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panel discussion on

The future of nuclear weapons

The U.S. – Russia – North Korea – Iran

Date: **Tuesday, 25th of June 2013, 6:30 PM**

Venue: **Kleiner Festsaal, University of Vienna** (Hauptgebäude, 1. Stock); Universitätsring 1,
1010 Vienna

Panelists: **Rüdiger FRANK**, Head of department of East Asian Studies, University of Vienna
Heinz GÄRTNER, Academic director of the oiiip; Department of Political Science,
University of Vienna
Siegfried HECKER, VCDNP Visiting Distinguished Scholar (on sabbatical from Stanford
University)
Alexander KMENTT, Director for disarmament, arms control & non-proliferation, Federal
Ministry for European and International Affairs of Austria

Moderator: **Fabio POLLY**, Journalist at the ORF

In an April 2009 speech in Prague US President Barack Obama spoke of a world free of nuclear weapons. Obama stated that the United States would maintain nuclear deterrence during the disarmament process “for as long as nuclear weapons exist”. The panel will discuss mutual nuclear deterrence, arms control and will assess why progress in nuclear disarmament since the end of the Cold War has fallen short of expectations. Nuclear deterrence also provides the rationale for on-going nuclear weapons build up, such as subcontinent South Asia, it serves as North Korea’s rationale for possessing nuclear weapons, and threatens to lead to a nuclear arms race in the Middle East. How should the nuclear impasse with North Korea be addressed? Should and can a military strike stop Iran’s suspected pursuit of a nuclear-weapon capability?

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