Society for Terrorism Research
9th Annual International Conference

Contentious and Contemporary Issues in the Study of Terrorism

10 – 11 September 2015 - Birmingham, England
Dear Participant,

On behalf of the Centre for Applied Criminology at Birmingham City University, I am excited to welcome you to the conference. We are pleased to have been the academic co-hosts for the Society for Terrorism Research’s 9th Annual International Conference.

The aim of this conference is to encourage the discussion and debate of the many contentious and contemporary issues currently facing academics and practitioners in the study of terrorism. We wish the conference to serve as a forum for: highlighting the ongoing and emerging academic research in terrorism and counter-terrorism; increasing networking opportunities for academics and practitioners to share their experiences; and promoting collaboration in terrorism and counter-terrorism research.

We are particularly excited to welcome our three esteemed keynote speakers. As this conference is hosted in Birmingham, and appropriate to the conference theme, we have taken this opportunity to invite The West Midlands Counter Terrorism Unit to take part in a roundtable exploring the impact Syria has had upon counter-terrorism operations. I am sure you will agree that the programme looks engaging and stimulating and this would not have been possible without you!

For those of you who are active on social media we encourage you to use the official twitter hashtag #str15uk throughout the proceedings. We hope you enjoy the conference!

John Bahadur Lamb
Birmingham City University
Dear Participant,

Welcome to Birmingham and the 9th Annual International Conference of the Society for Terrorism Research. We have all gathered together from around the world for what promises to be an exciting two days of panels, roundtables, symposium and keynote speakers. The aim of the conference is not only to provide you with an opportunity to present your research or your viewpoint on terrorism and political violence but also to provide an opportunity for dialogue with counter-extremism and counter-terrorism practitioners.

It is a pleasure to have this year's conference hosted by Birmingham City University and we would like to extend our thanks to the local organiser, John Bahadur Lamb and his colleagues at BCU for making this conference happen.

We look forward to meeting you all across the couple of days. If there is anything we can do to help, or if you would like to know more about the Society of Terrorism Research, please feel free to ask any of the Governing Board present. We hope that you have a productive and fruitful time here in Birmingham.

With best wishes,

Rachel Monaghan
President, Society for Terrorism Research
Final Programme
Day 1 (10th September)

09:00 onwards  Registration

10:00 – 10:30  Opening (P350, Parkside Building)

Maxine Lintern, Associate Dean, Faculty of Business, Law & Social Sciences (Birmingham City University)

John Bahadur Lamb (BCU) and Rachel Monaghan (STR)

10:30 – 11:15  Keynote Speaker (P350, Parkside Building)

Tore Bjørgo (Norwegian Police University College and Norwegian Institute of International Affairs)
Counterterrorism as Crime Prevention: A Holistic Approach

11:20 – 12:50  Panel Sessions

Methodological Insights (Chair: Art Kendall, Social Research Consultants), P424, Parkside Building

Paul Gill and Emily Corner (University College London), Clustered Pre-Attack Behaviours of Lone Actor Terrorists and Mass Casualty Offenders: Implications for Threat Assessment

Sarah Knight (Defence Science and Technology Laboratory), Conducting Empirical Research to Understand Violent Extremism: A Discussion of Design and Methodological Issues

William L. Tafoya (University of New Haven), New Approach to Assessing Terrorist Incidents: Cross Impact Matrix Analysis

The Many Faces of Counter-Terrorism (Chair: Neil Ferguson, Liverpool Hope University), P440, Parkside Building

Philip Davies (Brunel University), Threat du Jour: Insurgency, Terrorism and Intelligence Doctrine
David McCllhatton (Ulster University), Duncan Moss (Ordinance Survey), Rachel Monaghan (Ulster University) and David BaMaung (Police Scotland), The Role of Geospatial Data, Technology and Information in Protecting People and Place

Méabh Ni Maolalaidh and Kiran Sarma (National University of Ireland Galway), Counter-radicalisation Approaches to Preventing Vulnerable Youths from Engaging in Violent Extremism

Bart Schuurman (Leiden University), Re-integrating (Violent) Extremists: Evaluating a Dutch Initiative 2013-2014

Threats and Issues I (Chair: Tina Billington-Hughes, University of East London, alumni), P441, Parkside Building

Maxime Berube, Samuel Tanner (University of Montreal) and Aurelie Campana (Laval University), Detrimental Capital Acquired by Survivalist Preparation within Right-wing Oppositional Movements: Assessing the Risk of Homegrown Violent Extremism

Cerwyn Moore (University of Birmingham), Foreign Bodies: Transnational Activism, the Insurgency in the North Caucasus and ‘Beyond’

Manuel José Gazapo Lapayese (International Security Observatory), Terrorism and Cyberterrorism: The New Face of a Traditional Threat

Sagit Yehoshua (Kings College London), Radicalisation or De-radicalisation Process of Terrorist Leaders in Israeli Prisons and their Social-psychology Profile!

12:50 – 14:00  Lunch

14:00 – 15:30  Panel Sessions

ISIS (Chair: Bart Schuurman, Leiden University), P424, Parkside Building

Lorne L. Dawson (University of Waterloo) and Amarnath Amarasingam (Dalhousie University), Religion, Violence, and the Islamic State: Insights from Canadian Foreign Fighters in Syria

Nader Analz, Frederick H. Dotolo III (St. John Fisher College) and Merouane Lakehal-Ayat (St. John Fisher College), Confronting ISIS in Libya: A Policy Statement for an International and Regional Counterinsurgency

Daniel Snook, Dan Richard and Debbie Dong-Yuan Wang (University of North Florida), Fear of Terrorism Strengthens Support for Military Action against the Islamic State
Terrorism, Piracy and Organised Crime (Chair: John Morrison, University of East London), P440, Parkside Building

Joshua Regan (University of New Haven), The Piracy Terrorism Paradigm: An Interlinking Relationship

Nimsy Garcia (Soka University of America), Terrorists, Insurgents, and Transnational Organized Crime: A Look at New Alliances

Tina Billington-Hughes (University of East London, alumni), How Cultural and Historical Links between Organised Crime Groups and Terrorists Make Counter Measures Difficult

Old and New Terrorism in Europe (Chair: Paul Gill, University College London), P441, Parkside Building

Giorgio del Vecchio (Free University of Berlin), Political Violence as Shared Terrain of Militancy: Red Brigades, Social Movements and the Discourse on Arms in the Early Seventies

Mark Littler (University of Hull), Who Supports the Terrorists? A Quantitative Critique of the Idea of a ‘Terrorist Profile’ Amongst British Muslims

Claudia Carvalho (Tilburg University), Mothers and ‘Muhajirat’ - new Jihadist Strategies of Female Recruitment

Ana Varela-Rey (University of Barcelona), Jovan Byford, John Dixon (Open University) and Álvaro Rodriguez-Carballeira (University of Barcelona), The ‘Right’ of Using Violence: Interpretative Repertoires of Terrorist Violence

15:35 – 16:20 Keynote Speaker (P350, Parkside Building)

John Cuddihy (Police Scotland)
Keeping People Safe from the Threat, Risk and Harm Associated with Serious Organised Crime and Terrorism by Tackling Enablers and Making Them Inhibitors

16:20 – 16:35 Break
16:35 – 18:05  Panel Sessions

Memory, Identity and Northern Ireland (Chair: Lyndsey Harris, University of Nottingham), P424, Parkside Building

Cathrin Ruppe (University of Rennes 2), Irish Americans and the Troubles: Collective Memories and Identities in Terrorism Research

Donna Halliday and Neil Ferguson (Liverpool Hope University), Memory, Youth and Violent Extremism: Lessons from Northern Ireland

Annabelle de Heus (University of Nottingham), Identity and the Dissident Republican Movement in Northern Ireland

Counter-terrorism Strategy and Approaches (Chair: Anna Cornelia Beyer, University of Hull), P440, Parkside Building

Anne-Marie Balbi (Curtin University), Counter-terrorism as ‘Peace’? - Deconstructing a CT Discourse based upon a Dichotomy of ‘War and Peace’

Jordan J. Colon (Dublin City University), Counterproductive Counterterrorism: The Illogical Logic of Preventive Counterterrorism

Chi Zhang (University of Leeds), Framing the Discourse of Terrorism in China

18:10 – 19:30  Reception

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Day 2 (11th September)

09:00 onwards  Registration

09:30 – 11:00  Panel Sessions

**Political Violence in Northern Ireland** (Chair: Rachel Monaghan, Ulster University), P424, Parkside Building

**Lyndsey Harris** (University of Nottingham), Ulster Loyalist Paramilitarism: No Longer a Security Threat?

**Rory Finegan** (Dublin City University) and **Owen Foley** (Galway Mayo Institute of Technology), Targeted Killings in Northern Ireland: An Analysis of their Effectiveness and Implications for Counter-Terrorism Policies

**Matthew Lewis** (University of Newcastle, Australia) and **Shaun McDaid** (University of Huddersfield), Bosnia on the border? Republican Violence in Northern Ireland during the 1920s and 1970s

**The Role of Psychology in Understanding Terrorism** (Chair: Tali K. Walters, STR), P440, Parkside Building

**Lorraine Bowman Grieve** (Waterford Institute of Technology), Vengeance as a Terrorist Motivator

**Emily Corner** (University College London), Empirical Exploration into the Discrepancy of Mental Disorder across Group-Actor Terrorists

**Anna Cornelia Beyer** (University of Hull), Bringing Mental Health Back into Terrorism Research

**Saima Löfgren** (Clinical Psychologist), The Role of Clinical Psychology in Understanding Individual Pathways to Radicalisation

**11:05 – 12:20**  Symposium - Ethical Issues in Terrorism Research (P350, Parkside Building)

**Tore Bjørø** (Norwegian Police University College and Norwegian Institute of International Affairs)

**Lorne L. Dawson** (University of Waterloo)

**Amarnath Amarasingam** (Dalhousie University)
12:20 – 13:30    Lunch

13:30 – 15:00    Panel Sessions

**Using Theory to Explain Terrorism** (Chair: Dan Richard, University of North Florida), P424, Parkside Building

Asta Maskaliūnaitė (Baltic Defence College), Bringing Theory Back into Terrorism Research

Trevor Calafato (University of Malta), The Similarities between Lombroso's Theories on Political Crime and Contemporary Terrorism Issues

Johannes Saal (University of Lucerne), The Dark Social Capital of Religious Terrorist Groups: A Preliminary Examination of the Explanatory Potential of Social Capital Theory for Terrorism Research

Shane Drennan (University of St. Andrews), Mixed Signals: Political Opportunity and Influential Allies of the Warden’s Dilemma

**Political Violence in Nigeria** (Chair: Violet Cheung-Blunden, University of San Francisco), P440, Parkside Building

Ernest Ogbozor (George Mason University), The Consequence of Violent Extremism on Rural Livelihoods in North-East Nigeria

Onyebuchi Chima (Federal University Ndufu Alike Ikwo – FUNAI), "The Boko Haram Terrorist Group in Northern Nigeria has Carried Out...": Terrorist Groupings and Actions as the Political and Electoral Determinants.

Willie Aziegbe Eselebor (University of Ibadan), Power Politics and Boko Haram Insurgency in Nigeria

**Other Considerations I** (Chair: David McIlhatton, Ulster University), P441, Parkside Building

Nick Brooke (University of St. Andrews), The Dogs that Didn’t Bark: Evaluating the 'Negative Cases' in the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence

Art Kendall (Social Research Consultants), Some Ways to Exercise Our Scientific Responsibilities

Dan Victor Cavaropol and Carmen Valeria Chervase (Police Academy, Romania), Developing Effective Response to CBRN Terrorist Acts: Case Studies in Romania

15:00 – 15:15    Break
15:15 – 16:30  Roundtable Discussion – The Impact of Syria on Counter Terrorism in the West Midlands (P350, Parkside Building)

West Midlands Counter Terrorism Unit (Moderated by John Bahadur Lamb, BCU)

16:30 – 17:15  Keynote Speaker (P350, Parkside Building)

John Morrison (University of East London)
Reloading the Armalite? A Critical Analysis of the Violent Dissident Republican Threat

17:15 – 17:30  Closing (P350, Parkside Building)

- Closing Remarks (Rachel Monaghan, STR)
- Student Paper Contest award presentation
- Next Steps (Lyndsey Harris, STR)