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2022), pp. 1-10.
- Caitlin Talmadge, "Chapter 1. Multipolar Deterrence in the Emerging Nuclear Era," in *The Fragile Balance of Terror*, pp. 13-39.
- Todd S. Sechser, Neil Narang and Caitlin Talmadge, "Emerging technologies and strategic stability in peacetime, crisis, and war," *Journal of Strategic Studies*, Vol. 42, No. 6, pp. 727-735.
- Dill, Janina, Scott D. Sagan, and Benjamin A. Valentino. "Kettles of hawks: Public opinion on the nuclear taboo and noncombatant immunity in the United States, United Kingdom, France, and Israel." *Security Studies* 31.1 (2022): 1-31.

(Will add 1-2 articles to this as recommended readings)

Day 2: Autocrats, psychology and deterrence (Målfrid Braut-Hegghammer)

- Rose McDermott, "Chapter 2. Psychology, Leaders, and New Deterrence Dilemmas, in *The Fragile Balance of Terror*, pp. 39-62.
- McDermott, Rose, Anthony C. Lopez, and Peter K. Hatemi, "Blunt Not the Heart, Enrage It: The Psychology of Revenge and Deterrence," (November 2017). *Texas National Security Review*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (2017), pp. 68-88.

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Day 3: Revisiting the strategic balance: The case of Russia and northern NATO member states (lecturer TBC)

- Kristin Ven Bruusgaard, "Russian nuclear strategy and conventional inferiority," *Journal of Strategic Studies*, Vol. 44, No. 1 (2021), pp. 3-35.
- Kristin Ven Bruusgaard, "The myth of the Russia's lowered nuclear threshold," *War on the Rocks*, September 22, 2017.
- Alexey Arbatov, "Understanding the US-Russia Nuclear Schism," *Survival*, Vol. 59, No. 2 (2017), pp. 33-66. Recommended additional reading:
- Brendan R. Green and Austin Long, "The MAD Who Wasn't There: Soviet Reactions to the Late Cold War Nuclear Balance," *Security Studies*, Vol. 26, No. 6 (2017), pp. 606-641
- Andrei Kokoshin, *Ensuring Strategic Stability in the Past and Present: Theoretical and Applied Questions* (Boston, MA: Harvard Kennedy School: Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, June 2011).

Day 4 lecture: Strategic stability in Asia: Perspectives from China and North Korea (Do Young Lee)

- Fiona S. Cunningham, M. Taylor Fravel, "Assuring Assured Retaliation: China's Nuclear Posture and U.S.-China Strategic Stability," *International Security*, Vol. 40, No. 2 (2015), pp. 7-50.
- Thomas J. Christensen, "The Meaning of the Nuclear Evolution: China's Strategic Modernization and US-China Security Relations," Vol. 35, No. 4 (2012), *Journal of Strategic Studies*, pp. 447-487.
- Dong Sun Lee and Iordanka Alexandrova, "North Korean nuclear strategy: envisioning assured retaliation," *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, Vol. 21, No. 3, (2021), pp. 371-400.
- Hyun-Binn Cho and Ariel Petrovics, "North Korea's Strategically Ambiguous Nuclear Posture," *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 45, No. 2 (2022), pp. 39-58.

Day 5: Alliances and changing nuclear postures: comparing historical patterns and current disruptions in northern Europe and Asia (lecturers: Braut-Hegghammer and Lee)

- Gene Gerzhoy, "Alliance Coercion and Nuclear Restraint: How the United States Thwarted West Germany's Nuclear Ambitions," *International Security*, Vol. 39, No. 4 (2015), pp. 91-129.
- Ian Bowers, Henrik Stålhane Hiim, "Conventional Counterforce Dilemmas: South Korea's Deterrence Strategy and Stability on the Korean Peninsula," *International Security*, Vol. 45, No. 3 (2021), pp. 7-39.
- Johan Jørgen Holst. "Norwegian Security Policy: The Strategic Context." *Cooperation and Conflict* 1.4 (1966): 64-79.
- Malfrid Braut-Hegghammer, "Birds of a Feather?: Probing Cross-National Variation in Nuclear Inhibitions," *Security Studies* (forthcoming, 2023)

Recommended reading:

- Jasen J. Castillo and Alexander B. Downes, "Loyalty, hedging, or exit: How weaker alliance partners respond to the rise of new threats," *Journal of Strategic Studies*, forthcoming