OUTLINE

This seminar is linked to the research I have conducted as part of the cooperative ‘123 Agreement Project’. However, the seminar itself does not specifically focus on the Indo-US 123 Agreement. Instead, it looks at associated legal questions concerning India’s relationship with the NPT, particularly with regard to India’s possession of nuclear weapons. We will examine the extent to which aspects of the NPT may also be binding in customary international law, and, therefore, will consider whether India is bound indirectly by certain NPT obligations, in spite of being a non-signatory state.

CORE ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

- The basics of the NPT, and its key provisions (Articles I - VI)
- India’s status under NPT
- Whether any of the obligations contained in the NPT are also binding under customary international law
- Whether India is a ‘persistent objector’ to any possible customary norms flowing from the NPT

SOME PRE-READING