

# New Perspectives on European Security: Seminar Series

16 October, 2015 10:00 & 13:30

IIR, Nerudova 3, Prague 1

The Centre for European Security of the Institute of International Relations and the journal *New Perspectives* of the IIR have the pleasure of inviting you to two exciting seminars with **Professor Juha Vuori** of the University of Helsinki and **Dr Rens van Munster** of the Danish Institute for International Studies.

► **Engaging the Nuclear Condition: Why Critical Scholars Should Engage with Nuclear Weapons**

Nuclear weapons are probably the largest threat to humankind. Yet they have been largely ignored in critical studies of security. Dr Rens van Munster makes outlines why critical scholars should care about nuclear weapons and offers some ideas on what critical thought can bring to the study of the nuclear condition.

**16 October at 10:00 – 11:45**

► **(Un)seeing (in)security: Visuality & Methodology in Critical Security Studies**

Professor Juha Vuori introduces key approaches to and issues arising from the growing use of visual methodologies and the investigation of visuality in relation to security and insecurity.

**16 October at 13:30 – 15:15**

**Venue:** The Lecture Hall of the IIR, Nerudova 3, Prague 1

**Working language:** English

**RSVP:** Confirm your participation in both events at [registrace@iir.cz](mailto:registrace@iir.cz)

**by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October.** Please state if you will attend one or both events.

**Rens van Munster** is Senior Researcher at the Danish Institute for International Studies and Research Coordinator for Peace, Risk and Violence. His research focuses on the global politics of security, risk and catastrophe since the Cold War. He has published widely on these issues in international peer reviewed journals. He is co-author of *Politics of Catastrophe: Genealogies of the Unknown* (with Claudia Aradau; Routledge, 2011) and co-editor of *Documenting World Politics: A Critical Companion to IR and Non-Fiction Film* (with Casper Sylvest; Routledge, 2015) and *The Politics of Globality since 1945. Ideas, Images and Artefacts* (with Casper Sylvest; Routledge, 2016). He is currently finalizing a book with Casper Sylvest, entitled *Nuclear Realism: Global Political Thought during the Thermonuclear Revolution* (Routledge, 2016).

**Juha A. Vuori** is acting Professor of World Politics at the Department of Political and Economic Studies, University of Helsinki, and an Adjunct Professor (Docent) of International Politics at the University of Tampere School of Management, both in Finland. His main research focus has been on the critical development of securitization theory through illocutionary logic, semiotics, and the application of the approach to the People's Republic of China. He has published extensively on visual methods and visibility – including a chapter (with Rune Saugmann Andersen and Can Mutlu) in the recent book *Critical Security Methods: New Frameworks for Analysis* (Routledge, 2014) - and on chromatological approaches to security (with Xavier Guillaume and Rune Saugmann Andersen) in *Security Dialogue* (2015).