TERRORISM AND U.S. COUNTERTERRORISM IN THE POST-9/11 ERA

An intensive, three-day course aimed at helping practitioners develop an advanced understanding of the principal drivers and dynamics affecting terrorism and U.S. counterterrorism policy in the post-9/11 era.

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About RAND
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In the post-9/11 environment, effectively countering terrorism and securing the homeland have emerged as key national security challenges facing the United States. This course will accordingly provide a thorough understanding of:

- the theory and practice of terrorism in the post-9/11 era
- terrorist organizational evolution and adaptation
- emerging terrorist tactics for the future
- contemporary approaches to U.S. counterterrorism and homeland security.

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The course should be of professional interest to law enforcement; port authorities; first responders; corporate executives; public and private security managers; federal, state, and local government officials; and civilian and military analysts.

This event is being organized and conducted by the RAND Corporation in conjunction with the Pardee RAND Graduate School (PRGS). PRGS, a fully accredited educational institution that RAND operates, was founded in 1970 as one of the original eight graduate programs in public policy. It caters to a broad cross-section of fellows drawn from academia, government, business, and nonprofit organizations. For more information about PRGS, see http://www.prgs.edu/

**AGENDA**

**Monday, July 12**

**Terrorism in the Post-9/11 Era**

**Morning Session**
- Overview of the Contemporary Theory and Practice of Terrorism
- Al-Qaeda and the Global Jihadist Nebula
- The Current Nexus Between Terrorism and Insurgency

**Home-Grown Terrorism in the United States**

**Afternoon Session**
- Jihadist Self-Radicalization
- Radical Environmentalism
- Animal Rights Extremism
- “New Left”/Counter-Society Militants
- The Far Right: Neo-Nazi Militants, Anti-Abortion Fundamentalists

**Panel Discussion**
“Terrorism and the United States in the Post-9/11 Era”

**Tuesday, July 13**

**Terrorist Organizational Evolution**

**Morning Session**
- Terrorist Recruitment and Radicalization
- Terrorist Organizational Adaptation
- Terrorism Targeting

**Panel Discussion**
“Mumbai: A Watershed in Terrorist Organization Innovation?”

**New and Emerging Terrorist Tactics**

**Afternoon Session**
- Maritime Terrorism
- Cyber Terrorism
- CBRN Terrorism

**Panel Discussion**
“What Is the True Extent of the Terrorist Threat?”

**Wednesday, July 14**

**Counterterrorism and U.S. Homeland Security**

**Morning Session**
- Counterterrorism and Selected Policy Dilemmas
- The Pillars of U.S. Counterterrorism in the Post-9/11 Era
- Red-Teaming: Prioritizing Among Threats and Risks

**Panel Discussion**
“Might or Right: Balancing Freedom with Security”

**COURSE INFORMATION**

The course will be held at RAND’s Washington Office at 1200 South Hayes Street, Arlington, Virginia 22202-5050. The office is accessible via Metro trains and buses and is within walking distance of several nearby hotels as well as the Pentagon. Daily parking is available in the Pentagon City Mall parking lot.

The cost of the course is $2,500 per participant. This fee includes registration, materials, and breakfast, lunch, and afternoon refreshments on each of the three conference days.

For more information about the course, contact Peter Chalk, Course Manager (310-393-0411, ext. 6590; peter_chalk@rand.org).