Graduate Conference on Terrorism and Political Violence

‘Contemporary Issues in Terrorism Studies’

The Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence
University of St Andrews, Scotland

Day One: Thursday 1 March

09:30-10:00 Registration
   Coffee and Tea

10:00-10:30 Welcome Address

   Professor Sally Mapstone, Principal and Vice Chancellor, University of St Andrews
   Professor Anthony Lang, Head of School, International Relations, University of St Andrews

10:30-12:15 Panel 1

The Rise of Far-Right Terrorism, Nativism, and Populism

Discussant: Amanda Hall (University of St Andrews)
Chair: Dr Tim Wilson (University of St Andrews)

Fernan Osorno (University of Bristol)
Disenfranchised youth: the bridge between far-right and jihadist violent extremism

Daniel Sallama (University of Helsinki)
Scorched Earth Tactics: The Finnish Social Media Response to Arson Attacks Against Asylum Seeker Centers

Jefferey Fiorito (University of St Andrews)
Will the demobilization of the FARC provide an opportunity for the rise of right-wing paramilitaries in Colombia?

12:15-13:00 Lunch break
13:00-14:45 Panel 2

**Foreign Fighters and Modern Conflicts**

*Discussant:* Kurt Bassuener (University of St Andrews)
*Chair:* Dr Roddy Brett (University of St Andrews)

Atanaska Metodieva (Central European University)
*Foreign Fighters’ Mobilization and the Construction of Social Martial Identity*

Arkadiusz Legieć (University of Łódź)
*Not All Foreign Fighters Go to Syria: The Case of Ideological Traverse in the War in Ukraine*

Amy-Louise Watkin and Stephen Johnston (Swansea University)
* Victims or Perpetrators? Using Neuroscience to Measure Perceptions of Child Perpetrators in Online Islamic State Propaganda*

14:45-15:00 Coffee Break

15:00-16:45 Panel 3

**Radicalisation and Counter-Radicalisation: New Methods in a New Era**

*Discussant:* Erika Brady (University of St Andrews)
*Chair:* Dr Lydia Cole (University of St Andrews)

Simone Papale (University of Nottingham)
*Understanding the Effects of Donor’s Security Policies: Political Violence and Radicalization in Kenya*

Chris McWilliams (Police Service of Northern Ireland)
*Radicalisation 2.0 -- Pathways to Violence in a Digital Age*

Dieter Reinisch (European University Institute)
*Youth Radicalisation in Northern Ireland: A Long-term historical approach*

17:15 Public Lecture: ‘Rethinking the Origins of Genocide’

Dr Scott Strauss
University of Wisconsin-Madison

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Day Two: Friday 2 March

10:00-10:30 Registration
   Coffee and Tea

10:30-12:15 Panel 4

**Responses to Terrorism and Debating the Abstract**

*Discussant: Katarina H. S. Birkedal (University of St Andrews)*
*Chair: Dr Caron Gentry (University of St Andrews)*

**Nathanael Chouraqui** (London School of Economics)
*Anxiety and the Risk Society: How do Conceptions of the Future Underwrite Reactions to Terrorism?*

**John Hanna** (TU Delft)
*Shifting Borders: On the Securitization of Vulnerable Spaces*

**Natasha Louis** (New York University)
*Terrorism in the Horn of Africa: The Lost Generation of Somalia and al-Shabaab*

12:15-13:00 Lunch break

13:00-14:45 Panel 5

**Terrorism Across the Spectrum of Conflict**

*Discussant: Nicholas Bradley (University of St Andrews)*
*Chair: Dr Kieran McConaghy (University of St Andrews)*

**Sophie Saydan** (Australian National University)
*From Outlaws to In-laws? Non-State Armed Groups and the Quest for Political Legitimacy*

**Somya Chhabra** (Trinity College Dublin)
*The Impact of Political Instability on the Emergence of Terrorism*

**Mark Youngman** (University of Birmingham)
*Explaining Ideological Variance and Change in an Insurgency*

14:45-15:00 Coffee break
15:00-16:45 Panel 6

**Emerging Concerns: The Interplay between Religion and Terrorism**

*Discussant:* Antonia Niehuss (University of St Andrews)  
*Chair:* Dr Nicholas Brooke (University of St Andrews)

**Abdul Basit and Zoha Waseem**  
(S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies) (King’s College London)  
*Gateways to Extremism: An Examination of Social Movement from Religious Activism to Violent Extremism in Pakistan*

**Isabel Jones** (Miami University, Ohio)  
*Come for the Guns, Stay for the Kittens: The Importance of Female Extremist Recruitment*

**Rabea M. Khan** (University of St Andrews)  
*Doubly feminised, doubly dangerous ‘Religious Terrorism’: A Feminist Discourse Analysis of the LTTE*

16:45-17:00 Concluding Remarks

**Dr Timothy Wilson**  
Director, Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence

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