

South Asia Studies Speaker Series

Getting With it: Putting Momentum behind the U.S.-India Nuclear Deal

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This talk will provide a brief historical perspective on the Indian civil nuclear program, how the program fared once sanctions were imposed on India following the Pokhran tests in 1974, and factors that led to revival of the dialogue with India on civil nuclear cooperation in 2005, culminating in a bilateral civil nuclear agreement and exemption by the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) in 2008. Following that agreement, there has been, however, little progress in reaching a commercial closure between U.S. sponsored nuclear reactor vendors and the Indian nuclear utility. The talk will explore why that is the case, and offer suggestions for concluding a deal successfully.

Dr. Vijay Sazawal has 40 years of professional experience in the nuclear industry covering the entire fuel cycle. He retired from full-time employment at the end of 2014 and opened a consulting practice in global civil nuclear commerce. Prior to his retirement, Dr. Sazawal worked at Centrus Energy Corporation (formerly called USEC Inc.), the sole U.S. owned and operated nuclear enrichment company in the world. From 2011-2015, Dr. Sazawal served on the U.S. Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee (CINTAC). He served as a subject matter expert on the U.S. India nuclear deal for the U.S. India Business Council (USIBC), and in prior years worked at Areva and Westinghouse.

Paul Murphy is Special Counsel in the Washington, DC office of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP and a member of the firm's Global Project Finance Group. His practice focuses on multiple aspects of the nuclear industry – from legal and policy matters, including international regulatory and treaty frameworks and issues regarding nuclear liability, to strategies for creating viable nuclear power programs and the identification and mitigation of associated risks – representing lenders, developers/owners, investors, and contractors on nuclear projects internationally. Mr. Murphy has worked closely with the IAEA, the NEA, and IFNEC, and he currently serves as a three-time appointee to CINTAC.