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# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT/YOUNG PUGWASH: **SOUTH ASIA PROGRAMME**

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# About Us



- A global and interdisciplinary network of students and young professionals concerned with the nexus of science, ethics, and security.
- Inspired and supported by the Nobel Peace Prize-winning Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs (1995).
- Understand how existential threats are intrinsically linked: nuclear weapons, climate change, emerging technologies.
- ISYP: umbrella network; national Young Pugwash Groups: UK, USA, Germany, Russia, and more.



# Our Mission

Encourage interdisciplinary dialogue between students and young professionals, where science meets policy.

Empower the next generation to address global challenges through cross-national track II dialogues.

Promote awareness of the principles and goals of the Nobel Peace Prize-winning Pugwash Conferences.





**VCDNP**  
Vienna Center for Disarmament  
and Non-Proliferation

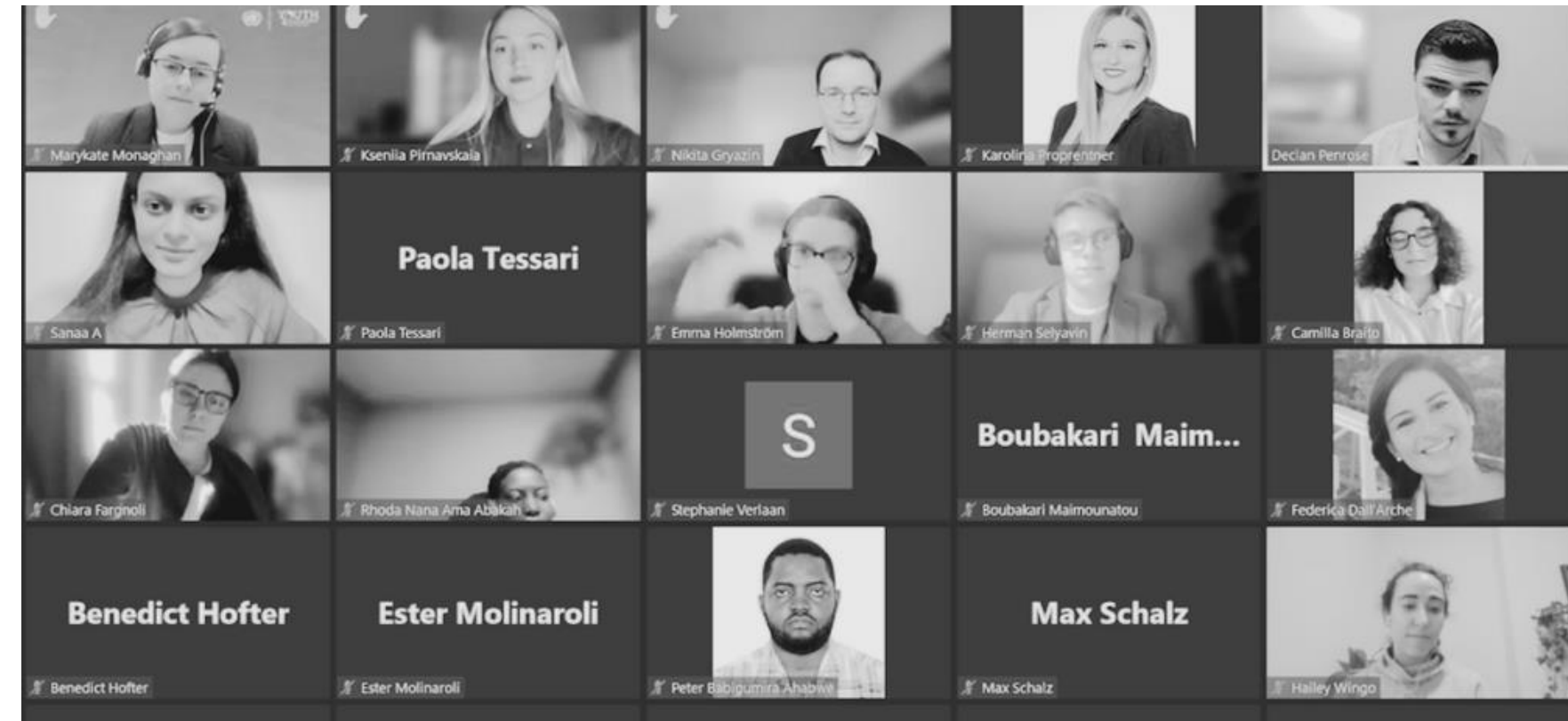
EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium  
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non-proliferation and disarmament think tanks*

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Internazionali  
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**Engagement Opportunities in Arms Control, Disarmament and  
Non-Proliferation for Young Professionals and Students**  
25 October 2024, 15:30 – 17:30 CEST

# Our Work



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# ISYP SOUTH ASIA PROGRAMME TEAM



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A youth initiative that aims to encourage cross-national dialogue among young professionals working to address the increasingly complex nuclear landscape in South Asia.

# South Asia Programme

- Past roundtables: In 2022-23: Two virtual roundtables.
- Perspectives on contemporary nuclear issues in South Asia and the “cyber-nuclear nexus” + a scenario-building exercise.
- Participants from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka & Nepal.
- Partners: Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS), Centre for Security, Strategy and Policy Research (CSSPR), and Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (NIICE).



# Why the ISYP South Asia Programme?

- **Geopolitical hotspot:** Southern Asia, with three nuclear-armed states (India, Pakistan, China), is a critical region where nuclear risks are under-represented in the global discourse that traditionally focuses on the US-Russia-China triad.
- **Promoting dialogue:** Past participants have emphasised the importance of initiatives such as ISYP South Asia roundtables in understanding “what the other side is thinking.”
- **Safe and inclusive space:** Past participants expressed their enthusiasm for having a platform to discuss nuclear issues without political sensitivities hindering dialogue, and to encourage honest and open conversations.
- **Addressing research gaps:** Aims to fill the gap in research and discourse on South Asian perspectives in the nuclear field, and support young professionals with the tools to contribute.



# Our Plan for the PACEY Award



-  Form early-career Working Groups: Organise regionally and thematically-focused groups over a 6-8 months cycle to engage in an interdisciplinary dialogue on nuclear risks, de-escalation and disarmament.
-  Expert engagement and roundtables: Invite regional and international experts to participate in roundtable discussions on various topics.
-  Provide regional insights: The fellowship will culminate in a project report co-authored by the participants, tentatively entitled **"South Asian Perspectives on Advancing Nuclear Disarmament."**
-  Offer honoraria for Working Group participants: Recognise their contributions and remove financial barriers to participation, encouraging inclusivity and allowing a wider range of voices to participate in the dialogue.



# Working Groups Timeline 2025



**THANK YOU!**

*Remember your humanity, and forget the rest.*

