

CFIS/AIA present

TERRORISM UPDATE: Ten Years Later

In the spring 2011 the Center for International Studies/Albuquerque International Association will revisit the issue of international terrorism. We will look at what has changed since 9/11 in terms of who the terrorists are, their strategies and tactics, their weapons of choice. We will also examine counterterrorist measures designed to deter, disrupt, and defend against terrorist threats. Our lecturers will explore likely future developments in both terrorism and counterterrorism.

January 21 (Fri), 2011 –*International Terrorism since 9/11: New Trends and Lessons Learned* by Dr. Paul R. Pillar, Georgetown University

The opening lecture will define terrorism and explore trends in the ways and means of terrorist activity since 9/11, as well as the ultimate nature of the threat and its implications.

February 27 (Sun), 2011 - *The Terrorist Mindset: Conflicting Perspectives on Causes, Contexts and Responses* by Ed MacKerrow, Director of the Center for Scientific Analysis of Emerging Threats, LANL.

In this lecture Mr. MacKerrow takes us into the minds of twenty-first-century terrorists. Who are they exactly and what motivates them? MacKerrow will examine both the ideological and the situational forces that drive terrorists? He will show us how terrorists are radicalized and recruited to commit terrorist acts.

March 18 (Fri), 2011 - *Weapons of Choice: From Low-tech to High-tech* by Bill Rhodes, Sandia National Laboratories.

In this lecture Mr. Rhodes will examine a wide range of questions about the terrorists' arsenal. Which of their weapons have proved most effective? Which have been or can be counter-productive? What are the prospects for bio-terrorism or nuclear terror strikes? Do terrorist organizations have the operational wherewithal and resources to deploy or deliver such weapons? Will they be able to conduct crippling cyber attacks? Are there tipping points for transitioning from low tech to high tech weapons?

April 15(Fri) 2011 – *Countering Terrorism: Strategy and Tactics* by Ambassador Henry Crumpton.

In this lecture Ambassador Crumpton will focus on the strategies and techniques that have been used to counter terrorism, including military and political approaches. How has the cultural context shaped the strategy? What has worked, what has failed, and what have been the costs? What changes are we likely to see in the future? How has our thinking changed? And what have been the results?

May 6 (Fri), 2011 – *Terrorist Groups and Terrorist Threats: A Muslim World Perspective* by Dr. Emile Nakhleh, Former Senior Intelligence Service Officer Former Director of the Political Islam Strategic Analysis Program, CIA.

Al-Qai'da and affiliated groups are without question dangerous enemies. Do terrorists have a significant base of support in the Muslim world? How have attitudes toward terrorism and terrorists changed in the Muslim world since 9/11? Dr. Nakhleh will concentrate on terrorism in the greater Middle East, giving special attention to Hezbollah and its supporter Iran.