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## 21st Castiglioncello International Conference

Conflicts, New Arms Races, and Nuclear Risks - 80 years from Hiroshima and Nagasaki.



October 10-12, 2025 - Castello Pasquini, Castiglioncello (Livorno)

| Fri, Oct 10, 2025 |                                                                                                                                                                    | Sat, Oct 11, 2025 |                                                                                                                                                                | Sun, Oct 12, 2025                                                                    |                 |
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| 9:00              | Welcome from the local authorities.<br><b>Nuclear Risks. Chair: Diego Latella</b>                                                                                  |                   |                                                                                                                                                                | 9:00                                                                                 | Assemblea USPID |
| 9:30              | Paolo Cotta-Ramusino: "Present nuclear risks in a dangerous time"                                                                                                  | 9:00              | David Menashri: "Israel and Iran at a Crossroads: Two Years After 7 October 2023."                                                                             |                                                                                      |                 |
| 10:00             | David Alexandre Ellwood: "Proliferation - A Grave New World"                                                                                                       | 9:30              | Taghreed El-Khodary: "Two Years of Genocide: What can be done now? "                                                                                           |                                                                                      |                 |
| 11:00             | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                                       | 11:00             | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                                   | 11:00                                                                                | Coffee break    |
| 11:30             | <b>Russia-Ukraine. Chair: Giuliano Colombetti</b><br>Dmitry Stefanovich(R): "Russian strategic deterrence and long-range strike capabilities: the Ukrainian test." | 11:30             | <b>Middle East 2. Chair: Chiara Roda</b><br>Chen Zak Kane(R): "Risks and Opportunities: WMD Nonproliferation in Today's Middle East "                          |                                                                                      |                 |
| 12:00             | Polina Sinovet: "Russia's War on Ukraine: nuclear coercion in Russia's strategy"                                                                                   | 12:00             | Katariina Simonen: "Science Diplomacy behind the scenes: near history of Pugwash in the Middle East and South Asia"                                            | 12:30                                                                                | Adjourn         |
| 13:00             | Lunch break                                                                                                                                                        | 13:00             | Lunch break                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                      |                 |
| 14:00             | <b>Europe Security 1. Chair: Serghey Batsanov</b><br>Emma Ashford: "Nuclear Tradeoffs in a Multipolar World"                                                       | 14:00             | <b>Military applications of AI. Chair: Mieke Massinik</b><br>Dario Guarascio(R): "Digital empires: disentangling the military-digital complex in US and China" |  |                 |
| 14:30             | Benoît Pelopidas(R): "Three blind spots in the current European (nuclear) security debates"                                                                        | 14:30             | Alice Saltini: "AI-nuclear integration: hype, reality and implications"                                                                                        |                                                                                      |                 |
| 15:00             | Franziska Stärk: "The Future of the European Security Architecture – Insights from the German debate"                                                              | 15:00             | Guglielmo Tamburrini: "AI and the erosion of human control on warfare"                                                                                         |                                                                                      |                 |
|                   |                                                                                                                                                                    | 15:30             | Maria Longobardi: "Quantum technologies and nuclear security"                                                                                                  |                                                                                      |                 |
| 16:00             | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                                       | 16:15             | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                      |                 |
| 16:30             | <b>Europe Security 2. Chair: Francesco Lenci</b><br>Marco De Andreis: "How strong or weak is NATO Europe vis-à-vis Russia? Facts, Fiction and Fairy Tales"         | 16:45             | <b>Treaties. Chair: Lodovica Clavarino</b><br>Angela Corcelli: "Landmines past and present "                                                                   |                                                                                      |                 |
| 17:00             | Matthew Evangelista: "Repeating the mistakes of the past"                                                                                                          | 17:15             | Barbara Gallo: "NPT and the current global challenges"                                                                                                         |                                                                                      |                 |
| 17:30             | Chiara Fagnoli / Lorenzo Piccioli: "The European Sky Shield Initiative: an instrument to promote European strategic autonomy, deterrence, and non-proliferation"   | 18:00             | Final discussion (all speakers)                                                                                                                                |                                                                                      |                 |
|                   |                                                                                                                                                                    | 18:30             | M. De Andreis et al.: A memory of Paolo Farinella                                                                                                              |                                                                                      |                 |
| 19:00             | Dinner                                                                                                                                                             | 19:30             | Dinner                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                      |                 |
| 21:15             | <b>Public event (in Italian): Ruolo degli scienziati per la riduzione dei rischi nucleari</b>                                                                      |                   |                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                      |                 |