

Economics and Security

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Measurement

- Capacity variables
 - Production of crude steel or aluminum
 - Production of non-organic fertilizer
 - Production of cars, televisions, or radios

Alliances

- How does having an alliance alter the *benefits* of proliferation?

Deployments

- Foreign nuclear deployments go to
 - Places far away
 - In countries that share a common enemy
- But they are no more likely to go to countries exploring nuclear weapons

Regime

- Level of democracy (i.e., Polity score) is not a good predictor of proliferation behaviors
- But personalistic regimes are

Sanctions and Selection

- Since 1970s, US has had a national policy against proliferation
- Sanctions imposed on would-be proliferators
- But a selection effect obscures the value of sanctions