This one-day workshop is the fifth in a series of seven ESRC-funded events on Reconnecting the academic community to British defence and security policy: the 2015 Strategic Defence and Security Review (ES/L001616/1). The workshop series brings together speakers and participants from across academia, civil society, government, the Ministry of Defence and armed forces to consider key challenges facing British defence in the run-up to the Strategic Defence and Security Review of 2015.

This fifth workshop considers the future of the UK’s nuclear weapons. It is concerned to interrogate the role and status of nuclear forces in UK foreign and defence policy, both historically and in the contemporary security environment. On this basis, we examine key components of nuclear weapons possession and strategy, including themes of deterrence, non-proliferation, risk and disarmament. Finally, we consider options for change in UK nuclear weapons policy, including Trident renewal and its alternatives.

The workshop is by invitation only and will take place under Chatham House rules at the Global Insecurities Centre, University of Bristol. Workshop sessions will consist of short position papers followed by an extensive period of questions and discussion from the expert audience present.
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10:15-10:50  Coffee

10:50-11:00  Welcome and Introduction
Professor Tim Edmunds, University of Bristol

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11:00-12:30  British Interest, Identity and Nuclear Weapons
Session Two
Chair: Tim Edmunds, University of Bristol
- Nuclear Weapons and the National Interest
  Matthew Grant, University of Essex
- Nuclear Weapons and British National Identity
  Jonathan Hogg, University of Liverpool
- Nuclear Weapons: Security, Resilience and Trident
  Jutta Weldes, University of Bristol

12:30-13:30  Lunch

13:30-15:00  Old Concepts, New Threats?
Session Three
Chair: Andrew Dorman, King’s College London
- Questioning the Current Nuclear Order
  Campbell Craig, Aberystwyth University
- Evolution in understanding nuclear weapons utility, impact and risk
  Paul Ingram, British American Security Information Council (BASIC)
- Proliferation and Non-Proliferation
  Wyn Bowen, King’s College London

15:00-15:30  Coffee

15:30-17:00  British Nuclear Policy
Session Four
Chair: David Dunn, University of Birmingham
- UK Nuclear Capabilities: Past, Present and Future?
  Dr Matthew Harries, IISS
- Disarmament and Devaluation
  Nick Ritchie
- The Strategic Risks of Devaluing Nuclear Weapons
  Kris Stoddart, Aberystwyth University
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**Event:** The workshop will take place from **0930-1700** on the top floor of 35 Berkeley Square, Bristol, BS8 1JA. You can find a map of the University of Bristol precinct here: [http://www.bristol.ac.uk/maps/google/](http://www.bristol.ac.uk/maps/google/)

**Maps:** Details of how to reach the University of Bristol by car, rail, bus and air can be found here: [http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/contact/directions/getting-here-edgbaston.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/contact/directions/getting-here-edgbaston.aspx)

**Expenses:** The seminar organisers will pay travel (economy class) and accommodation expenses for seminar speakers and panel chairs only. Expense claim forms will be available for collection at the workshop itself.

**PhD students:** We have a subsidy of £50 per head to assist non-Bristol based PhD students to participate in the workshop. Please contact me if you are a PhD student and would like to make use of this subsidy.

**Speaker accommodation:** If you are a seminar speaker and require overnight accommodation, please contact me at susie.potts@bristol.ac.uk, and I will arrange this for you.

**Accommodation general:** If you need to book your own accommodation, a list of options can be found here: [http://www.bristol.ac.uk/maps/stay.html](http://www.bristol.ac.uk/maps/stay.html). We generally recommend either the Berkeley Square Hotel or Clifton Hotel, details of which can be found here: [http://www.cliftonhotels.com/bristol-hotels/](http://www.cliftonhotels.com/bristol-hotels/)

**Further questions:** If you have any specific queries about travel or directions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Lunch will be available on the day; please let me know if you have any dietary or access requirements.

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