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"Approaching Critical Mass: Asia's Multipolar Nuclear Future"

Public launch event for a new NBR Special Report featuring discussion with author Matthew Kroenig and remarks by Major General Clinton E. Crosier, U.S. Strategic Command

(WASHINGTON, D.C. -- June 27, 2016) On Wednesday, June 29, the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) will hold a public launch event for a new NBR Special Report entitled "[Approaching Critical Mass: Asia's Multipolar Nuclear Future](#)." Author Matthew Kroenig (Georgetown University) explores the dynamics of a multipolar nuclear order in Asia and assesses the implications for U.S. foreign and defense policy.

Nuclear multipolarity poses a number of unique challenges for U.S. national security. In contrast with the nuclear bipolarity of the Cold War, the major nuclear-armed states now each have multiple nuclear-armed adversaries. The United States faces heterogeneous dangers from Russia, China, and North Korea. Russia is concerned with distinct nuclear threats from both China and the United States. China confronts manifold challenges from the United States, Russia, and India. India must deter unlike nuclear threats from China and Pakistan.

Dr. Kroenig analyzes these and other differences to address the following critical questions:

- What are the distinctive theoretical implications of nuclear multipolarity?
- Which strategic domains grow in importance due to the emerging nuclear order?
- How does this new order manifest itself and present issues in contemporary Asia?
- What are the options for U.S. policymakers to defend U.S. interests in Asia?

This report is the product of a multiyear study that was guided by project senior advisors Robert Jervis (Columbia University), Christopher Twomey (Naval Postgraduate School), Ashley Tellis (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace), and Aaron Friedberg (Princeton University). Generous support was provided by the MacArthur Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

WHAT



Public launch event for a new NBR Special Report "Approaching Critical Mass: Asia's Multipolar Nuclear Future," featuring a keynote by Major General Clinton E. Crosier, Director of Plans and Policy, U.S. Strategic Command

WHEN AND WHERE

Wednesday, June 29, 2016, 2:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m.
Crystal Room, Willard Intercontinental Hotel, Washington, D.C.
(Light refreshments will be provided.)

WHO

AGENDA:

2:00 p.m. | Introduction

Richard J. Ellings, *The National Bureau of Asian Research*
Tiffany Ma, *The National Bureau of Asian Research*

2:10 p.m. | Keynote

Maj. Gen. Clinton E. Crosier, *U.S. Strategic Command*

2:55 p.m. | Panel Discussion

Chair: **Roy Kamphausen**, *The National Bureau of Asian Research*
Presenter: **Matthew Kroenig**, *Georgetown University*
Discussant: **Christopher Twomey**, *Naval Postgraduate School*

4:05 p.m. | Closing Remarks

Richard J. Ellings, *The National Bureau of Asian Research*

To download the report, visit www.nbr.org.

Learn more about the Approaching Critical Mass project and team members [here](#).

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