

CENTER ON THE U.S. AND EUROPE EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Transatlantic Dialogue on Terrorism: Islamic Radicalization in Europe and the United States

Tuesday, December 15, 2009, 11:00 am – 3:15 pm

The Brookings Institution, Falk Auditorium and Stein Room, 1775 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC

On the afternoon of December 15, the Center on the United States and Europe at Brookings (CUSE) will bring together a select international group of terrorism experts, scholars of Islam, and strategic thinkers to examine best practices in counter-radicalization and how the U.S. and Europe can most effectively work together in this arena. The conference will begin with a public lecture featuring **Oliver Rüss**, adviser to the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator, that will kick off the discussion on the strategic understanding between the United States and Europe on the transnational terrorist threat and its causes. Following the public briefing, two expert workshop sessions will be held to explore the key questions of Islamic radicalization in Europe and the United States and to compare transatlantic experiences and strategies.

The conference is part of CUSE's "Transatlantic Dialogue on Terrorism" project which is funded by the European Union's Delegation in Washington. The project aims to address the growing need to build a US-European community of scholars analyzing the dynamics of modern terrorism and the conditions that foster it.

We hope you will be able to join us for this timely series of discussions. Please see the working agenda below for more information. We welcome your participation at any or all of the sessions.

To RSVP please [click here](#) or send an email to Andrew Moffatt at amoffatt@brookings.edu.

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Agenda

11:00 am – 12:15 pm **Briefing: "Coordinated Counter Terrorism Policy: Experiences and possibilities for enhancing U.S.-European cooperation"?** (*Location: Falk Auditorium -- Open to the Public.*)

Featured Speaker: **Oliver Rüss**, Office of the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator
Discussant: **Daniel L. Byman**, Georgetown University and Brookings
Moderator: **Jonathan Laurence**, Boston College and Brookings

12:15 pm *Buffet Lunch Available*

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm **Workshop Session 1: Responding to the Threat** (*Stein room*)
One year into a new American administration that has sought to change the tone of US foreign policy and its interactions with Muslim communities, and several years after the creation of new counter-terrorism policies across Europe, is it possible to speak of a new era for the old war on terrorism? Have US and EU responses displayed a learning curve, and does the right blend of policies now match the threat?

Speakers: **Raphael Bossong**, Global Public Policy Institute, Germany
 Federico Fabbrini, European University Institute, Italy
 Benjamin Wittes, Brookings
Moderator: **Fiona Hill**, Brookings

1:45 pm - 2:00 pm *Coffee Break*

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm **Workshop Session 2: Paths to Violence** (*Stein room*)
After the Fort Hood shooting it was revealed that the alleged perpetrator had sought religious advice from an American-Yemeni fugitive preacher known for his violent incitement. What is the current operational independence and ideological vitality of the jihadist network in Europe and the United States? How much do international networks still matter to the dynamics of the current terrorist threat?

Speakers: **Alessandro Orsini**, University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy
 Bruce Jones, Brookings and New York University
 Marc Sageman, Sageman Consulting LLC
 Max Taylor, University of St. Andrews, UK
Moderator: **Jonathan Laurence**, Boston College and Brookings



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