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Theories of Change for Nuclear Disarmament

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How should we theorise “change” in relation to nuclear disarmament, and what are the theories of change that underlie different nuclear disarmament projects? Do the methodological tools of mainstream International Relations allow us to apprehend change, or do we need to look further afield? What needs to change to make nuclear disarmament possible; what might need to stay the same? This panel engages with interdisciplinary perspectives on “change” - social, political, technological, temporal, material - to try and address some of these questions. Panelists will each speak on questions of change and/or stasis, taking place at different locations and at different scales across the global nuclear complex, with each paper addressing how different kinds of change might produce political or intellectual implications for the project of global nuclear disarmament.

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