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Professor John Ruggie of the University of California, San Diego graduate school of International Relations and Pacific Studies has been appointed chairman of a high-level committee on national security issues at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

The announcement was made by Dr. Siegfried Hecker, director of the Los Alamos lab. "The world is at an important juncture today concerning very fundamental issues of peace and security," said Hecker. "As a result, Los Alamos is seeking external advice to help guide its programs."

The Los Alamos lab is one of the nation's leading centers of research and development of nuclear weapons, arms control technology and energy security.

Ruggie will chair a group of former government officials and academic experts including General Brent Scowcroft, the National Security Adviser to President Ford; Harvard University Professor Joseph Nye, who served as Deputy Under Secretary of State in the Carter Administration; James Woolsey, a Washington attorney who was most recently an Assistant Secretary of Defense; and Professor Herbert York, a well-known arms control negotiator, former UCSD chancellor and current director of the University of California's Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation located on the UCSD campus.

The advisory committee assists the Center for National Security Studies at the Los Alamos lab to promote understanding and insight about low intensity conflict and terrorism, arms control, alternative national defense postures, and energy security.

The committee is also responsible for helping the Center develop productive relationships with the government, academic community, media and the public.

Ruggie, who is 43, came to UCSD in 1987 from Columbia University in New York. He received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, Berkeley, and is a specialist in the study of international cooperation. Ruggie has been a consultant to Los Alamos since 1981 and has been an adviser to several United Nations agencies.

He is a member of the National Board of Directors of the United Nations Association of the United States of America.

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