

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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Lowell

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 Bjørge** (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*