

Seminar Fizičkog odsjeka

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Place

room F-201

Scientists working together to reduce the possibility of nuclear wars

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The presentation of the nuclear war danger in majority of media has been rather incomplete and even distorted for many years, and not only in the recent period when the threats from North Korea dominate the public discourse. This helps perpetuate the illusion that the end of the Cold war had seemingly resolved the threat of the huge, universal nuclear holocaust through the nuclear war between the superpowers, which is still the biggest threat, contrary to impressions from the skewed media coverage. An important recent example is the anti-nuclear treaty proclaimed less than two months ago on the level of the Organization of United Nations by a large majority of its member countries. This has been largely ignored by most of the mass media, as was an organized effort of thousands of scientists to support this treaty. The organized effort, especially that of connected scientists, should continue in the direction of stigmatization of the nuclear weapons, similarly to the stigmatization of the chemical and biological weapons. There are non-negligible chances of some significant successes, such as removing the nuclear missiles from the regime of a hair-trigger response to a perceived nuclear threat.

Voditelji seminara FO

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