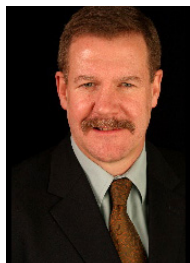


November 13 Seminar on the Nuclear Weapons Convention - Biographies



Edward A. Aguilar

Edward A. Aguilar is Executive Director of Project for Nuclear Awareness. A graduate of Temple University Law School, now James E. Beasley Law Center, he was a recipient of the Bancroft-Whitney Award. Ed was formerly the executive director of the PA-DE Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities. Ed has taught criminal and civil rights law, and has been president of the Pennsylvania chapter of the Lawyers Alliance for World Security. As a Board of Directors member of Physicians for Social Responsibility, Ed was instrumental in developing their Global Health and Global Security National Conference. Ed participated in drafting the Model Nuclear Weapons Convention.



Dr Greg Austin

Dr. Greg Austin is Vice President at the East-West Institute (EWI) and Director of EWI's Global Security Program and Policy Innovation. Greg has a 30-year career in international affairs, including senior posts in academia and government. He has also held senior posts at the International Crisis Group and the Foreign Policy Centre London. He is the Founding Chair of the Asian Century Institute in London. Greg is the author of several books on international security, especially on Asia. In 2003-04, he led a major review for the United Kingdom Cabinet Office on UK conflict prevention policies. He has several post-graduate qualifications in international relations including a PhD. Greg is an Australian citizen, married with two children.



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Peter Becker is a partner in the law firm Becker Büttner Held. Peter is an expert in energy law - including energy antitrust law and legal formation of municipal co-operations - and administrative law - including commercial, municipal, nuclear, environmental and public procedural law. He has led a number of cases before the Federal Constitutional Court (Bundesverfassungsgericht) and other Upper Divisional Courts. Peter is President of the German Section of the International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms



Mohammed Bedjaoui

Mohammed Bedjaoui has a distinguished career in international law and diplomacy. He has served as the Algerian Minister for Justice, the Ambassador of Algeria to the United Nations, Chairman of the Group of 77, a justice on the International Court of Justice and as the Algerian Minister of Foreign Affairs. Mohammed Bedjaoui was president of the International Court of Justice for the historical ICJ Advisory Opinion on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons. In that regard, he is perhaps the world's leading expert on the meaning of the nuclear disarmament obligation affirmed unanimously by the ICJ.



Phon van den Biesen

Phon van den Biesen (1952) has practised as an attorney in Amsterdam since 1979. A graduate from the University of Amsterdam, he was one of the pioneers in the field of legal aid, focusing on the rights of tenants and homeless. He is a specialist in litigation on behalf of associations involved in environmental protection and in issues of war and peace. Phon served as Deputy Agent for Bosnia and Herzegovina in the ICJ genocide-case against Serbia and Montenegro, and he represented Djibouti in its ICJ-case against France. He is a member of the Scientific Council of the Environmental Law Centre of the University of Amsterdam. Board positions include: President of the *Stichting Advocaten voor Advocaten*, Vice President of IALANA (International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms), Secretary of the international peace organisation Hague Appeal for Peace, President of the ATANA Advisory Board.



John Burroughs

John Burroughs is *Executive Director, Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy*. He is a specialist on treaty regimes and international law relating to nuclear and other non-conventional weapons. He represents LCNP in Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) review proceedings, the United Nations, and other international forums. In 1998, Dr. Burroughs represented LCNP at the negotiations on the International Criminal Court in Rome, and in 1995, he was the nongovernmental legal coordinator at the hearings on nuclear weapons before the International Court of Justice. Dr. Burroughs is co-editor of *Rule of Power or Rule of Law? An Assessment of U.S. Policies and Actions Regarding Security-Related Treaties*, Apex Press, 2003, to which he contributed the chapter on the NPT, and author of *The Legality of Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons: A Guide to the Historic Opinion of the International Court of Justice*, Transaction Publishers, 1998. He has published articles in the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* and the *World Policy Journal*, most recently co-authoring "Arms Control Abandoned: The Case of Biological Weapons" (*World Policy Journal*, summer 2003). He is an adjunct professor of international law at Rutgers Law School, Newark, where he teaches a seminar on legal controls on weapons of mass and indiscriminate destruction. He has a J.D. and Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley and a B.A. from Harvard.

Tim Caughley

Mr Tim Caughley is Director of the UN Office of Disarmament Affairs in Geneva and Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament. He previously served as Legal Adviser to the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and as a career diplomat in a variety of overseas positions including as New Zealand's Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva and Ambassador for Disarmament.



Martin Cieslik

Martin Cieslik (22) is a student of political science, history and law at Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany. Since the beginning of his studies in 2005 he has been interested in international relations. He went for one semester to the University of Wales, college of Aberystwyth to learn more about international studies. Concentrating on his main subject, political science, he was part of several courses about international organisations. In 2009 he is part of the delegation from TU Darmstadt on the Model United Nations in New York.



Jeremy Corbyn

Jeremy Corbyn is a Member of the UK House of Commons for Islington North (London). He is a Global Council member for Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, Chair of the UK Parliamentarians Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Vice-Chair of the UK All-Party group on Human Rights and Vice-Chair of the UK All-Party Group on Latin America.



Moritz Kütt

Moritz Kütt (23) is a student of physics and political science at Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany. He is a member of the Interdisciplinary Research Group Science, Technology and Security (IANUS). He did research on the proliferation risks of plutonium, which were later the topic of a thesis to achieve the Bachelor's degree. In the beginning of 2008, he worked as an intern for the Medical Association for Prevention of War in Australia and their International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. His political science studies in Germany focused on Australia's role in international nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regimes. Currently, he is again studying and working for IANUS on the plutonium issue.



H.E. Ms Caroline Millar

Ms Caroline Millar is Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations and to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva. Previously Ms Millar served as First Assistant Secretary, International Organisations and Legal Division of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. From July 2003 she was concurrently Ambassador for People Smuggling Issues. She has held other positions in the Executive, Planning and Evaluation Branch (2001-02); Trade Policy Issues and Industrials Branch (2000); Non-Proliferation Policy Section (1992-95); and Indochina Section (1987-88). Ms Millar was also seconded to the Office of National Assessments as Americas Analyst (1991-92). Overseas, Ms Millar has served as Ambassador and Acting Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York and as First Secretary, Australian Embassy, Washington (1989-91); and Second Secretary,

Australian Embassy, Hanoi (1985-87). A graduate of the University of Cambridge (BA Hons), Ms Millar is married with one child.



Dr Andreas Nidecker

Andreas Nidecker is a physician specialising in diagnostic radiology. He is Associate Professor for Radiology at the University of Basel and a founding member and partner of the group-practice IMAMED. He is a member of a number of medical associations including the Radiological Society of North America, American College of Radiology, Working Group for Bone Tumor of the German Cancer Research Center, Swiss Association for Medical Radiology, International Skeletal Society and Basel Medical Association. Dr Nidecker is a past-president of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War which received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985.



Mayor Thomas O'Grady

Thomas O'Grady is the Mayor of North Olmsted, Ohio.

He has a Master's from *Harvard University's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences* in the field of Regional Studies – East Asia. Master's in education from *John Carroll University*. Mayor O'Grady served his country in Europe, Asia, and throughout the United States as a career *US Army Officer* until his retirement in 1993. Mayor Thomas O'Grady has a strong history of community service that includes membership in the *North Olmsted Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post 451, Disabled American Veterans Post 108, Special Forces Association*, and the *82nd Airborne Division Association*, to name a few. He is on the *Fairview Hospital Community Advisory Board*, the Board of Directors of the *Northeast Ohio Public*

Energy Council, and is a member of the *Great Lakes Energy Task Force* that is working to bring wind and other green energy, along with associated jobs, to Northeast Ohio. He is a member of the international organization *Mayors for Peace*, and is a member of the International Affairs Standing Committee of the *United States Conference of Mayors*.



H.E. Ms Laura Thompson

Laura Thompson is Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland. Ambassador Thompson obtained a Masters degree in international relations, with a specialization in international law, from the Institut Universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales of Geneva and holds a degree in law from the University of Costa Rica. Over the course of her diplomatic career, she has represented Costa Rica to UNESCO, the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva. In this capacity, Ambassador Thompson has chaired several bodies on migration and refugee related matters, including the Executive Committee and the Council of the International

Organization for Migration (IOM), and the Executive Committee of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), whose presidency she currently holds. In addition to her diplomatic experience, Ambassador Thompson has held various posts as Legal Counsel to diverse International Organizations in Geneva, including at the United Nations Compensation Commission and the Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal.



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Carlos Vargas Pizarro practices law in Costa Rica. He teaches international law and human rights law at the University of Costa Rica. Carlos is also a legal consultant on international law and human rights law. Carlos has been involved in the promotion of human rights at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and in the Human Rights Commission in Geneva. He was chair of the negotiations for the additional protocol to the United Nations Torture Convention. Carlos represented Costa Rica in the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on nuclear weapons, was a member of the drafting committee for the Model Nuclear Weapons Convention and has been an adviser to the Costa Rican government on the advancement of the Model NWC through the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference process and the UN General Assembly.



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Alyn Ware is Global Coordinator of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, Director of Aotearoa Lawyers for Peace, and Consultant for the International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms. Alyn is a Member of the New Zealand government appointed Public Advisory Committee on Disarmament and Arms Control, was on the government delegation to the 2000 Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference and was head of delegation to the 2001 UNESCO Ministers of Education Conference. Alyn was the United Nations Coordinator for the World Court Project, which led the effort to achieve a ruling from the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons. He coordinated the drafting of the Model Nuclear Weapons Convention which has been circulated by the United Nations, and is co-

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