



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)

Invites you to its meeting **December 6 at 11:00 a.m.**

First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

Lisbeth Gronlund, Ph.D.

“The Trump Administration and Nuclear Weapons”



When President Trump entered office, he inherited a nuclear arsenal of some 4,000 weapons and an ambitious plan to replace them with new, more capable versions, at a cost of \$1.2 trillion over the next 30 years. He also inherited a policy governing the use of US nuclear weapons. The Trump administration is now nearing completion of its own plan for the arsenal and its use. How might this differ from the plan it inherited?

For example, the United States has always retained the right to use nuclear weapons first, but over the years it has narrowed the list of potential target countries and the circumstances under which it might attack them. But President Trump could reverse course and add options for launching nuclear attacks against more countries for more reasons. This is particularly relevant given the ongoing crisis with North Korea.

Moreover, the president has the sole, unchecked authority to order a nuclear strike and start a nuclear war. Congressional leaders of both parties have begun to question this dangerous policy. Fortunately, there are practical alternatives that would require more than one decision maker to order a nuclear attack.

Dr. Lisbeth Gronlund is a Senior Scientist and Co-Director of the Global Security Program at the Union of Concerned Scientists. She focuses on technical and policy issues related to nuclear weapons, ballistic missile defenses, and space weapons. She has authored numerous articles and reports, lectured on nuclear weapons and missile defense policy issues before lay and expert audiences, and testified before Congress. A long list of news organizations, including the New York Times and NPR, have cited Dr. Gronlund since she joined UCS in 1992.

She is the co-recipient of the 2001 Joseph A. Burton Forum Award of the American Physical Society (APS) “for creative and sustained leadership in building an international arms-control-physics community and for her excellence in arms control physics.” She also is a fellow of the APS and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She has a doctorate degree in theoretical physics from Cornell University.

Next week, December 13 Thomas Schwarz, "The Challenges Facing Higher Education Today"

The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free program every Wednesday that is open to the public, both men and women; no reservations are required. Our social break starts at 10:40AM followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00AM. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichtma.org or contact info@greenwichtma.org