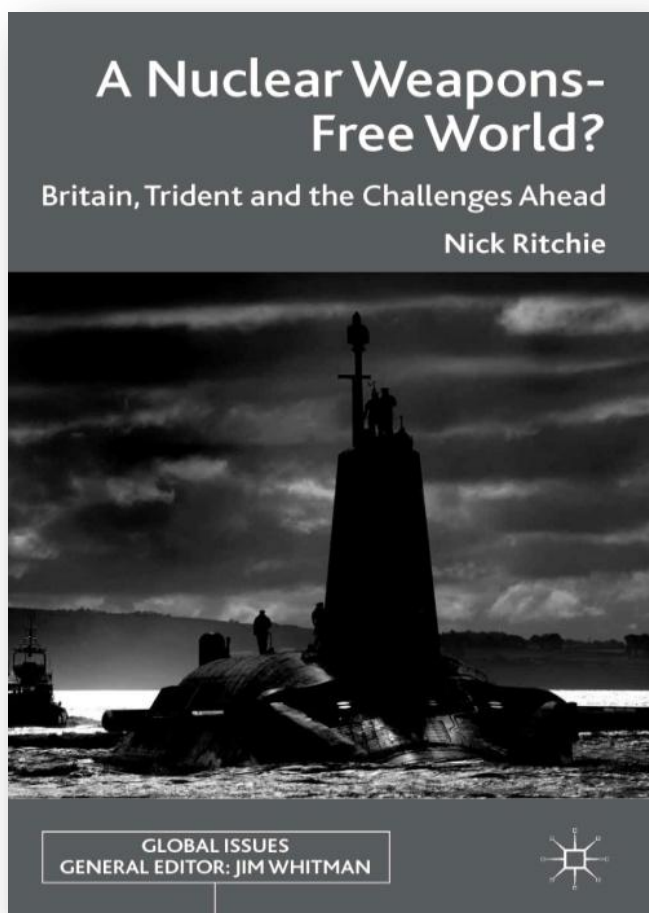


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The British Pugwash Group
invites you to a Discussion Meeting
to mark the launch of Nick Ritchie's book

*A Nuclear Weapons-Free World?
Britain, Trident and the Challenges Ahead*



Tuesday, 12 March 2013
17.30–19.00 followed by an informal
drinks reception

Speakers:

Sir Nick Harvey
Dr Patricia Lewis (tbc)
Dr Nick Ritchie

Wilkins Garden Room, Wilkins
Building, University College London,
Gower Street, WC1
(Nearest underground: Euston &
Euston Square)

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

The Discussion Meeting will be preceded by the **British Pugwash AGM** from 16.15-17.00, also in the Wilkins Garden Room.

Admission is free, but if you are planning to attend, it would be helpful for catering purposes if you could let the British Pugwash office know.

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The presentation

President Obama and the UK Labour and Coalition governments have all backed the renewed momentum for serious progress towards a world free from nuclear weapons. At the same time, the UK finds itself embarked on a controversial and expensive programme to renew its Trident nuclear weapons system. Why is the UK still committed to nuclear weapons, what are the prospects for a change in UK policy, and what does the UK process tell about the prospects for disarmament?

Nick Ritchie answers these questions and more by exploring the 'enablers' of the Trident replacement process, in particular a commitment to nuclear deterrence, the role of national identity, the 'special relationship' with the US, and the submarine-building industry. He also analyses the key 'resistances', including the logic of nuclear disarmament, cost, public opinion, and alternative nuclear weapons policies.

The speakers

Sir Nick Harvey served as Minister for the Armed Forces from May 2010 to September 2012 where, amongst other things, he oversaw the Analysis of Alternatives for the Trident replacement programme. Prior to entering government Nick was the Liberal Democrat Shadow Defence Secretary from 2006 to 2010. He has been the Liberal Democrat MP for North Devon since 1992. Before entering Parliament Nick worked in communications and marketing for the City consultants Dewe Rogerson.

Dr Nick Ritchie is a Lecturer in International Security at the Department of Politics, University of York, where he teaches international security, arms control, and US national security. His current work on British nuclear weapons policy is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust. Recent publications include *A Nuclear Weapons Free World? Britain, Trident and the Challenges Ahead* (Palgrave, 2012). He previously worked as a Research Fellow at the Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford, and as a researcher on international security issues at the Oxford Research Group.

