

COMMITTEE /  STUDY GROUP /  PANEL

Date	Tuesday, 8 December 2020
Time	18:00-20:00 (JST) / 9:00-11:00 (GMT)
Title of the Panel	<b>The 2017 Nuclear Weapons Prohibition Treaty: Its Practical Impact on Nuclear Security &amp; Arms Control</b>
Session Chair	Dr Dieter Fleck, Amsterdam Center for International Law (German Branch)
Panelists/Speakers	Prof Stuart Casey-Maslen, Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa, University of Pretoria
	Mr Steven Hill, Former Legal Advisor and Director, Office of Legal Affairs, NATO
	Prof Bakhtiyar Tuzmukhamedov, Vice-President of the Russian Association of International Law
	Mr Jonathan Brosseau-Rioux (ILA Scholar)
	Ms Clea Strydom (ILA Scholar)
Comment	<p>The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), adopted on 7 July 2017 with a vote of 122-1-1 while no nuclear-armed State has participated in the negotiations, is an expression of criticism of existing failures to implement disarmament obligations under the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT); the lack of universality of the NPT; and increasing concerns on the humanitarian consequences of the existence and the continuing threat of nuclear weapons that unfolded over the past years. The TPNW will soon enter into force, after the necessary quorum of 50 State Parties has been fulfilled on 24 October 2020. A discussion on its impact on the international legal order and security implications for a world of many new, and ever more complex, security risks is both necessary and timely. The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), adopted on 7 July 2017 with a vote of 122-1-1 while no nuclear-armed State has participated in the negotiations, is an expression of criticism of existing failures to implement disarmament obligations under the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT); the lack of universality of the NPT; and increasing concerns on the humanitarian consequences of the existence and the continuing threat of nuclear weapons that unfolded over the past years. The TPNW will soon enter into force, after the necessary quorum of 50 State Parties has been fulfilled on 24 October 2020. A discussion on its impact on the international legal order and security implications for a world of many new, and ever more complex, security risks is both necessary and timely. The Panel will address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• main issues of, and concerns with, the TPNW;</li> <li>• potentials for using the TPNW as a framework for further activities; and</li> <li>• remaining issues and tasks in view of the 2020 NPT Review Conference (which had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemics and shall be held as soon as the circumstances permit, but no later than April 2021).</li> </ul> <p>All panelists will express their personal opinion on a completely non-committal basis.</p>