The Krogh Seminar  
INAF-339  
Weapons of Mass Destruction and International Security

Georgetown University  
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ICC 202  
Mondays 2:15 – 4:15 p.m.  

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Description: The purpose of the course is to explore the nature of the threat to international security posed by weapons of mass destruction (WMD). The first part of the course is devoted to understanding the connections between nuclear energy and nuclear weapons, the technology of nuclear weapons - and to a lesser extent chemical and biological weapons - and those international regimes and national policies designed to prevent the spread of these weapons. The second part of the course takes a regional perspective, addressing the importance of WMD to the security and stability of North East Asia, South Asia, and the Middle East, as well as the threat posed by terrorist acquisition of WMD.

Requirements: Students will prepare an analytical term paper of roughly 20 pages on a topic agreed upon with the instructor prior to Part II of the course. The paper will be due on 27 April (30% of grade). Students will take a mid-term written examination covering Part I of the course on 12 March (20%), and sit for a 30 minute oral final examination covering Parts I and II of the course (30%). Students are also expected to be active participants in the seminar (20%).

Texts: Recommended for purchase:


*Note: all texts and readings will be available on reserve at the University Library. Many items can also be
found on ELECTRONIC reserves, accessible anytime via the internet.
PART I - THE TECHNOLOGY AND THE REGIMES OF CONTROL

Weeks 1 & 2  10 & 22 January - Nuclear Energy and Nuclear Weapons

Required Reading:

Week 3  29 January - Nuclear Weapons and Deterrence

Required Reading:

Weeks 4 & 5  5 & 12 February - Nuclear Weapons Spread and Response

Required Reading:
Week 6  26 February - Biological and Chemical Weapons

Required Reading:

Week 7  12 March – Mid-Term Examination

PART II - THE IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Week 8  19 March - Korea

Required Reading:

Week 9  26 March – India and Pakistan

Required Reading:

Week `10  11 April - Iraq

Required Reading:
Week 11  
16 April – Iran and Israel

*Required Reading:*

Weeks 12 & 13  
23 April & 30 April - WMD and Terrorism

*Required Reading:*

Oral Final Examinations will be scheduled for each student between 4 and 11 May.
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