Record Nr. UNINA9910461098303321 Slaying the nuclear dragon [[electronic resource]]: disarmament **Titolo** dynamics in the twenty-first century / / edited by Tanya Ogilvie-White and David Santoro Athens,: University of Georgia Press, 2012 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-280-49147-7 9786613586704 0-8203-4380-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (361 p.) Studies in security and international affairs Collana Altri autori (Persone) Ogilvie-WhiteTanya SantoroDavid 327.1/747 Disciplina Soggetti Nuclear disarmament - History - 21st century International relations - History - 21st century Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Includes index. Nota di contenuto Introduction: the nuclear dragon: no longer out on the prowl -- The optimistic nuclear weapon states: the United States and the United Kingdom / David Santoro -- Advocating the elimination of nuclear weapons: the role of key individual and coalition states / Marianne Hanson -- The rollback states: South Africa and Kazakhstan / Stephen F. Burgess and Togzhan Kassenova -- The pessimistic nuclear weapon states: France, Russia, and China / David Santoro -- The threshold states: Japan and Brazil / Maria Rost Rublee -- The nuclear energy aspirants: Egypt and Vietnam / Tanya Ogilvie-White and Maria Rost Rublee -- The nuclear holdouts: India, Israel, and Pakistan / Devin T. Hagerty -- The defiant states: North Korea and Iran / Tanya Ogilvie-White -- The silent proliferators: Syria and Myanmar / Jacqueline Shire -- Conclusion: the nuclear dragon: one eye open, one eye closed. Sommario/riassunto In recent decades the debate on nuclear weapons has focused overwhelmingly on proliferation and nonproliferation dynamics. In a series of Wall Street Journal articles, however, George Shultz, William

Perry, Henry Kissinger, and Sam Nunn called on governments to rid the

world of nuclear weapons, helping to put disarmament back into international security discussions. More recently, U.S. president Barack Obama, prominent U.S. congressional members of both political parties, and a number of influential foreign leaders have espoused the idea of a world free of nuclear weapons. Turning this vision into reality requires an understanding of the forces driving disarmament forward and those holding it back. Slaying the Nuclear Dragon provides indepth, objective analysis of current nuclear disarmament dynamics. Examining the political, state-level factors that drive and stall progress, contributors highlight the challenges and opportunities faced by proponents of disarmament. These essays show that although conditions are favorable for significant reductions, numerous hurdles still exist. Contributors look at three categories of states: those that generate momentum for disarmament; those with policies that are problematic for disarmament; and those that actively hinder progresswhether openly, secretly, deliberately, or inadvertently. Nuclear deterrence was long credited with preventing war between the two major Cold War powers, but with the spread of nuclear technology, threats have shifted to other state powers and to nonstate groups. Slaying the Nuclear Dragon addresses an urgent need to examine nuclear disarmament in a realistic, nonideological manner.