Society for Terrorism Research
CONFERENCE PROGRAM
2014

Day 1 Current Trends

PLENARY SESSION

11:00 – 12:00 Registration
Box lunch will be provided

12:00 – 12:15 Opening

- Luis Falcón, Dean of Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Massachusetts, Lowell
- Ira A. Jackson, Dean, John W. McCormack, Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- John Horgan (CTSS) and Tali K. Walters (STR)

12:15 – 12:35 Special Guest
William B. Evans, Commissioner, Boston Police Department

12:40 – 1:20 Plenary Keynote Speaker
J.M. Berger
Vanguards vs. Smart Mobs: How the Internet is Changing Extremism

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1:25 – 2:40 Current Trends I (Chair: John Morrison, University of East London)

- Mubin Shaikh (University of Liverpool), Twitihad: Engaging Syria-linked extremists on Twitter – Tales from the Trenches
- Barak Mendelsohn (Haverford College), The Costs of Franchising: The Case of al Qaeda’s Expansion to Syria
- Kevin Klein (Canadian Forces Intelligence Command (CFINTCOM), University of Calgary), The Zombie Apocalypse of Foreign Fighters: Why the West Should be Concerned
- Daniel Snook, Dan Richard and Debbie Dong-Yuan Wang (University of North Florida), Is what is past always prologue? Priming of past conflicts and fear of terrorism influence Americans’ support for military intervention in Syria
1:25 – 2:40  **Drones** (Chair: Mia Bloom, University of Massachusetts, Lowell)

- **Brian Glyn Williams** (University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth), Terrorizing the Terrorists. A Defense of the CIA's Drone War in Pakistan
- **John Kaag** *(University of Massachusetts, Lowell)*, Drones and the Paradox of Choice
- **Avery Plaw** (University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth) and **Joao Reis** (Institute of Political Studies of the Portuguese Catholic University), Learning to Live with Drones: Answering Jeremy Waldron and the Neutralist Critique

2:40 – 2:55  **Break**

2:55 – 4:10  **Current Trends II** (Chair: Rachel Monaghan, University of Ulster, Jordanstown)

- **Mia Bloom** (University of Massachusetts, Lowell), Armed and “Innocent”: Children’s Involvement in Terrorism
- **Neil Shortland** (University of Massachusetts, Lowell), Murder on Maneuver: A Quantitative Analysis of Green-on-Blue Fratricide-Murders in Afghanistan
- **Michael Woldemariam** (Boston University), Shabaab in Cross-National Perspective: Violence and Terror in Kenya and Ethiopia
- **Michael Nwankpa** (Roehampton University), Demystifying the Boko Haram Phenomenon: An Implication for Counterterrorism Policy

2:55 – 4:10  **Lone Actors** (Chair: Lyndsey Harris, Birmingham City University)

- **Cato Hemmingby and Tore Bjorgo** (Norwegian Police University College), Exploring the dynamics of a targeting process: The case of Anders Behring Breivik and the 22 July attacks in Norway
- **Brian J Phillips** (Center for Research and Teaching in Economics, Mexico City), Who’s Afraid of a Lone Wolf? North Atlantic Exceptionalism, Organizational Dynamics, and Terrorist Attack Lethality
- **Paul Gill** *(University College London)* and **James Silver** (University Massachusetts, Lowell), Different Crimes, Different Offenders? Comparing Lone-Actor Terrorists and Public Mass Casualty Offenders
- **Victoria Amico** (University of Massachusetts, Lowell), An Invitation to Act: An Analysis of the Role of Social Media in Lone Actor Terrorism
- **Denis Fischbacher-Smith, Adrian Dwyer, Colin MacDonald and Damian Worsley** (University of Glasgow), Needles in a haystack: early warnings and weak signals around terrorist threats from home-grown, lone-actor, and insider threats
4:15 – 5:00  **Plenary Roundtable Discussion** – Collaboration and Cooperation: Practitioners’ Perspectives (Moderated by John Picarelli, National Institute of Justice)

5:15 – 7:15  **Reception**
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Day 2 Understanding and Responding

8:15 – 9:00  Coffee, Tea and Pastries

9:00 – 9:40  Plenary Keynote Speaker
Dr. Jessica Stern
The Virtues of Qualitative Research on Terrorism – A Case Study of “X”

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9:45 – 11:00  Terrorist Behavior (Chair: John Horgan, University of Massachusetts, Lowell)

• Emily Corner (University College London), Comparative Behavioural Analyses of Mental Illness across Terrorist Actors and Mass Casualty Offenders
• Paul Gill (University College London) and John Morrison (University of East London), As Time Goes By: A Quantitative Analysis of the Significance of Anniversaries in the Timing of Terrorist Attacks
• Kiran Sarma (National University of Ireland, Galway), Daniela Pisoiu, Robert Pelzer (Universität Hamburg), and Meabh Ni Maolalaidh (National University of Ireland, Galway), Indicators of transitioning of non-violent actors into terrorism: A systematic review of research that can guide screening, assessment and the identification of high-risk individuals (GENESIS)
• Jon Cole (University of Liverpool), The Identifying Vulnerable People (IVP) guidance: A structured professional judgment tool for preventing violent extremism

9:45 – 11:00  Responses I (Chair: Violent Cheung, University of San Francisco)

• Kate Barrelle (Monash University), Disengagement from violent extremism and re-integration into society
• John Lamb (Birmingham City University), From the ‘Suspect Community’ to the ‘Partnership Community’: Altering police/community counter-terrorism relations for mutual gain
• Leena Malkki (University of Helsinki), Finland: A land of counterterrorism without terrorism
• Kacper Rekawek (Polish Institute of International Affairs) “Nothing ever happens in the St. Florian Valley?” The Myth and Reality of Counter Terrorism in Central Europe
• Joshua Regan (University of New Haven), Tajikistan: Insecurities That Harbor Insurgency
11:00 – 11:15  Break

11:15 – 12:30  Radicalization I (Chair: Kim Bistis, Society for Terrorism Research)

•  Neil Ferguson and Eve Binks (Liverpool Hope University), Radicalization and engagement in political violence explored through conversion motifs
•  Meabh Ni Maolalidh and Kiran Sarma (National University of Ireland Galway), Social cognitive risk factors implicated in violent radicalization: A systematic review to aid the design of novel counter-radicalization initiatives
•  Bart Schuurman, Quirine Eijkman and Edwin Bakker (Leiden University – Campus The Hague), Early Warning of Terrorism and Radicalization: Towards a Tool for Threat Analysis
•  Noemie Bouhana (University College London), "Evidence does not speak for itself": Tackling the problem of systemic causality for policy-relevant research on radicalization

11:15 – 12:30  Responses II (Chair: Neil Shortland, University of Massachusetts, Lowell)

•  Amy DeVries and Oliver Lanning (United Kingdom Ministry of Defence), ‘Countering Terrorist Networks’ Programme: Innovative Perspectives for Countering Current and Future Threats
•  Peter Leitner (Citizens For National Security), The Muslim Brotherhood versus U.S. Law Enforcement: Challenges and Solutions
•  Jeff Thompson and Adam Dolnik (Columbia University Law School), Crisis Negotiation Techniques In Terrorist Incidents: It’s Been 10 Years Since Beslan-What Have We Learned?
•  David McIlhatton and Rachel Monaghan (University of Ulster), The role of 3D geospatial technology in counter-terrorism
•  Gerald M McMahon and Edward J Valla (Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Intelligence Branch), Want to Find the Next Terrorist? Try Amazon, Not the FBI: How Industry Can Use Customer Analytics to Identify the Next Homegrown Terrorist

12:30 – 1:40  Lunch
      Box lunch will be provided

1:45 – 3:00  Radicalization II (Chair: Orla Lynch, University of St. Andrews)

•  John Horgan (University of Massachusetts, Lowell), Disillusionment, Self-Concealment and Guilt Transfer: The Social and Psychological Qualities of Engagement in Violent Extremism
•  Matthew Francis (Lancaster University), A new model for understanding the role of non-negotiable beliefs in terrorist behavior
• Jeff Weyers and Jon Cole (University of Liverpool), Applying the Identifying Vulnerable People (IVP) guidance: Social media and web 2.0
• Lorne L Dawson (University of Waterloo), Religion and the Social Ecology of Terrorist Radicalization: The Surprising Missing Link

1:45 – 3:00  **Responses III** (Chair: James Forest, University of Massachusetts, Lowell)

• Tina Billington-Hughes (University of East London), The Feasibility Of A Universal Law In The Fight Against Cyberterrorism
• Aaron Hoffman and William Shelby (Purdue University). Breaking the laws of fear: Effective counterterrorism, danger control, and the fear of terrorism
• Arthur Kendall (Social Research Consultants), Thinking about torture in intelligence gathering
• Thomas Kane (University of Massachusetts, Boston), Research on the Public Health, Social, and Psychological Consequences of Terrorism: Evidence for Developing Effective Public Health Programs for Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Treatment/Recovery

3:00 – 3:15  **Break**

3:15 – 4:30  **Gender and Human Security** (Chair: Carol Cohn, Director of the Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights)

• Dyan Mazurana (Fletcher School, Tufts University), Gender, Women and Girls, and NSAGs
• Phoebe Randel (Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University), Understanding Al-Shabaab with a Gender Analysis
• Roxanne Krystalli (Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University) #BringBackourGirls: A case study in analyzing gendered terror
• Sandra McEvoy (Wheelock College), Loyalist paramilitaries and the Good Friday Agreement: Entering the peace process “roundabout”
• Modupe Oshikoya (McCormack Graduate School, University of Massachusetts, Boston), Who guards the guards: The state, military and civilians in Nigeria

3:15 – 4:30  **Roundtable Discussion**
**Funding for Terrorism Research** (Moderated by Rachel Monaghan, University of Ulster, Jordanstown)

Evening  **Free**
Check your pack for dining and event recommendations
Day 3 Looking Ahead

8:15 – 9:00  Coffee, Tea and Pastries

9:00 – 9:45  Plenary Roundtable Discussion
The Internet and Terrorism (Chair: John Horgan, University of Massachusetts, Lowell)

• Max Taylor
• Marc Sageman
• J.M. Berger

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9:50 – 11:00  Northern Ireland (Chair: Paul Gill, University College, London)

• Kelly Wade-Johnson (University of Queensland), Legitimacy Dialogues: How the Provisional Irish Republican Army ‘spent’ legitimacy from within the United States of America
• John Morrison (University of East London), United in Their Division, Divided in Their Unity: The Internal Legitimization of Violent Dissident Irish Republican Groups
• Orla Lynch (University of St. Andrews), Preventing Political Violence; the role of ex prisoners in Northern Ireland
• Carmel Joyce (University of St. Andrews), ‘I am the militant dove’: The self-constructions of Republican and Loyalist ex-prisoners as ‘peacemakers’ in post-conflict, Northern Ireland

9:50 – 11:00  Terrorism in Context (Chair: Michael Williams, University of Nevada, Reno)

• Gregory Miller (Joint Forces Staff College), Testing the Fourth Wave: Religion and the “New” Terrorism
• C. Dominik Güss (University of North Florida) and Anastasia Mironova, (Otto-Friedrich University Bamberg), Saints and Suicide Bombers
• Mats Fridlund (Aalto University), Terrorism by the word: Terrorism and the underground press during the long 19th Century
• Clarke Jones (Australian National University), Are prisons really schools for terrorism? Challenging the rhetoric on prison radicalization
• David Woodring and Kevin Fitzpatrick (University of Arkansas), 21st Century Radicalization: The Role of the Internet User and Nonuser in Terrorist Outcomes
11:00 – 11:15  *Break*

11:15 – 12:30  **Countering Violent Extremism** (Chair: John Horgan, University of Massachusetts, Lowell)

- **Michael Williams** (University of Nevada, Reno), A utilization-focused guide for conducting terrorism risk reduction program evaluations
- **Claire McCaffrey** (Queen’s University Belfast), The Impact of Countering Violent Extremism Initiatives on Muslim Communities in Sydney: PhD Findings
- **Shandon Harris-Hogan** (Australian Institute of Criminology) and **Kate Barelle** (Monash University), The challenge of understanding and evaluating CVE: An Australian case study
- **Lyndsey Harris** (Birmingham City University), The Utility of the Strategic Approach for Countering Terrorism and Extremism
- **Peter Krause and Liane Young** (Boston College), The Impact of Education on Attitudes about terrorism

11:15 – 12:30  **Future Directions** (Chair: John Morrison, University of East London)

- **Hugo Rosemont** (King's College, London), Irksome partners? Reassessing industrial and academic engagement in CT Strategy
- **Heather Davis Epkins** (University of Maryland), Covering Acts of Terrorism
- **Ugor Gungor** (Center of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism), Future Trends in Terrorism
- **Scott Flower** (University of Melbourne), Research training for fieldwork in terrorism studies: Operationalizing a specialized, applied pedagogy to enable cutting-edge empirical research
- **Tore Bjørgo** (Norwegian Police University College), Ethics and Terrorism Research

**Final Plenary Session**

12:35 – 12:45  **Closing**

- **Closing Remarks** (John Horgan, University of Massachusetts, Lowell)
- **Student Paper Contest award presentation**
- **Next Steps** (Rachel Monaghan, University of Ulster, Jordanstown, and incoming STR President)

12:45  *Depart*