

The Third Nuclear Age: Understanding and Addressing Contemporary Nuclear Challenges

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The world has recently entered a dangerous new era of nuclear politics. Longstanding arms control treaties have collapsed, and every nuclear weapon state is modernising or increasing their nuclear arsenal. Relations between these states are at an all time low as great power competition returns to the fore of international affairs, and protracted conflicts involving nuclear weapon states continue to rage. In this context, this roundtable seeks to make sense of the Third Nuclear Age by outlining its contours and key issues, whilst also exploring potential pathways for addressing current challenges in order to revitalise stability and encourage peace. This roundtable brings together the authors of two recent books on the Third Nuclear Age with several emerging scholars working on a diverse range of issues shaping contemporary nuclear politics. From the rituals of contemporary deterrence practice, to the politics of arms control and disarmament, via the rise of Artificial Intelligence, regional dynamics, and the significance of gender, this roundtable explores the complex milieu of issues facing today's global nuclear order in the Third Nuclear Age.

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