

The dissertation concludes with the main points of the research and analyses in the above mentioned four pillars and also assesses the status of the efforts for nuclear arms control and nuclear disarmament in its whole history. However, the overall picture is a mixture of successes and failures and suggests that the only way to reach nuclear disarmament in a long way through step-by-step process that would also lead to reaching higher level of world peace and stability. However, even the idea of the world without nuclear weapons has its drawbacks as the dissertation tries to show. Especially with respect to change in the US administration in the early 2009 and its approach to nuclear disarmament, there also still remain many unanswered questions that are left for further research.