

Workshop Final

(All time listed below is UK local time)

Title: Learning from the Past and Looking to the Future after Review Conference:

Integrating NGO work on Codes of Conduct and an International Biological Security Education Network into the next BTWC Intersessional Process

Date: Friday 28th April 2023

Time: 11:00-15:00

Venue: London Metropolitan University

Format: hybrid

In person : Workshop room TM1-03

Online: Microsoft Team as in this outlook invitation

Support: The workshop is hosted by Professor Lijun Shang with the support from Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust Foundation grant.

Chatham House Rules: The workshop will be under Chatham House Rules

Background

This small sized half day hybrid workshop will bring together experts from civil society and international organisations to have an informal brainstorm after the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) 9th Review Conference of December 2022 and the start of new venture for the BTWC and civil society. In particular, we will review the first meeting under the radical new Intersessional Process (ISP) held in March 2023 to organise the meetings that will take place later in this year and the following years through to the 10th Review Conference in 2028. Then we will discuss how civil society can contribute to this new ISP in the light of the experiences in the earlier Inter Sessional Processes (ISPs). Finally, we hope to assess how science and technology review mechanism might be organised and how codes of conduct and education and training for scientists might best support the science and technology review in the new ISP. In summary, this workshop will be a space for general reflection especially on biological security education, the role of civil society expertise and a proposed roadmap for an international biological security education network.

The programme

11:00-12:00 registration and lunch

12:00-12:05 Welcome from the university and JRCT

12:05-12:10 LMU BSRC reflection on Review Conference and its recent work and plans: Brief review of what we did during the last ISP and what we have planned for the next ISP (The book and the IBSEN) (Speaker Lijun Shang, LMU, UK)

12:10-12:30 The organisation of the new (ISP) and how Non-Governmental Organisations will be involved? What the next ISP might look like. (Speaker Daniel Feakes, BTWC/ISU, UN Geneva)

12:30-12:50 How our concerns about moving forward with the Tianjin Guidelines and supporting Biological Security Education can best be input into the Intersessional Process to achieve maximum impact? What happened in the March Meeting on the ISP. (Speaker Richard Guthrie, BWPP, UK)

12:50-13:10 The RevCon and upcoming ISP. (Speakers Tancredi Francese/Filippa Lentzos, Italy/King's College London)

13:10-13:30 How the discussions on the new Science and Technology Review System will be integrated into the meetings given the range of topics that are to be covered? How Science and Technology might be handled in the next ISP. (Speakers Jamie Revill and Maria Garzon Maceda, UNIDIR, Geneva)

13:30-13:50 The Post Review Conference in the Cambridge and future networking. (Speaker Tom Hobson, Cambridge University)

13:50-14:10 Biological security education book with Wiley. (Speaker Malcolm Dando, Bradford University/LMU BSRC)

14:10-14:50 Discussion: Various ideas about improving the integration of NGO work on Codes and Education into the ISP

14:50-14:55 Rapporteur's outline of a brief report of the meeting

14:55-15:00 Conclusion (Speaker Malcolm Dando, Bradford University/LMU BSRC)

15:00-15:30 Networking and Leave

The workshop will be held at London Metropolitan University in central London and through virtual attendance around the world. We can cover reasonable economy return travel costs to London and one night accommodation on 27th April for speakers and discussants who have far to travel.

London Metropolitan University (post code N7 8DB) can be easily access through public transport. The nearest tube station is Holloway Road Station on Piccadilly Line. Coming out the station, you will see the LMU tower Building. Cross the road, and report to the reception. We will arrange staff to take you to workshop room. The nearest train station is King's Cross and St Pancras which can be easily access on tfl network [Plan a journey - Transport for London \(tfl.gov.uk\)](https://www.tfl.gov.uk). If you require further assistance, please contact Prof Lijun Shang directly.