

# US FOREIGN POLICY ADDRESSING NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION

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Few topics in international relations consistently attract as much academic and policy interest as nuclear proliferation. The literature on the subject tends to focus on four central questions: Why do states seek nuclear weapons? How do they acquire the components necessary to build them? What are the consequences of proliferation? And how can nuclear weapons be kept out of the hands of nonstate actors? Bradley Thayer will explore the details of these questions.

Professor Thayer earned his doctoral degree from the University of Chicago. His research integrates a broad range of professional interests: international politics, including international relations theory; grand strategy; United States national security policy generally and nuclear deterrence, proliferation, and terrorism specifically; the rise of China; NATO and transatlantic relations; and insights derived from the life sciences into political-behavioral topics, including the origins of war and ethnic conflict and the dynamics of suicide terrorism.



*The discussion will be held in English.*

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