

# Reconceptualizing Arms Control for the Challenges of the 21st Century

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**Location:** O'Neill

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## Workshop Summary:

The theory and practice of Arms Control, broadly understood, was one of the pillars of the global security apparatus in the second half of the twentieth Century. However, in the post-Cold War era, whilst policy developments may have proceeded apace, there has been little attempt to reconceptualize arms control in the light of contemporary shifts in discourse, practice and material conditions in the international system. The failure to re-establish the relationship between arms control theory and practice is not only an issue of relevance to the academic community, it has also had profound policy consequences. While there have certainly been specific arms control successes in the post-Cold War era, it nevertheless remains the case that, taken as a whole, the practice of arms control across a range of issues from WMD to arms exports or small arms, has not only been ad hoc but often incoherent, unconnected, contradictory and sometimes even counterproductive. The proposed workshop is conceived as the first in a series of seminars that will aim to correct this failure.

## Workshop Participants:

- Neil Cooper, University of Bradford
- David Mutimer, York University
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- Mary Kaldor, Centre for the Study of Global Governance, LSE
- J. Marshall Beier, McMaster University
- Joanna Spear, Associate Professor, George Washington University
- Samantha L. Arnold, University of Winnipeg
- Robert Muggah, Small Arms Survey
- Simon Dalby, Carleton University
- Michael Dartnell, University Partnership Centre, Laurentian @ Georgian
- Christopher Cramer, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)
- James Der Derien, Brown University
- Jim Whitman, Bradford University
- Columba Peoples, Swansea University
- Andrew A. Latham, Macalester College
- Paul Rogers, University of Bradford
- Lawrence Freedman, University of London
- Ken Booth, University of Wales Aberystwyth
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