

# **Global Security: Terrorism, Organized Crime, Civil Society**

**May 8, 2008**

**John Jay College, 899 Tenth Avenue, Room 630**

“Global Security: Terrorism, Organized Crime, Civil Society” is an all-day conference co-hosted by the U.S. Department of State and the John Jay College Center on Terrorism. We are honored to welcome 28 professionals from 20 countries who will attend the conference as participants in two key Department of State programs, “Combating International Crime” and “International Security Issues,” along with students and faculty at John Jay College.

The goal of this conference is to bring together these international guests to interact with local professionals, researchers, academics, and graduate students in an environment that encourages critical thinking, openness, and reflection on issues relating to terrorism and organized crime.

The conference will address six key components of terrorism: the environmental conditions which produce terrorists; the goals and tactics of terrorist organizations; bilateral and multilateral counter-terrorist responses; the relationship between organized criminal activity and terrorist organizations; and the broader human rights implications of terrorist and counter-terrorist activity.

## **Agenda**

9:15 A.M. – Welcome

Opening remarks given by John Jay College President, Jeremy Travis

9:30 A.M. – Morning plenary, Chaired by Charles B. Strozier, Director, Center on Terrorism,  
John Jay College

### *Understanding the Threat of Terrorism and the Implications of Our Response*

The morning plenary and break-out sessions will focus on understanding the threats of terrorism. Topics will include the conditions and recruitment methods which lead people to commit acts of terrorism, as well as the nature of modern terrorist networks. The panel will also explore the efforts by terrorist networks to acquire weapons of mass destruction, in addition to the broader implications which terrorist actions and counter-terrorist responses have on human rights.

Presenters:

- Scott Atran, Presidential Scholar, John Jay College
- Francesca Laguardia, Center on Law and Security, NYU School of Law
- James Borgardt, Professor of Physics, Juniata College

11:00 A.M. – Break-out sessions

1. Recruitment to Terrorism, with Scott Atran, Chaired by Christopher Halecki, U. S. Department of State
2. Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction, with James Borgardt, Chaired by Michael Flynn, Associate Professor of Psychology, York College
3. Human Rights Implications for Counter-Terrorism, with Francesca Laguardia, Chaired by Itai Sneh, Associate Professor of History, John Jay College

1:00 P.M. – Lunch

A buffet-style lunch will be available for all State Department guests and staff, as well as for all presenters and moderators.

2:30 P.M. – Afternoon Plenary, Chaired by Michael Flynn, Associate Director, Center on Terrorism, John Jay College

*Combating Terrorism and Organized Crime in a Global Age*

The afternoon sessions will focus on effective responses to terrorism and organized crime. Police counter-terrorism initiatives will be discussed, as well as the latest security training used to combat terrorism and organized crime, including the most up-to-date technology, tactics, and methods. The ways in which local, regional, and federal agencies can most efficiently share information and resources to combat terrorism and organized crime will also be explored.

Presenters:

- George Andreopoulos, Professor of Government and Director, Center for International Human Rights, John Jay College
- Bill Priestap, Special Agent of the Counterterrorism Intelligence Squad, FBI – NYPD Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)
- Maki Haberfeld, Professor of Police Science in the Department of Law, Police Science and Criminal Justice Administration, John Jay College

4:00 P.M. Break-out sessions

1. Policing and Counter-Terrorism, with George Andreopoulos, Chair TBA
2. Inter-Agency Cooperation, with Bill Priestap, Chaired by Joseph King, Associate Professor of Police Science in the Department of Law, Police Science, and Criminal Justice Administration, John Jay College
3. Security Training, with Maki Haberfeld, Chair TBA

6:00 P.M. – Reception dinner, to be held in 630T

## **State Department Projects on International Security and International Crime**

About 28 criminal justice, security, and foreign affairs professionals from about 20 countries will attend the May 8 seminar: “Global Security: Terrorism, Organized Crime, Civil Society.” These individuals will be in the United States at the invitation of the Department of State to participate in separate two-week projects: “Combating International Crime,” a European regional project, and “International Security Issues,” a multi-regional project. For both groups, New York will be one stop in multi-city programs designed to increase their understanding of how the U.S. criminal justice system confronts terrorism and organized crime, and how these issues affect U.S. foreign policy and national security priorities. The programs are meant to promote greater international cooperation in addressing security threats and combating criminal activity.

### **Combating International Crime Project (Europe)**

**Project Participants:** government officials, legislators, judges, law enforcement officials and criminologists, prosecuting and private attorneys, academicians and other professionals who deal with international crime.

### **International Security Issues Project (Multi Regional)**

**Project Participants:** defense and foreign policy analysts, diplomats, legislators, government, security and intelligence officials, academics and representatives from think tanks who are directly engaged in national, regional, and global security issues.

**Probable participating countries and authorities:** Cameroon, Cape Verde, Dominican Republic, Estonia, India, Israel, Madagascar, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, West Bank.

## Presenter Biographies

**George Andreopoulos**, Professor, Department of Government at John Jay College. He has written extensively on international security, international human rights and international humanitarian law issues. Among his publications are *Non-State Actors in the Human Rights Universe*; *Genocide: Conceptual and Historical Dimensions*; *The Laws of War: Constraints on Warfare in the Western World*; *The Aftermath of Defeat: Societies, Armed Forces and the Challenge of Recovery*, *The Use and Abuse of anti Americanism in Greece*; *Human Rights Education for the Twenty-First Century*, and most recently *Concepts and Strategies in International Human Rights*. His publication on Human Rights education has been translated into Japanese, Chinese and Portuguese and was nominated for the Grawemeyer Award in Education. He recently received a significant grant from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation for a project entitled “Policing Across Borders: the Role of Law Enforcement in Global Governance.”

He is the Founding Director of the Center for International Human Rights at John Jay College. He serves on the Editorial Board of *Human Rights Review* and during 2003-2004 served as President of the Human Rights Section of APSA. George Andreopoulos received his Ph.D. and LL.B. degrees from Cambridge University, his JD from the University of Athens, and a BA from the University of Chicago.

**Scott Atran**, Presidential Scholar of Sociology at John Jay College; Director of Research in Anthropology at the Institut Jean Nicod, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in Paris; and Visiting Professor of Psychology and Public Policy at the University of Michigan. He is a leading expert on suicide terrorism, Al Qaeda, Jemaah Islamiyah, and global terror networks. Atran’s broad, interdisciplinary scientific studies have appeared in scientific journals in dozens of countries.

His work on the religious roots of suicide terrorism has been featured around the world by Reuters, the Associated Press, Agence France-Presse, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Sunday Times*, *El Mundo* (Spain), *La Recherche* (France), *Der Spiegel* (Germany), *Il Sole 24 Ore* (Italy), the BBC National and World Service, CTV (Canada), National Public Radio, ABC, MSNBC, Discovery Channel, and CNN radio and television. His books include the *Cognitive Foundations of Natural History: Towards an Anthropology of Science*, *In Gods We Trust: The Evolutionary Landscape of Religion*; and he co-authored *The Native Mind: Cognition and Culture in Human Knowledge of Nature*. Scott Atran received his PhD in Anthropology from Columbia University, at which time he became the assistant to noted anthropologist Margaret Meade.

**James Borgardt**, Professor of Physics, Juniata College, has been closely associated with the Baker Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies at Juniata since 1998, and currently serves as the Chair of its Advisory Board. In 2002 he was a Lifton Fellow of the Center on Terrorism of John Jay College. As a result, over the past 5 years he has been teaching a challenging course that examines the scientific development of nuclear weapons, provides an overview of the political and social ramifications of these devices, and delves into the current nuclear threat we confront.

Over the past 4 years he has been a visiting researcher at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratories (PNNL) in Hanford, WA, collaborating on research centered on the testing and deployment of radiation portal monitors, an integral component of ongoing efforts to prevent an act of nuclear terrorism. He has been a commentator in this arena on NPR, and published in journals such as *Nuclear Instruments and Methods*.

**Maria (Maki) Haberfeld** is a Professor of Police Science in the Department of Law, Police Science and Criminal Justice Administration at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. She was born in Poland and immigrated to Israel as a teenager. Prior to coming to John Jay she served in Israeli Defense Forces and left the army at rank of a Sergeant; she then joined the Israel National Police, and left the force at the rank of Lieutenant. She also worked for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, in the New York Field Office, as a special consultant. She holds two Bachelor or Art degrees, two Master degrees, and a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice.

Her main interests and expertise are in the area of police training and professional development, with particular emphasis on: police ethics, integrity, leadership, counter-terrorism and use of force in multicultural environments. Her recent publications include a book on police training, titled "Critical Issues in Police Training" (2002), co-edited book, titled "Contours of Police Integrity" (2004) Encyclopedia of Law Enforcement, the International Volume (2005) "Police Leadership" (2005), co-authored book "Enhancing Police Integrity" (2006) and a co-edited book on "Comparative Policing: The Struggle for Democratization" (2007).

For the past seven years (2001-2008) she has been involved in developing, coordinating and teaching in a special training program for the New York City Police Department, where she teaches courses in police ethics, leadership and counter-terrorism. Currently she is also an Academic Coordinator of the Law Enforcement Executive Police Institute for the State of New York, where she oversees the delivery of the training modules and teaches leadership courses. She is involved in two major research studies, one on Use of Force by the Police in 10 different countries, and the other Counter-Terrorism police training response post 9/11, which also involves comparative studies of a number of countries around the world.

**Francesca Laguardia**, Research Director, Terrorist Trials Report Card Project, Center on Law and Security at NYU School of Law. Her research at the Center includes issues regarding the NSA wiretapping program, changes to domestic criminal law since the attacks of Sept. 11th, and strategies in the War on Terror in light of U.S. criminal law. She received a JD from NYU School of Law and is a PhD candidate in Law and Society at NYU. She has previously worked in the Rackets Bureau at the New York County District Attorneys Office, where she was responsible for analyzing evidence from eavesdropping, phone and bank records in order to find patterns and indications of organized criminal activity.

**Bill Priestap**, Supervisory Special Agent of the Counterterrorism Intelligence Squad, FBI – NYPD Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). Bill Priestap joined the FBI in 1998 and was assigned to the Chicago Division, where he handled organized crime/drug investigations and later international terrorism matters. In 2003, Bill assumed a position in the FBI's Office of Congressional Affairs in Washington, D.C., from which he was detailed to the U.S. Senate's Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. In 2005, Bill worked as the Special Assistant to the Assistant Director of the FBI's Directorate of Intelligence.

In 2006, he became the Supervisory Special Agent of the Counterterrorism Intelligence Squad in the FBI's New York City Office. Since September 2007, Bill has been responsible for an international terrorism operational squad in New York. Prior to joining the FBI, Bill worked as a football coach and athletic administrator, to include stints at Norwich University, Bowdoin College, and the University of Michigan. Bill holds a n MA in Education Administration and Business Administration. He also earned a JD and is a licensed attorney in the State of Michigan.