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American Security Project Welcomes Eric Auner as New Nuclear Security Policy Analyst

ASP expands team to tackle present and future American nuclear security challenges

WASHINGTON, D.C., 11 January 2010 – The American Security Project (ASP) today announced the appointment of Eric Auner as Policy Analyst for nuclear security issues.

Dr. Jim Ludes, Executive Director of ASP, said: *“We are happy to have Eric as a part of the ASP team. In his early career he already has an impressive resume, including experience working on variety of national security issues and a solid background and interest in addressing nuclear security challenges.”*

Dr. Janne Nolan, Director of Nuclear Security at ASP, added: *“We look forward to working with Eric, who has already acquired an array of skills and experiences on arms control issues. As a researcher, editor and blogger, he will bring a key set of skills to ASP helping us to address various nuclear security issues on platforms that are in wide use by the American public.”*

Eric Auner graduated from Bates College in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations. Before joining the American Security Project, Mr. Auner was a Program Associate at the Arms Control Association as well as a contributor to *Arms Control Today*. He has completed internships at the Center for American Progress and the National Security Network. Additionally, he is an Assistant Editor at the Progressive Realist Metablog and a blogger at American Footprints and Arms Control Now. Mr. Auner's primary research areas include nuclear proliferation, terrorism, and South Asian security issues.

Eric Auner said: *“I'm very pleased to join the team at ASP and participate in the organization's important work. There is real momentum behind the nuclear security agenda, and this is an exciting time to work in the field.”*

Auner continued: *“Threats in the 21st century are real, but manageable. I look forward to helping build consensus on non-partisan strategies for keeping our country safe. As we saw during the New START debate, arms control and nuclear security issues are contentious, but real progress is possible and necessary.”*

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The American Security Project is a non-profit, bipartisan public policy and research organization dedicated to fostering knowledge and understanding of a range of national security issues, promoting debate about the appropriate use of American power, and cultivating strategic responses to 21st century challenges. For more information, please visit www.americansecurityproject.org.