

WHY TRIDENT?

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"The papers gathered together in this collection arise from my search for answers to key questions surrounding the UK Government's decision to continue deploying the Trident submarine nuclear weapon system into the 2050s and beyond. Why Trident? effectively marks the end of a journey from being one of the command team responsible for launching Polaris missiles to concluding that the answer to the question posed by the title is that there is no justifiable answer other than national hubris and egotism: a highly dangerous combination that has fuelled 75 years of an arms race that threatens the existence of the world it allegedly protects."

The Author

"Few people have examined more rigorously the critical questions surrounding the nuclear element of this 'continuum of deterrence' than Rob Forsyth. I am very glad that his work in this field has been collected into this book. All those involved in this field should read and carefully reflect on what he has to say."

Vice Admiral Sir Jeremy Blackham KCB MA

"Readers will find much to challenge their thinking on the issues broached here. Thanks to the wisdom and generosity of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, this compelling and timely collection will have the wider readership it clearly deserves."

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