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Latest Publications



Why the Wrong Time for Disarmament Is the Right Time for Verification

Erik Andersson Sundén, AMC Insights – Alva Myrdal Centre, December 2025

The Alva Myrdal Centre for Nuclear Disarmament has launched an exciting new blog, AMC Insights, which offers expert analysis and reflections on timely topics. In the first two blog posts, AMC researchers share their thoughts on how verification technologies can offer solutions to political problems and how sanctions can more effectively constrain nuclear proliferation when combined with inducements. Upcoming texts will cover prospects for Nordic cooperation in nuclear arms control, nuclear weapons in the Asia-Pacific region, and more. AMC Insights is available on the [AMC website](#).

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Europe, Nuclear Risks, and the Politics of Restraint

Ludovica Castelli, Istituto Affari Internazionali, December 2025

Attacks on nuclear facilities – whether conducted during armed conflict, outside of it or as pre-emptive counterproliferation measures – represent one of the gravest yet least regulated dangers in contemporary international security. European states have long been central actors in shaping, discussing and ultimately constraining the development of norms governing such attacks. From the 1943 Allied bombing of Norway’s Norsk Hydro plant to Russia’s ongoing occupation and shelling of Ukraine’s Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, Europe has served as both a historical ground of nuclear-facility vulnerability and a diplomatic arena for deciding how these infrastructures should be protected. Yet over five decades, European governments – Sweden being the notable exception – have repeatedly adopted a posture of normative deferral, expressing humanitarian concern but avoiding commitments that might restrict military flexibility or disrupt alliance politics. This pattern produced the “linkage dilemma” of the 1980s, stalled multilateral negotiations in the 1990s, contributed to the terrorism-centric nuclear security regime of the 2000s, and now shapes divergent European reactions to recent US-Israeli attacks on Iran’s nuclear facilities and Russia’s actions in Ukraine.

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Risk reduction is urgently needed amid rising tensions in Northern Europe

Tytti Erästö and Wilfred Wan, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, December 2025

Risk reduction is urgently needed amid rising tensions in Northern Europe. This new SIPRI Essay by Wilfred Wan and Tytti Erästö outlines practical policy options to reduce the risk of inadvertent nuclear escalation as military deployments and activity increase.

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EU News

EU Statement – UN Security Council: Briefing on Non-proliferation

23 December 2025, New York - Statement by the European Union delivered by H.E. Ambassador Hedda Samson, Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, on behalf of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, at the UN Security Council Briefing on Non-proliferation.

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Network News

ONN–Diplomatic Academy Vienna Dialogue: What Can We Still Agree On When It Comes to Nuclear Governance?

Last December, Open Nuclear Network (ONN), a programme of PAX sapiens, and the Vienna School of International Studies brought together diplomats, policymakers, experts and students to grapple with a simple but difficult question: What can we still agree on when it comes to nuclear governance? As the world approaches 2026, a year that will see Review Conferences of both the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), alongside the expiration of the New START Treaty, participants explored how to preserve cooperation and reduce nuclear risks in an increasingly fragmented international environment. The event drew around 60 participants in the room and around 200 viewers online, underscoring the continued interest of the Vienna community in nuclear diplomacy and global security.

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Podcast



In the latest episode of the Arms Control Primer podcast, host Dr Alexander Bollfrass is joined by Professor Marina Henke and Professor Andreas Lutsch to discuss the nuclear intentions of former West Germany during the Cold War, as well as Germany's role in nuclear deterrence in Europe today. Understanding why countries decide not to pursue nuclear ambitions is an important endeavour, as Prof Lutsch highlighted in the episode: “If we consider the case of West Germany during the Cold War, it is often asserted that states maximise power or that states seek security, and this is often also related to strong security-related arguments for why it should be in the interest of certain states to seek nuclear weapons. But the reasons for why states do not pursue nuclear weapons can indeed be complex, as particularly the case of former West Germany shows.”

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Network Calls

ELN - Early Career Policy Fellow, Nuclear Deterrence, Behavioural Bias & UK Nuclear Policy

The European Leadership Network (ELN) is seeking to appoint an early-career Policy Fellow to join two new research and engagement projects examining nuclear deterrence through the lens of cognitive bias, alongside UK democratic accountability debates: 1) Getting Deterrence Right: How Bias Influences Russian Nuclear Thinking; 2) Warheads, Workplaces, and Disarmament: Informing Parliamentary and Public Debates around Nuclear Policies.

The application deadline is **9 January 2026**.

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IFSH - Vacancies & Opportunities

IFSH Hamburg is currently hiring for nine open positions, including senior roles, as part of its expansion strategy. Based at the University of Hamburg, IFSH is a leading centre for peace and security research, combining academic excellence with strong policy and societal engagement. Positions available in Hamburg and Berlin.

The deadline for applications is **18 January 2026**.

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