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She can provide mentorship in Ukrainian and English.

MENTORSHIP TOPICS regarding NONPROLIFERATION

Topic 1. The Iranian nuclear program 1957-2024. Iranian threshold status and cooperation with Russia as current challenges for nonproliferation regime

Iran has been threatening in cooperation with Russia the nonproliferation regime for a long time and it is a key topic for students to understand why and how this poses a risk to the global security environment. In this manner, the program will cover historical background of the Iranian nuclear program, the process and implementation of the JCPOA and the US withdrawal from it. In addition, mentees will be discovering possibilities for the way forward.

Duration: 2 lectures, each 90 minutes

Topic 2: North Korean nuclear program. Lessons for the nonproliferation and challenge for disarmament

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) took initial steps toward the development of a civilian nuclear program in the 1950s. DPRK became a state party to the Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) in 1985, but announced in 2003 that it would no longer be bound by the treaty. Since that time, negotiations over the North Korean nuclear program have not resolved the dispute between the DPRK and the international community. North Korea tested a nuclear weapon in 2006 and in 2009. Subsequently the Security Council adopted two Chapter VII resolutions condemning the tests and imposing sanctions. Both the DPRK's withdrawal from the NPT and its nuclear-weapon tests constitute significant challenges to the NPT regime. Mentees will learn about the DPRK nuclear program, what are lessons to be learned for the nonproliferation and challenges for disarmament, in this context.

Duration: 2 lectures, each 60 minutes