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The American Corner Innsbruck cordially invites you to the talk

## **Nuclear Expansion, Global Security, and the Current State of International Law**

presented by Brad Varley, J.D., M.A.

Wednesday, 18 November 2009, 5.15 p.m.  
Room 50105/2 (Bruno-Sander-Haus, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)

President Obama has signaled that the U.S. is ready to take steps to reduce its nuclear arsenal. He finds support from many leaders across the political spectrum both in the U.S. and abroad, so historic changes may be possible over the next year. A world without nuclear weapons will need U.S. leadership, but above all it will require trust, cooperation, and resolve in and among the international community. It will require a greater commitment to and further developments in international law as well as sufficient funding and legal authority for the institutions charged with administering and enforcing the laws. As President Obama stated at the recent UN Summit in September, "The world must stand together and demonstrate that international law is not an empty promise."

Brad Varley will talk about the current state of international law in this area and the threats posed by the expansion of nuclear weapons, nuclear know-how and nuclear material around the globe.

**Brad Varley** was born and raised in Los Alamos, where the first atomic bomb was developed as part of the Manhattan Project, and he studied U.S. and international law at American University Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C. He works as in-house Legal Counsel for Plansee in Tirol, Austria and maintains a strong interest in international law and global security. He is 31 years old, married, and has a three year old son.



Looking forward to welcoming you to this ACI event,

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