

PUBLIC SEMINAR: THE EVOLVING GLOBAL TERRORIST THREAT

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The current threat environment posed by the emergence and spread of ISIS and the stubborn resilience and long-game approach of al-Qaeda makes a new strategy and new organizational and institutional behaviours necessary. The non-traditional challenges to our national security and foreign policy posed by elusive and deadly irregular adversaries emphasizes the need to anchor changes that will more effectively close the gap between detecting irregular adversarial activity and rapidly defeating it. The effectiveness of this strategy will be based on our capacity to think like a networked enemy, in anticipation of how they may act in a variety of situations, aided by different resources. This goal requires that we organize our collective response for maximum efficiency, information sharing, and the ability to function quickly and effectively under new operational definitions.



Monday
30 April 2018

Time:
1745 for 1800

Venue:
Member's Dining Room 3
Old Parliament House

Join us for drinks and
canapes in the Member's
Bar from 1900

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Bruce Hoffman has been studying terrorism and insurgency for over four decades. He is a tenured professor in Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service and until recently was director of its Center for Security Studies and Security Studies Program. Hoffman is also visiting Professor of Terrorism Studies at St Andrews University, Scotland. He previously held the Corporate Chair in Counterterrorism and Counterinsurgency at the RAND Corporation, where he was also director of RAND's Washington Office and vice president for external affairs. Hoffman was appointed by the U.S. Congress as a commissioner on the 9/11 Review Commission and has been Scholar-in-Residence for Counterterrorism at the Central Intelligence Agency; adviser on counterterrorism to the Coalition Provisional Authority, Baghdad, Iraq; and, an adviser on counterinsurgency to Multi-National Forces-Iraq Headquarters, Baghdad, Iraq.

In November 1994, the Director of Central Intelligence awarded him the United States Intelligence Community Seal Medallion, the highest level of commendation given to a non-government employee, which recognizes sustained superior performance of high value that distinctly benefits the interests and national security of the United States. Hoffman's most recent books include *The Evolution of the Global Terrorist Threat* (2014); *Anonymous Soldiers* (2015), which was awarded the Washington Institute for Near East Studies' Gold Medal for the best book on Middle Eastern politics, history and society published in 2015 and also named The Jewish Book of the Year for 2015 by the Jewish National Book Council; and, *Inside Terrorism* (3rd edition, 2017). Hoffman is currently a visiting senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and a senior fellow at the U.S. Military Academy's Combating Terrorism Center.

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