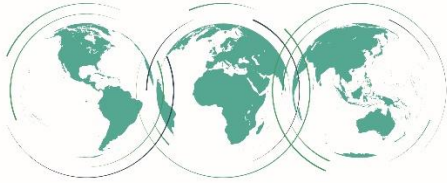


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International Start Times**

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6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Mexico City

8:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m. New York / Washington / Waterloo

9:00 p.m.–10:30 p.m. Buenos Aires / Rio de Janeiro

1:00 a.m.–2:30 a.m. London / Lagos

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3:00 a.m.–4:30 a.m. Istanbul / Jeddah / Moscow / Tel Aviv

5:30 a.m.–7:00 a.m. New Delhi

7:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m. Jakarta

8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Beijing / Shanghai / Singapore

9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Seoul / Tokyo

10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Sydney

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Agenda**

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

(All times below are in Eastern Time/U.S. and Canada)

Join details for the session:

<https://cfr.zoom.us/j/83506830475>

Meeting ID: 835 0683 0475

Passcode: 783227

8:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

Open Discussion

Nuclear Weapons: The Renewed Challenges of National Security and Nonproliferation

Taking into consideration emerging concerns about the United States' nuclear umbrella, the anticipated expiration of the New START Treaty, and a nuclear nonproliferation regime under strain in multiple regions, what are the geopolitical implications of states rethinking their strategic security choices?

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