

2026 – 2027 Nuclear Futures Fellowship

Cohort 3



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Director, Nuclear Free Program

Dr. Joshua Baker is the Director of the Nuclear Free Program at Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, where he works to reduce nuclear risks and advance policies that protect communities and the environment.

Dr. Baker earned his PhD in Political Science from the University of Oregon, where his doctoral research examined how networks of actors and organizations connected through resource dependencies can develop and sustain support for counterproductive foreign, nuclear, and missile defense policies. He holds master's degrees in Political Science, International Relations, and History from the University of Oregon, Collegium Civitas in Warsaw, and West Virginia University.

Josh works with coalitions at the local, state, national, and international levels on issues related to nuclear weapons, nuclear energy, data centers, and the environment. He focuses on building public understanding of nuclear risks and believes meaningful change requires broad public engagement, particularly on issues where concentrated political and economic power can outweigh the public interest.

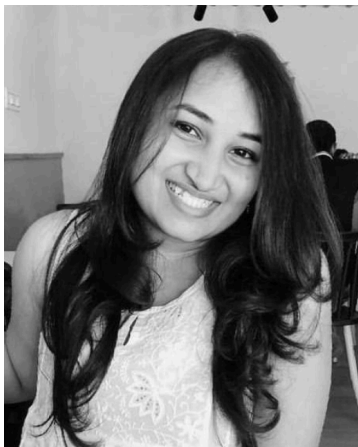
Joel Christoph

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Joel Christoph is a French-Japanese economist whose work bridges nuclear security and AI governance. He is a Researcher at the European Leadership Network, working with the Asia-Pacific Leadership Network on crisis stability across the Indo-Pacific and Euro-Atlantic, and a Research Associate in the existential-risks programme at FernUniversität in Hagen. In the nuclear field, he serves on the Leadership Team of International Student/Young Pugwash and contributes to the Pugwash Chemical and Biological Weapons Working Group. He served as a Youth Communicator for a World without Nuclear Weapons for Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and contributed to the Pugwash-Carnegie briefs for the 2026 NPT Review Conference.



His research applies economic mechanism design to verification, monitoring, and enforcement, questions common to both arms control and frontier AI. He holds economics degrees from UCL, the Barcelona School of Economics, and the European University Institute, and has written for Lawfare.



Hely Desai

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Hely Desai is a Research Associate (NR) at the Council for Strategic and Defence Research in New Delhi, India, and a Visiting Fellow with the South Asia Program at the Henry L. Stimson Center in Washington, D.C. She works at the intersection of policy, government, and academia, with a focus on nuclear policy, deterrence, non-proliferation, and nuclear energy in South Asia. Her work has appeared in War on the Rocks, Stimson Center, and The Hindu, among other leading policy and media platforms.

Hely holds an MPhil from the University of Cambridge, where she also served as a graduate researcher at the Center for Geopolitics. She previously worked as an Editorial Associate for the Cambridge Review of International Affairs. She was a member of the 2024 CTBTO–CENESS Fellowship cohort and has also served as a Youth Leader with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs.

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Pavel Devyatkin

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Pavel Devyatkin is a non-resident fellow at the Quincy Institute and senior associate at The Arctic Institute. His research on Arctic security and cooperation, nuclear arms control, and U.S.–Russia–China relations has been published by the U.S. Department of Defense, Responsible Statecraft, and other outlets.



He provides consultations to diplomats and private companies and has presented research globally, including at the Arctic Council, Oxford University, George Washington University, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, and Moscow State Institute of International Relations. He teaches international relations and Russian foreign policy at HSE University in Moscow. He has been featured in Reuters, BBC, Washington Post, and other outlets.

Pavel previously held fellowships with the United Nations (UNCCD), Stanford–U.S. Russia Forum, and Middlebury Institute of International Studies. An American of Russian ancestry, he is a graduate of the London School of Economics and University College London.



Dr. Kinnari Doka

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Dr. Kinnari Doka is a political scientist, researcher, and educator specializing in international security, nuclear nonproliferation, and foreign policy analysis. She earned her Ph.D. in Political Science from Georgia State University in 2025, where her research examined India's responses to nuclear proliferation, with a particular focus on the nuclear programs of Iran and North Korea.

In addition to her research activities, Dr. Doka has extensive teaching experience in international relations and global affairs, having served as an instructor of Global Issues. She has also worked as a Research Scholar with the India China America Institute, contributing to projects on international security and strategic studies.

Dr. Orion Noda

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Dr. Orion Noda is a Professor of International Relations and International Security at Fundação Escola de Comércio Álvares Penteado (FECAP). He holds a joint PhD in International Relations from King's College London (KCL) and the University of São Paulo. His doctoral research focused on the construction and maintenance of symbolic perceptions and values attached to nuclear weapons and how these perceptions shaped US nuclear policy. Orion is also Director of the Asia-Pacific Research Group (GEAP) and a member of BISA's Global Nuclear Order Working Group.



**Anissa Ozbek**

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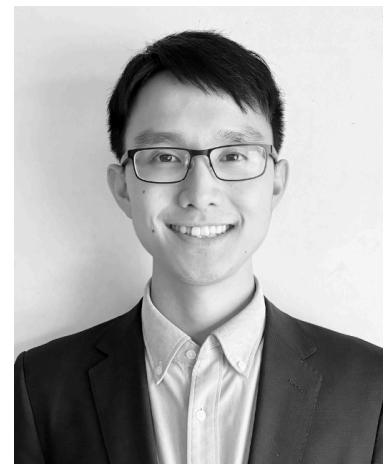
Anissa Ozbek is a security studies researcher and regional studies program coordinator specializing in Iran. She holds a Masters of Arts in Middle East Studies from the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University, where she was also a U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow for Persian. Her research areas include international relations of the Middle East, Iran's nuclear program, and regional security. An inaugural N.E.W. Policy Fellow at the Johns Hopkins SAIS Rethinking Iran Initiative, she has previously held research positions at the Council on Foreign Relations and the Wilson Center.

Anissa has presented her findings on Iran, nuclear security, and the region at international forums such as the British Society for Middle East Studies and her work has been published with the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, The National Interest, and PRISME. Her research is informed by direct engagement with primary sources across five languages including Russian, Persian, and Mandarin.

Kentaro Shintaku

Sant'Egidio Foundation for Peace and Dialogue (SFPD)

Kentaro is a coordinator of Columbia University Climate School's Cooperative Nuclear Disarmament and Sustainability Initiative (CNDISI) in the Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict, and Complexity and the Foundation for Peace and Dialogue (SFPD). He is also a doctoral researcher at Teachers College's Center for Sustainable Futures.



He contributes to the analysis of actual cases of nuclear disarmament, including the Megatons to Megawatts (M2M) Program (1993–2013), which transformed 20,000 Russian nuclear warheads into US civilian nuclear fuel that sustained roughly 10% of U.S. electricity over two decades. He co-launched the CNDSI Oral History Project, interviewing actors such as Frank von Hippel, Tom Cochran, and Steve Fetter.

Prior to CNDSI, he launched a project at Harvard for middle and high school educators to teach nuclear politics with the Ikeda Center for Peace, Learning, and Dialogue, the Soka Institute for Global Solutions (SIGS), the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS), EdEthics, PBS LearningMedia, and the Students for Nuclear Disarmament (SND). He has also supported the annual Nuclear Politics summer programs and nuclear disarmament education research at SIGS.

He holds a B.A. from Soka University of America and an M.A. in Education Policy and Analysis from Harvard University.