

# NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT INITIATIVES

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DAY AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND FOR SECURITY

JOURNÉE CONTRE LES ARMES NUCLÉAIRES ET POUR LA  
SÉCURITÉ

# J A N U A R Y

GLOBAL THREATS  
NEW SOLUTIONS

Wednesday, November 11th, 2020 | Le Carreau du Temple | 2 rue Perrée - 75003, PARIS



If the health situation in France on November 11, 2020 does not allow the event to be held in person, it will take place virtually.

# JANUS

Journée contre les **Armes Nucléaires** et pour la **Sécurité**

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JANUS refers to the god of beginnings and ends, choices, passages and doors. This god has two faces, one facing the past, the other facing the future, one facing war, the other facing peace.

The event aims to question these two sides and to enable young people in particular to learn and express themselves on the main global threats to security (nuclear weapons, climate change, pandemics).

The event will focus on these three themes, the links between them and the search for answers to protect the planet and humanity.

# THE PROGRAM

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**NOVEMBER 10TH : YOUTH RECEPTION**

**NOVEMBER 11TH : JANUS - MORNING PROGRAM**

**CONTINUOUS**

**EXHIBITION OF ILLUSTRATIONS**

**8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.**

**OPENING WORDS**

**9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.**

**NEGOCIATION CONTEST FINAL,  
"MUN"**

*Model United Nations*

**11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

**IDN MEETINGS**

*Nuclear Weapons and Public Health*

**1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

**LUNCH BREAK**

# THE PROGRAM

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## NOVEMBER 11TH : JANUS - AFTERNOON PROGRAM

### CONTINUOUS

### EXHIBITION OF ILLUSTRATIONS

2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

### IDN MEETINGS

*Nuclear Weapons and Climate Crisis*

4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

### PAUL QUILÈS PRIZE FINALE

*Speech contest on the theme of  
nuclear disarmament*

# IDN MEETINGS

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With nuclear weapons, for the first time in its history, humanity has given itself the capacity to destroy itself entirely. Since then, new existential threats to the planet have emerged: climate change, pandemics, depletion of natural resources to name but a few.

In our immediate, globalized world, these threats are global threats that demand global solutions. But more than that, they require a global approach.

*"If we can solve climate change, waste of resources and inequalities, but fail to address the danger of military nuclear power, it will be a disaster" - Jared Diamond*

This is why, IDN, on the occasion of its "Meetings", has chosen to open a debate, in order to highlight the links between nuclear weapons and pandemic and nuclear weapons and climate.

11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

## **First Roundtable: Nuclear Weapons and Public Health**

In addition to the catastrophic impacts on human and animal health resulting from any explosion, testing or production of nuclear weapons, there are also questions about the inadequacy of funding for health systems in favor of military spending or the inability of officials to control nuclear deterrence as a result of a pandemic.

Moderator : Simon Albert-Lebrun, professor of law (Panthéon-Sorbonne), member of the Board of IDN.

Participants:

- **Jean-Pierre Dupuy**, philosopher at Stanford University (USA)
- **Jean Pascal Zanders**, Associate Researcher at the Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique, Specialist in biological and chemical weapons
- **Kathleen Lawand**, Head of the Weapons Unit at the International Committee of the International Red Cross
- **Patrice Richard**, co-president of the AMFPGN, "Association of French Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War".

2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

## Second round table: **Nuclear weapons and the climate crisis**

While a real nuclear arms race has once again begun, with the development of new weapons, the allocation of considerable budgets for nuclear weapons systems and their environment, and the emergence of concepts of use that more or less avowedly provide for the first use of nuclear weapons on the battlefield, it is not excessive to imagine that we are approaching a nuclear conflict. Such a conflict would have dramatic and irreversible consequences for the environment and the climate. Without even mentioning a global nuclear conflict that would cause a global holocaust, a nuclear "exchange" would be followed by what scientists call "a nuclear winter" with devastating effects on populations, flora and fauna. But the outbreak of a nuclear war would not only lead to a catastrophic worsening of climate change, but climate change itself could also be the cause. Through its effects on the economy, water scarcity, the rarefaction of natural resources, migratory flows, in particular, it risks maintaining tensions that could, in certain circumstances, for example in South Asia, lead to an escalation of conflicts resulting in an exchange of nuclear fire. The objective of eliminating nuclear weapons is therefore inseparable from the climate ambition.

Moderator: Representative Alexandre Negrus, President of the EGA Institute (Institut d'Études de Géopolitique Appliquée)

Participants :

- **Alan Robock**, an American climatologist, will speak on nuclear winter.
- **Angela Kane**, former United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations.
- **Alicia Sanders-Zakre**, ICAN International
- **Valérie Cabanes**, international lawyer, spokesperson for the End Ecocide on Earth movement



# MUN

## *Model United Nations*

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The first stage of this negotiation contest, which will be held at the end of September on the "MUN Command" software, is based on a United Nations simulation model. Committees of about 20 people will lead the debates of the DISEC committee (Disarmament and International Security Committee). Within each committee, the Chair will award individual prizes, qualifying eight finalists.

These winners will advance to the final on November 11th, based on a crisis situation. Following a vote on a resolution or decision, the public will reward the most deserving delegates, enabling them to win the first prizes.

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# THE PAUL QUILÈS PRIZE

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In partnership with the Fédération Française d'Éloquence et de Débat (FFDE), the Paul Quilès Prize is an eloquence competition on the theme of nuclear disarmament.

The speakers will go through a first selection phase between September and October via a video support. Two speeches will be selected on the basis of the number of times they have been viewed on social media, while four others will be selected by a jury.

The six finalists will compete against each other on the basis of new speeches in the final on November 11th. Their pen and voice will then have to convince an outstanding jury if they want to win the first prize.

# THE ILLUSTRATION CONTEST

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Open to everyone from July 15th to October 31st, 2020, the illustration contest allows candidates to showcase their talent and put their creativity at the service of a cause that is close to their heart.

On the themes of peace, nuclear disarmament and environmental protection, the participants will send their works without any particular format required.

The selected projects in the first phase will be exhibited at the JANUS event on November 11th 2020, and submitted to a public vote which will elect a winner for each theme.



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# WHO ARE WE?

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The organization Nuclear Disarmament Initiatives (*Initiatives pour le Désarmement Nucléaire*, IDN) was created in 2012 to continue the action undertaken in the framework of the "Stop the bomb!" organization.

IDN's aim is to work towards the multilateral, progressive and balanced elimination of nuclear weapons from the planet, in order to contribute to building a safer world. Its action is part of a more general reflection on the strategic and planetary stakes of the beginning of the 21st century, as well as on the construction of European security.

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