

“Will the Nuclear Genie Escape?”

For more than six decades, the nuclear genie has been kept in the bottle. However, over the last few years there have been increasing indications that the genie is becoming restless and threatening to escape his confinement.

This presentation will address this issue in two parts. In the first part, Dr. John Vanston will discuss his experience in taking part in one of the last atmospheric nuclear weapons tests, in which the participants were closer to ground zero than anyone since the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The second part of the presentation will be a discussion by society members of the current nuclear weapons situation and actions and policies that might be used to minimize the probability of nuclear catastrophe.