

Let's talk Nuclear Disarmament!

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The first Pugwash Conference in 1957 at Pugwash, Nova Scotia, Canada, brought together scholars and public figures. The aim was to diminish the role of nuclear arms in international politics. Our guest speaker will look at the work of the Pugwash Conferences.



Guest speaker:  
Professor Kevin P Clements

Professor Clements will raise questions about whether disarmament creates peaceful relationships in the world or peaceful relationships create ripe conditions for the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and disarmament.

There will be a focus on the new Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and its significance for arms control and disarmament in East Asia and the rest of the world.

In particular, attention will focus on trust deficits between the major players in the Asia Pacific region and what this means for disarmament discussions. Also considered will be the role of small states such as New Zealand and other Asia

Pacific countries in managing risk, uncertainty and arms control.

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**Venue: Rosewood, 417 Queen Street, Kuripuni, Masterton**

**Date/Time: Thursday, 18 November 2021 at 8.00 pm—with tea and coffee from 7.30 pm**

**Non-members: \$5.00 door charge**

**All are welcome**

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**BIO:** Professor Kevin Clements is the Director of the Toda Peace Institute and former Foundation Chair of Peace and Conflict Studies of the New Zealand Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.

Before taking up these positions, he was the Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies and Foundation Director of the Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia.

He went to Queensland from International Alert, where he was Secretary-General from January 1999 to September 2003. International Alert is one of the world's largest NGOs working on conflict transformation. It pioneered innovative policy and practical approaches to conflict prevention and transformation in Africa, Eurasia and Asia. Also, has contributed to the mainstreaming of conflict prevention within European Foreign and Development Ministries, the EU, and a variety of UN institutions. During his time there, was on the Board of the European Centre for Conflict Prevention and President of the European Peace Building Liaison Office in Brussels.

Before becoming Secretary-General of International Alert, Kevin was the Vernon and Minnie Lynch Chair of Conflict Resolution at the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, USA 1994-2000 and Director of the Institute from 1994-1999.

His career has been a combination of academic analysis and practice in areas of peacebuilding and conflict transformation. He was formerly Director of the Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva and Head of the Peace Research Centre at the Australian National University in Canberra. Before this, he was Senior Lecturer in Sociology and Coordinator of Peace Studies at Canterbury University, Christchurch, New Zealand. Earlier, he was a Lecturer in Sociology at Hong Kong University. He took up this position from a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at Oxford University, where he worked on development issues.

He has been an advisor to New Zealand, Australian, British, Swedish and Dutch governments on conflict prevention, peace, and defence and security issues and advised the German Government and the OECD on States and Violence. He was a member of the New Zealand Government's Defence Committee of Enquiry in 1985. He is currently conducting Problem Solving Workshops, in North-East Asia, with high-level participants from Japan, China and Korea.

He was President of the International Peace Research Association (IPRA) from 1994-1998, President of the IPRA Foundation from 1995-2000 and Secretary-General of the Asia Pacific Peace Research Association. He was Secretary-General of the International Peace Research Association 2008-2010.

Professor Clements has been a regular consultant to non-governmental and intergovernmental organisations on disarmament, arms control, conflict resolution, development and regional security issues. He has written or edited nine books and over 160 chapters/articles. These, on conflict transformation, peacebuilding, preventive diplomacy and development with a specific focus on the Asia Pacific region. His most recent publications are:

- (i) Ikeda, Daisaku & Clements, Kevin. (2021). *Verso Un Secolo di Pace*. Milano: Esperia Press.
- (ii) Clements, Kevin P. & Lee, Sung Yog (Eds.). (2020). *Multi-Level Reconciliation and Peacebuilding: Stakeholder perspectives*. London: Routledge.
- (iii) Clements, Kevin P. (Ed.). (2017). *Identity, Trust and Reconciliation in East Asia: Dealing with a painful past to create a peaceful present*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- (iv) Clements, Kevin P. & Ikeda, Daisaku. (2019). *Toward a Century of Peace: A Dialogue on the Role of Civil Society in Peace Building*. London: Routledge. ISBN 978-1-138-58576-8.

Your attendance, your questions, views and insights welcome