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## Confronting Criminal/Terrorist Threats *The Reshaping Of Non-State Actors*

*High-Level Advanced Research Workshop*

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In co-operation with the NATO Science for Peace and Security Programme,  
the Policy Center for the New South and the NATO Defense College*

**Rome, the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2019**

*Venue: Sala della Protomoteca, Musei Capitolini, Campidoglio, Rome*

**MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, DECEMBER 2019**

13,30 - 14,00 Participants Registration

14,00 - 14,30 *Welcome Remarks*

- **Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo**, President, NATO Defense College Foundation, Rome
- **Stephen Mariano**, Dean, NATO Defense College, Rome



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14,30 -15,45

**SESSION 1**  
**STRATEGIES AGAINST THE NEW GENERATION TERRORISM**

*Although the Islamic State has been considerably weakened, it is still able to recruit significantly. In its essence, terrorism is less based on religious values and much more materially inspired by vengeance, power, money and reputation. Furthermore, its global dimension allows the creation of new criminal business models for the support of terrorist operations. This means rethinking antiterrorism strategies.*

Chair: **Mohammed Alyahya**, Editor-in-Chief, Al Arabiya.net - English, Dubai

- **Stefano Silvestri**, Vice President, NATO Defense College Foundation, Rome
- **Ely Karmon**, Senior Research Scholar, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism, and Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Policy and Strategy, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya
- **Petter Nesser**, Senior Researcher, Norwegian Defence Research Establishment, Terrorism Research Group, Oslo
- **Fernando Reinares**, Director and Senior Analyst, Violent Radicalisation and Global Terrorism Programme, Elcano Royal Institute, Madrid

**Q&A**

15,45 - 16,15 Coffee/Tea break

16,15 - 17,30

**SESSION 2**  
**THE VIRTUAL DIMENSION OF TERRORISM, TRAFFICKING AND LAUNDERING**

*The end of the main territorial presence in Syria and Iraq has forced a sizeable number of jihadist groups to transition towards decentralised structures relying heavily on the virtual dimension for propaganda, recruiting, communication, control and logistics. The last aspect includes cyber trafficking, financing and money laundering, all indispensable for carrying out attacks with a significant impact. The operational level of security and prevention activities needs to fully understand the terror-crime nexus also in this virtual dimension.*

Chair: **Ahmad Masa'deh**, Former Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean, Amman

- **Louise Shelley**, Omer L. and Nancy Hirst Endowed Chair Director, Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center/ University Professor, Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University, Fairfax
- **Jeffrey P. Hardy**, Director-General, Transnational Alliance to Combat Illicit Trade, New York
- **Lea Perekrests**, Deputy Director of Operations, Europe and MENA, Institute for Economics and Peace, Brussels

**Q&A**

17,30 – 18,45

### SESSION 3 COUNTERING THREATS ON THE GROUND

*These new blended non state threats affect directly the security of both NATO's allies and partners, especially in complex emergency situations, when contingents and civilian personnel are deployed during specific crises. There is an emerging awareness that operations led by NATO or other international actors need also to guarantee security in its wider sense (health, physical, societal, etc.).*

Chair: **Jana Arsovska**, Associate Professor of Sociology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, The Graduate Center, City of University New York, New York

- **Rida Lyammouri**, Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South, Rabat
- **Filippo Musca**, General Director, The Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights, Siracusa
- **Sakher Dudin**, Head, Public Awareness and Media Committee, Senate of Jordan
- **Richard Hooker**, Professor, National Security Strategy, National War College, Washington D.C.

#### Q&A

18,45 – 18,50 *Concluding Remarks*

### END OF THE WORKING DAY

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