Reducing Nuclear Risks During Great Power Competition
Joint Seminar by PIR Center and CSIS
December 10-11, 2019
Location: Azimut Smolenskaya Hotel
Arbat-2 Hall
Moscow, Russia

Agenda

**Day One**

9:30-10:00 Registration, coffee

10:00-10:30 Welcome and introductions
- **Dr. Vladimir Orlov**, Director, PIR Center, Head, Center for Global Trends and International Organizations, Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Federation; Professor, MGIMO University
- **Dr. Jeff Mankoff**, Deputy Director and Senior Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Program, CSIS

10:30-12:30 SESSION I: Managing Great Power Competition
Panelists:
- **Gen. Peter Zwack**,* Brigadier General of the U.S. Army (ret.), Global Fellow, The Wilson International Center for Scholars, Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies (confirmed)
- **Dr. Vladimir Orlov**, Director, PIR Center Head, Center for Global Trends and International Organizations, Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Federation; Professor, MGIMO University (confirmed)
- **Dr. David Santoro**, Director and Senior Fellow, Nuclear Policy, Pacific Forum (confirmed)

Moderator: **Dr. Vadim Kozyulin**, Member of the Executive Board, Emerging Technologies and International Security Program Director, PIR Center (confirmed)

**Issues for discussion:**
- *How do we define Great Power competition and assess risks & rewards?*
- *What are coping mechanisms for chronic, acute and restrained competition?*
• How can escalation in a new landscape be prevented?
• What are roles of signaling? CBMs? Risk reduction methods?

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch (Arbat-3 Hall)

14:00-16:00 SESSION II: Nuclear Arms Control: What Future Role

Panelists:
• Dr. Alexey Arbatov, Head of the Center for International Security, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences; member of the Advisory Board, PIR Center (confirmed)
• Dr. Amy Woolf*, Specialist in nuclear weapons policy, Congressional Research Service (confirmed)
• Dr. Philipp C. Bleek Associate Professor, Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies. Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (confirmed)

Moderator: Gen. Yevgeny Maslin Colonel General (retired), Head of the 12th Main Directorate of the Russian Ministry of Defense (1992-1997), Member of the Executive Board, PIR Center (confirmed)

Issues for discussion:
• Is it necessary to extend the New START, and what can be done to facilitate its extension?
• What are the consequences if New START is not extended?
• What does post-INF Europe look like?

16:00 – 16:30 Break

16:30 – 18:00 SESSION III: Great Power Competition in Outer Space

Panelists:
• Dr. Andrei Malov*, Member of the Advisory Board, PIR Center (confirmed), Associate Professor of the Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Federation
**Dr. Robert S. Wilson**, Analyst, Aerospace Corporation (confirmed)

Moderator: **Gen. Vasily Lata**, Lieutenant-General (retired), previously – Chief of Operations and First Deputy Chief of the Strategic Missile Forces Staff; Consultant, PIR Center (confirmed)

**Issues for discussion**

- How to prevent arms placement in outer space?
- How to ensure security of critical infrastructure in outer space?
- Space capabilities of third countries: risks and opportunities for dialogue?

18:30 Dinner (Sibir-Sibir Restaurant)

**Day Two**

9:00-9:30 Coffee

9:30-9:45 Summary of previous day

9:45-11:45 **SESSION IV: New approaches to defining strategic stability**

Panelists:

- **Gen. Vladimir Dvorkin**, Major General (ret.), Senior Research Fellow, Center for International Security, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations (confirmed)
- **Dr. Olga Oliker**, Program Director, Europe and Central Asia, Crisis Group (confirmed)
- **Mr. Andrey Baklitskiy**, Consultant, PIR Center (confirmed)

Moderator: **Dr. Jeff Mankoff**, Deputy Director and Senior Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Program, CSIS

**Issues for discussion:**

- What challenges to strategic stability should the U.S. and Russia focus on addressing?
- What steps can be taken to decrease the risk of an unintended escalation?
- How to incorporate third countries?
• What mechanisms can work in the absence of traditional arms control treaties?

11:45-12:00 Break

12:00-13:00 SESSION IV: New approaches to defining strategic stability
Continuation of discussion

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 SESSION V: New Dimensions for Risk Reduction
Panelists:
  • Dr. Vadim Kozyulin*, Member of the Executive Board, Emerging Technologies and International Security Program Director, PIR Center (confirmed)
  • Dr. Margaret E. Kosal*, Associate Professor, The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology (confirmed)
Moderator: Dr. Sharon Squassoni, Research Professor, George Washington University (confirmed)

Issues for discussion:
  • Impact of Artificial Intelligence on strategic stability?
  • What measures can be taken to increase transparency in cyber space?
  • How might current and potential future proliferation and technology development trends increase nuclear risks, and how should these be addressed?

15:30-15:45 Break

15:45-16:15 Next Steps

  • Dr. Vladimir Orlov, Director, PIR Center, Head, Center for Global Trends and International Organizations, Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Federation; Professor, MGIMO University
  • Dr. Jeff Mankoff, Deputy Director and Senior Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Program, CSIS

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