

Podcast Outline for Nuclear (non)Proliferation

The Nuclear Dimension of the War in Ukraine and the Nuclear Global Order

Part 1:

The Modern Nuclear Global Order, War in Ukraine and it's Nuclear Aspects, Nato and Russia's Nuclear Strategy and Doctrine

What is the Nuclear Global Order?

- It's purpose, structure and core elements
- Overview of nuclear deterrence, arms control, non-proliferation, and disarmament.
- How the order has fared in recent years, during the build up to the Russo-Ukrainian war
- Nuclear Taboo, what is it?

The War and the Aspects Which Have Been Affected by Nuclear Weapons

- Full-scale conventional war in Ukraine after Russia's invasion
- How civilian nuclear technology has been targeted or used
- Deployment and readiness of nuclear arms
- Fears and conversation among the general public regarding nuclear threats.

The Nuclear Strategy and Doctrine used by NATO and Russia

- What are the Russian and NATO doctrines? How do they differ?
- Difference between Russian nuclear doctrine and rhetoric of the leadership
- Deterrence ladder, inadvertent escalation

Discuss how these elements are able to alter and effect the global nuclear order.

Part 2:

The Nuclear Dimension of the War in Ukraine and its Impact on the Global Nuclear Order with Guest Dr. Stephen Herzog

--Remember to ask questions that you have in the moment, based on his responses!--

Introduction to Dr. Herzog

Describe his expertise, background and his article in 'Survival' briefly

Question 1: (Icebreaker)

In terms of percentage, how likely do you believe it is that a Nuclear Weapon will be used as a result of the War in Ukraine?

Question 2:

Currently, do you consider Putin and his war in Ukraine the biggest threat to the global nuclear order?

Follow up: Do you believe any tenets of the global order (I refer to deterrence, arms control, non-proliferation, and disarmament) to be at greater risk than the others?

Question 3: Russia has had little regard for the rules and norms of the international order throughout their invasion of Ukraine, how is their treatment and view of the global nuclear order different?

Follow up: would you view Russia's reckless attacks on and around civilian nuclear facilities in Ukraine (Chernobyl, Zaphorizia) indicative of their attitude towards the use of Nuclear weapons? Is this how they get their foot in the door, or perhaps thow they test the international response?

Question 4: You wrote in your article 'The War in Ukraine and Global Nuclear Order':

"The Ukraine conflict has virtually frozen all diplomacy between Washington and Moscow", with the START treaty expiring in 2026, how do you anticipate nuclear bilateral negotiations and relations between the U.S. and Russia will unfold in the coming years?

Question 5: Despite undoubtedly damaging, severely, the post-war European and the global nuclear taboo, do you think that renewed public awareness and even perhaps fear of nuclear annihilation may result in a net-stronger nuclear taboo and global order?

Any final thoughts? Thank Dr. Herzog for his time and let the viewers know they can read this article online, for free, for more information.

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