

Editor's Note

As we are posting the June 2019 issue of *Terrorism: An Electronic Journal & Knowledge Base*, I wish to remind our readers that this academic effort was initially developed in 1998 as an on-line follow-up to *Terrorism: An International Journal*, published in 1977 by Crane, Russak in New York and subsequently by Taylor and Francis in the U.K. As director of the State University of New York (SUNY) Institute for Studies in International Terrorism, it was my honor to serve as the founder and Editor-in-Chief of these two publications.

In its current form, *Terrorism: An Electronic Journal & Knowledge Base* was launched again in August 2012 in order to provide continuity to earlier studies on the "Age of Terrorism" and to close research gaps in the growing literature on the manifold aspects of the emerging disciplinary subject. Our primary objective is to focus on identifying warning signals on conventional and unconventional terrorism in the post 9/11 era and recommend national, regional, and global strategies to confront potential security challenges to all societies.

This issue consists of four sections. The first segment are selected seminar proceedings on "The Current State of American Diplomacy and Future Outlook" (April 30th, 2019) and "The Role of Diplomacy in the World's Future" (May 14th, 2019). Both events were held at the International Law Institute, a co-sponsor with the Inter-University Center for Terrorism Studies. Participants at this panel include:

- Ambassador (Ret.) Ronald Neumann – *Former Deputy Assistant Secretary and U.S. Ambassador to Algeria, Bahrain, and Afghanistan, and current President of the American Academy of Diplomacy*
- Ambassador (Ret.) Charles Ray - *Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs and U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia and Zimbabwe*
- Ambassador (Ret.) John Negroponte – *Former Director of National Intelligence and Deputy Secretary of State*
- Ambassador (Ret.) Lino Gutierrez – *Former U.S. Ambassador to Argentina and Nicaragua and Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs*
- Ambassador Rosemary Banks – *New Zealand Ambassador to the United States*
- Dr. Mir Sadat – *Director of Defense Policy and Strategy, U.S. National Security Council*

Yonah Alexander served as a moderator and General (Ret.) Al Gray (*Twenty-Ninth Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, Fellow and Chairman of the Board of Regents, Potomac Institute for Public Policy*) provided comments during the discussion. A subsequent hard-copy version of these seminars is forthcoming.

The second section of this issue consists of the printed report on "Biological Terrorism: International Dimensions" (June 2019). Contributors included:

- Dr. Larry Kerr – *Director, Pandemics and Emerging Threats, Office of Global Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

- Professor Rita Colwell – *Distinguished University Professor at the University of Maryland, College Par and Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, and Senior Fellow, Potomac Institute for Policy Studies*
- Dr. Daniel M. Gerstein – *Senior Policy Researcher at the Rand Corporation, and Former Acting Undersecretary and Deputy Undersecretary in the Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security (2011-2014)*
- Dr. Gerald L. Gerstein – *Distinguished Research Fellow at the Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction, National Defense University.*
- Dr. Meghan Delaney – *Chief of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine and Medical Director for Transfusion Medicine, Children’s National Medical Center, and Associate Professor of Pathology & Pediatrics, George Washington University*

Again, Yonah Alexander moderated the discussion and General (Ret.) Al Gray made closing remarks. The event was held on March 28, 2019 at the International Law Institute.

The third segment of the issue includes relevant public reports on “Key Principles for the Protection Repatriation, Prosecution, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration of Women and Children with Links to the United Nations Listed Terrorist Groups” published by the United Nations (April 2019). The second report on “Understanding the Role of Gender in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization that Lead to Terrorism” published by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (May 2019).

The final section of the issue consists of selected daily chronologies of terrorism-related issues from January to June 2019. The research team included the following interns and staff:

- Jesse Berman – University of Virginia
- Ashely Rodriguez – University of California, Berkley
- Jaeun Lee – Johns Hopkins
- Parker Fisher – Institute of World Politics
- Ryan Maness – Virginia Tech
- Daniel Durgavich – University of Virginia
- Deval O’Toole – University of Michigan
- Emily Einhorn – Skidmore College
- Daniel Ruiz – University of Central Florida
- Daniel Stump – Suffolk University

Lastly, thanks are due to our colleagues on the International Advisory Board, the distinguished contributors to this issue, the editorial staff, and the participating interns.

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 Editor-in-Chief
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