Shambaugh Conference

What Do We Know About Terrorism? March 31- April 1, 2025

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Sunday, March 30 6:00-8:00 p.m.	Dinner at St. Burch (127 Iowa Avenue) Meet in Hyatt lobby at 5:45p.m.
Monday, March 31	Commons Room, 302 Schaeffer Hall
8:45-9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions (Sara Mitchell & Brian Phillips)
9:00-9:45 a.m.	Seray Yalaz, American University (co-author: Joseph K. Young, University of Kentucky) "Definitions of Terrorism" Discussant: Brian Phillips
9:45-10:30 a.m.	Erin Miller, Formerly of the Global Terrorism Database and ACLED "Patterns of Terrorism since 1970" Discussant: Harmonie Toros
10:30-11:00a.m.	Coffee break
11:00-11:45 a.m.	James Piazza, Pennsylvania State University (chapter presented by Brian Phillips) "Causes of Terrorism" Discussant: Navin Bapat
11:45 a.m12:30 p.m.	Harmonie Toros, University of Reading "What Terrorism Does: A Critical Terrorism Studies Approach" Discussant: Efe Tokemir
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch, Catered by Nodo
1:30-2:15 p.m.	Sophia Moskalenko, Georgia State University (virtual presentation) "Why Individuals Engage in Terrorism: From Group Dynamics to Mass Identity" Discussant: Emma Leonard Boyle
2:15-3:00 p.m.	Burcu Pinar Alakoc, University of Chicago (co-authors: Gary Ackerman, Victor Asal, and Amira Jadoon) "What Do We Know About the Organizational Dynamics of Terrorism?" Discussant: Brian Lai
3:00-3:30 p.m.	Afternoon break
3:30-4:15 p.m.	Virginia Page Fortna, Columbia University "Terrorism In Civil War" Discussant: Elizabeth Menninga
4:15-5:00 p.m.	Navin Bapat, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill "The Future of Terrorism in an Age of Disinformation" Discussant: Page Fortna
6:30-9:00 p.m.	Dinner at The Vue (328 S Clinton St Suite A) Meet in Hyatt lobby at 6:15pm

Tuesday, April 1	Commons Room, 302 Schaeffer Hall
9:00-9:45 a.m.	Tamar Mitts, Columbia University, and Nusrat Farooq, Columbia University (virtual presentation) "Terrorism and Social Media" Discussant: Holley Hansen
9:45-10:30 a.m.	Alex Braithwaite, University of Arizona "Transnational Dimensions of Terrorism" Discussant: Hyeran Jo
10:30-11:00a.m.	Coffee break
11:00-11:45 a.m.	Hyeran Jo, Texas A&M University "Financing Terrorism" Discussant: Seray Yalaz
11:45 a.m12:30 p.m.	Holley Hansen, Oklahoma State University, and Stephen Nemeth, Oklahoma State University "Right Wing Terrorism" Discussant: Erin Miller
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch, Catered by Z'Mariks
1:30-2:15 p.m.	Mia Bloom, Georgia State University (virtual presentation) "Women, Gender, and Terrorism" Discussant: Burcu Pinar Alakoc
2:15-3:00 p.m.	Sambuddha Ghatak, San Diego State University (virtual presentation) "Democracy and Terrorism" Discussant: Alex Braithwaite
3:00-3:30 p.m.	Short break
3:30-4:15 p.m.	Efe Tokdemir, Bilkent University and University of Chicago and Graig Klein, Leiden University "Measuring the End: A Review of Factors Determining Terrorist Group Demise" Discussant: Stephen Nemeth
4:15-5:00 p.m.	Emma Leonard Boyle, Pennsylvania State University-Harrisburg "Terrorist Disengagement and Deradicalization" Discussant: Graig Klein
5:00-5:10 p.m.	Wrap up
6:30-9:00 p.m.	Dinner at Iowa Chop House (223 E. Washington St.) Meet in Hyatt lobby at 6:15p.m.

Conference Participants

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Faculty

Sara Mitchell, co-organizer

Brian Lai, discussant

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Kelly Kadera, participant

Staff

Kate Casaletto, staff support

Graduate Students

Ahmed Bulbul, participant

Thomas Dainty, participant & scribe Adam Lappe, participant & scribe

Soojin Lee, participant

Carly Millerd, participant & scribe Madeline O'Brien, participant

Sherlean Roberts, participant

Nathan Timbs, participant & scribe