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Latest Publications

The Australia Group at 40: Making the AG Fit for an Era of Geopolitical Competition

Kolja Brockmann, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Papers, June 2025

The Australia Group (AG) is a cornerstone of states' efforts to curb the proliferation of chemical and biological weapons (CBW). However, the AG has become the subject of renewed criticism and faces a range of challenges related to implementation of its key functions, rapid scientific and technological advances, and its future role in an era of geopolitical competition.

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Iran's Nuclear Programme after the 12 - Day War: Options and Challenges

Michele Gaietta, Istituto Affari Internazionali, July 2025

With the Israel-Iran ceasefire holding, early assessments show significant damage to Iran's nuclear facilities. The strikes aimed to halt Iran's nuclear progress but risk reinforcing its defiance. Against this backdrop of uncertainty, reviving a credible diplomatic track becomes all the more urgent to avert Iran's potential withdrawal from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

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What drove a recent wave of arms industry consolidation?

Florian Edle and Lorenzo Scarazzato, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, June 2025

Arms industry consolidation has historically been driven by shrinking demand, lack of competitiveness, and the political will of governments. The most recent wave of arms industry consolidation in the European and North American arms industries occurred under circumstances different from those at the end of the cold war. This analysis explores these trends using SIPRI Top 100 data from 2014–2023.

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NATO is safe, but for how long? What needs to be taken from the Hague Summit (24-25 June 2025)

Sophie Draeger and Loïc Simonet, Austrian Institute for International Affairs, June 2025

The Hague NATO Summit appeared successful but exposed deep Alliance contradictions. The historic 5% defence spending goal and brief communiqué hide NATO's vulnerabilities, with Trump's conditional support threatening cohesion. Meanwhile, the EU faces a strategic crossroads: while stronger defence is needed, it risks undermining its peace identity.

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Why deterrence needs dialogue and détente

Thomas Greminger, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, June 2025

The idea of preparing for war to secure peace has guided leaders since ancient times and shapes modern security doctrines. However, pure deterrence can be destabilizing, as it deepens distrust and increases the risk of miscalculation. At a time of high tensions in international relations, it is vital to retain some aspects of dialogue and détente if deterrence is to be credible and effective.

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EU News

EU Statement on Mine Clearance - Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Intersessional Meetings to the Mine Ban Treaty, 19 June 2025

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EU Statement on International Cooperation and Assistance - Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Intersessional Meetings to the Mine Ban Treaty, 20 June 2025

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EU Statement delivered at CTBTO 64th Session of Preparatory Commission on 23-25 June 2025

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Network News

VCDNP diplomatic workshop to strengthen common ground on nuclear issues

The Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) held its annual diplomatic workshop in Krems on 27 June, bringing together 45 diplomats, officials from Vienna-based international organisations, and NGO representatives. Participants discussed the impact of geopolitical tensions on the non-proliferation regime, safeguards, nuclear security, and peaceful uses.

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The first Implementation Brief of the NPT Monitor has been published, outlining progress from the project's initial six months and detailing upcoming steps. Developed by BASIC's Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Programme, the Monitor is designed to offer impartial, accessible data to track states' implementation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and to reinforce commitments to disarmament, non-proliferation, and peaceful uses.

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Network Calls

Fall 2025 Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Short Course

The Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) will offer an in-person intensive short course on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament policy issues specifically designed for diplomats and practitioners from 22 to 26 September 2025 at the VCDNP office in Vienna, Austria.

Application deadline: 16 July 2025

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Nuclear Science & Technology School

The University of Leeds will host an in-person short course on nuclear science and technology for Bachelor's and Master's students from 16 to 18 September 2025. The program includes lectures, career talks, and lab tours covering topics from nuclear reactors to medicine.

Application deadline: 15 July 2025.

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