Cuban Missile Crisis 2.0?

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History was made the day in 1987 that US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev signed the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF), paving a path for peace by means of nuclear arms reduction.

Fast-forward thirty years, and following February’s decision by President Trump to withdraw from the Treaty, Russia’s President Vladimir Putin officially confirmed that Moscow would also withdraw.

The decision by both superpowers to effectively terminate one of the core nuclear forces reductions agreements, and their apparent incapacity to overcome the current stalemate in bilateral strategic relations, raises a new set of strategic concerns about future international security.

Will Washington and Moscow be able to commence formal bilateral consultations about the new INF? Will other countries that possess intermediate range missile capabilities (China, India, Pakistan, North Korea, Israel and others) be willing to come to the party? Or will the international community relive the drama and tension of 1962, when a game of geostrategic chess placed the world on the brink of nuclear war?

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome back Dr Alexey Muraviev.

Dr Alexey D. Muraviev is Associate Professor of National Security and Strategic Studies at Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia. He is the founder and Director of the Strategic Flashlight forum on national security and strategy at Curtin. Between 2013 and 2017 Alexey was Head of Department of Social Sciences and Security Studies at Curtin. He has published widely on matters of national and international security. His research interests include problems of modern maritime power, contemporary defence and strategic policy, Russia’s strategic and defence policy, Russia as a Pacific power, transnational terrorism, Australian national security, and other. His latest publication is Australia Europe Security and Defence Cooperation in the Twenty First Century in So Distant, So Close’ Australia and the European Union in the 21st Century (Bruno Mascitelli and Bruce Wilson (eds). Alexey is a member of the Australian Member Committee, Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region (AU-CSCAP); member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, London; non-residential fellow, Sea Power Centre Australia (Royal Australian Navy), member of Russia-NATO Experts Group; member of the executive advisory board, CIVSEC 2018 international congress and exposition; member of the Advisory Board, Australia Public Network, member of the Australia, Asia Pacific Institute at Curtin, and other organisations and think tanks. In 2011, Alexey was the inaugural scholar-in-residence at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute.

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