



**“U.S.-Russia Virtual Dialogue on the NPT Review Process:  
Ideas from Next Generation”**

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Sarah Bidgood is a Director of the Eurasia Nonproliferation Program at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies in Monterey, California. Her research focuses on US-Soviet and US-Russia nonproliferation cooperation, as well as the international nonproliferation regime more broadly. She served on the secretariat during the 2015 NPT Review Conference, in which capacity she supported the Chairs of Main Committee I and Subsidiary Body I dealing with nuclear disarmament.

Sarah holds a B.A. in Russian Language and Literature from Wellesley College, a Master’s degree in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and a Master’s degree in Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies. She is the coeditor with Dr. William Potter of *Once and Future Partners: The United States, Russia, and Nuclear Non-Proliferation*, published in 2018.

**Vladislav Chernavskikh, Graduate Student, MIIS-MGIMO Dual Degree Program in WMD Nonproliferation**

Vladislav Chernavskikh is a graduate student in the Dual Degree in Nonproliferation Studies program of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS) and the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO). At the moment Vladislav is interning at the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs. In the past he worked as a Graduate Research Assistant at the Center for Nonproliferation Studies in Monterey (CNS).

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Nikita Degtyarev is a second semester student in the Dual Degree in Nonproliferation Studies program of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) and the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS). He is currently an editor of *Yaderny Kontrol* (PIR Center's e-newsletter) and a grant specialist in Young Middle East Researchers Association (located in Ural Federal University, Yekaterinburg). He has different internship and job experience: translator at First International Conference on intellect-intensive energy technologies in Yekaterinburg, intern (on position of Analytical department worker) at Representative Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia in Yekaterinburg, intern at PIR Center. His research interests include NATO nuclear sharing arrangements, nuclear non-proliferation regime, nuclear weapon ban campaign.

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Jeremy Faust is a 2020 Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF) Finalist and a dual M.A. candidate in WMD Nonproliferation, Nuclear Policy, and Global Security at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) and in Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies (MIIS). In his final semester, Jeremy is currently advising the Holy See Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations on nonproliferation, disarmament, and other security issues while working on his thesis, entitled "United States Policy Towards the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the Risk of Allied Defection."

Jeremy received his B.A. in Political Science, Cum Laude from Davidson College in 2017 and has previously worked at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) and for Robert J. Abernethy, an LA-based philanthropist.

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Grace Kier is a recent graduate of the College of William & Mary, where she studied Russian and Government. While studying at MGIMO in fall 2018, she interned at the PIR Center, before interning at the Center for Nonproliferation Studies in the summer of 2019. She is one of the creators and hosts of the podcast *Big Nuke Energy* and will be a James C. Gaither Junior Fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace next year.

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In 1994, Dr. Orlov founded PIR Center (the Russian Center for Policy Studies), a private think tank dealing with international security and Russia’s foreign policy issues, now a leading Russian and international research and publishing non-governmental organization in this area. Since 2014, Dr. Orlov is the Head of the Diplomatic Academy’s Center for Global Trends and International Organizations. Founder (since 1993) & President of the *Dialogue* Club International.

His areas of research include major threats and challenges to international security, primarily, nuclear nonproliferation, Iranian nuclear program, proliferation challenges in the Middle East, as well as US-Russian and European-Russian relations in the framework of international security, and the prospects of cooperation on peace and security within BRICS. Dr. Orlov is constantly engaged in teaching and educational activities, giving lectures and expert comments on Russian foreign policy and on nuclear nonproliferation within Russia and abroad. His initiative culminated in establishment of the International Dual Degree MA Program in Nonproliferation and Global Security Studies in 2016 – a joint project by the Moscow State Institute of International Affairs (MGIMO) of the Russian Foreign Ministry, the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, and PIR Center. He serves as academic supervisor of the program and teaches Russian foreign and security policy as well as nuclear nonproliferation at MGIMO.



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Dr. William Potter is Sam Nunn and Richard Lugar Professor of Nonproliferation Studies and Founding Director of the Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey. He is the author, editor, or co-editor of over 20 books, including two volumes on *Forecasting Nuclear Proliferation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Stanford University Press, 2010), *The Global Politics of Combating Nuclear Terrorism* (Routledge, 2010), *Nuclear Politics and the Non-Aligned Movement* (Routledge, 2012), *Preventing Black-Market Trade in Nuclear Technology* (Cambridge University Press, 2018), and *Once and Future Partners: The United States, Russia, and Nuclear Non-Proliferation* (IISS/Routledge, 2018). He has authored more than 125 articles and book chapters, including in *Arms Control Today*, *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *International Organization*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Problems of Communism*, *Slavic Review*, *Survival*, and the *Washington Quarterly*. Dr Potter has served on numerous committees of the US National Academy of Sciences and for five years was a member of the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters. He has participated as a delegate at every NPT Review Conference and Preparatory Committee meeting since 1995. He was elected as a Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences in 2019.

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**Sam Whitefield, Graduate Student, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey**

Sam Whitefield is in his third semester studying Nonproliferation at the Middlebury Institute. His particular areas of interest include biological warfare, the Non-Proliferation Treaty, and satellite imagery analysis. After school, he hopes to work for an international organization like UNODA or NATO. In his free time, he enjoys playing chess and walking in nature.