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Conference

States and Terrorism: An Ambivalent Relationship

Programme

Conference Venue, Graduate Institute, Room A2

Thursday, 7 May 2015

9:30 **Welcome and Introductions**

Jussi Hanhimäki/Bernhard Blumenau

10:00 – 11:30 **Panel I - The Cold War & Terrorism: Myths and Misinterpretations**

Chair: Jussi Hanhimäki, Graduate Institute

Thomas Riegler, Vienna - “Gladio – Myth and Reality”

Tobias Hof, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, US - “State Involvement in Right-Wing Terrorism in Italy and West Germany: Myth or Reality?”

Adrian Hänni, University of Zurich, CH - “Reactions to state-sponsored terrorism in the United States, 1980-1992”

11:30 – 12:00 **Coffee break**

12:00 – 13:00 **Panel II - The US and State (Sponsored) Terror**

Chair: Tobias Hof, Chapel Hill

Barbara Zanchetta, Graduate Institute, CH, - “The United States and ‘Operation Condor’: Cold War imperatives or state sponsored terrorism?”

Silke Zoller, Temple University, US, - “States and Non-State Actors in Counterterrorism”

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch break**

14:30 – 16:30 **Panel III - Europe and Terrorism**

Chair: Barbara Zanchetta, Graduate Institute

Felix Jimenez, Boston College, US - *“The Politics of South American state terrorism in 1970s West Germany”*

Bernhard Blumenau, Graduate Institute, CH - *“The East German State Security and Western right-wing terrorists.”*

Andrea Chiampan, Graduate Institute, CH - *“Encountering Violence: State and Terror in Italy's anni di piombo”*

Przemysław Gasztold-Señ, Institute of National Remembrance, Warsaw, PL, - *“The Arms Trade, Espionage and Embargoed Goods: Polish Military Intelligence and International Terrorism in the 1970s and 1980s”*

16:30 – 17:00 **Coffee break**

17:00 **Keynote address**

Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou, Graduate Institute/ GCSP

“From Al Qaeda to the Islamic State: The Evolution of Contemporary Transnational Terrorism”

Conference dinner - Location tbd

Friday, 8 May 2015

9:00 – 10:30 **Panel IV – Transnational Terrorism and ‘National Liberation?’**

Chair: Bernhard Blumenau, Graduate Institute

Felicitas Fischer von Weikersthal, University of Heidelberg, D, - *“Terrorists and Statesmen. Terrorism and the Polish Fight for Independence”*

Isabella Ginor/ Gideon Remez, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, - *“The KGB’s Abduction Program and the PFLP: New Evidence”*

Daniel Rickenbacher, ETH Zurich, CH, - *“The Islamic State’s Ambivalence: From Hybrid Warfare to Transnationalism”*

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

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**Roundtable discussion: State (Sponsored) Terrorism:
Former Trends and New Tendencies**

Moderation: Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou. Graduate Institute, GCSP

Yonah Alexander, Inter-University Center for Terrorism Studies, Washington, DC USA

Jussi Hanhimäki, Graduate Institute

François-Bernard Huyghue, Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques Paris, France

12:00 – 13:30

Lunch