

SURVIVING THE NUCLEAR AGE: A BIBLIOGRAPHY ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS, ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT

INTRODUCTION

Surprisingly, given the unquestioned utility of bibliographies for students, researchers, and the general public alike, the immense popularity of the issue, and the tremendous outpouring of literature on the subject over the past decade, no truly comprehensive, English-language bibliography on nuclear weapons and arms control has been published since the mid-1970s.

The present Bibliography began as a project of mine at the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Dalhousie University, in the early 1980s. I was attempting to prepare up-to-date, supplementary reading lists for my students in a senior undergraduate/graduate seminar on "Nuclear Weapons and Arms Control" in the Department of Political Science. I soon discovered that existing bibliographies were wholly inadequate to the task, either of providing sufficient background references for specialist student use or as an aid to serious research in the field.

The best such volume available -- published by Richard Dean Burns in 1977 under the title *Arms Control and Disarmament: A Bibliography* -- incorporated material only up to about mid-1976.¹ Other standard bibliographic sources tended to be too broad in their scope, and hence overly selective in items dealing with nuclear weapons and arms control; poorly categorized, usually in terms so broad as to render them difficult to use for quick reference; poorly indexed; inconsistent in coverage and categorization; or non-cumulated. The Burns bibliography did an excellent job of covering the English-language literature from the dawn of the atomic age (and even before, in the case of pre-1945 efforts at arms control) to about 1976. By the early 1980s, however, given the vast increase in the growth of literature on these topics, there was a clear need to bring the subject up to date.

This Bibliography was originally intended to be published by the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie. Unfortunately, its scale became too large for the Centre to handle. When I moved to Ottawa to join the Canadian Centre for Arms Control and Disarmament (CCACD), I took the Bibliography (in the form of over 30,000 hand-written index-cards) with me. Under the CCACD's auspices, and with the assistance of a generous grant from the Gladys and Merrill Muttart Foundation of Edmonton, the data were transformed into a proof-read, word-processed manuscript of some 2,200 pages. However, insufficient funds were available to actually publish and distribute the Bibliography.

The CCACD had received support from the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security (CIIPS) for the production of annual updates of what had by now become known as the "Core Bibliography." The first update, covering the years 1984-1986, was compiled by Christina Homonylo (now Buczek). Together with the "Core Bibliography," it is now in the process of being integrated into the CIIPS Library database, for on-line searching.

The second update, for the year 1987, was compiled by Jutta Paczulla. Being compact and timely, it was chosen as the first published product of the Bibliography project. At the same time, in order to increase the availability of the "Core Bibliography," we are now circulating copies of its Table of Contents, and offering to provide photocopies of specific sections of the manuscript on demand.

¹ The first volume of a new series edited by Dr. Burns, *Arms Control, Disarmament and International Security, 1987: An Annual Bibliography*, appeared in 1988. However, its scope is much broader than the present Bibliography, while its coverage of the subjects included hereunder is much less comprehensive.