

Defusing the Nuclear Threat: An Audacious Plan



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Depending on nuclear weapons for our security is as risky as living in a town surrounded by thousands of nuclear power plants, yet society ignores the danger.

This talk explains why the risk is so great. It then presents a novel approach for overcoming society's inaction, where the first step depends on small groups of individuals taking initiative.

This seemingly audacious plan has won support from a number of prominent individuals, including former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

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Prof. Hellman is best known for his invention – joint with Diffie and Merkle – of public key cryptography, the technology that secures transactions on the Internet.

But, for almost thirty years, his primary interest has been to find ways for fallible human beings to survive the nuclear era.

See <http://nuclearrisk.org/>

This is the first in a series of Spring quarter talks at Stanford on Defusing the Nuclear Threat. For more information, see <http://TinyURL.com/ycwgpdo>