Three-Day Symposium

9-11 August 2007 University of Western Australia

In the wake of the terrible events of 9/11 the response against terrorism has included:

- pre-emptive war
- illegal kidnapping and indefinite detention of ‘suspects’ the world over
- ‘legalized’ practice of certain forms of torture by Western governments

Do these strategies reduce the risk of terrorism or increase the likelihood of further atrocities?

The public relies on the media to inform on these important issues, but what is real and what is spin?

These and other questions will be explored in a three-day symposium presented by the Institute of Advanced Studies.

Full Registration: $120 waged; $45 concession/students;
Day Registration: $50 waged; $20 concession/students; lunch and tea included.

For further information, or to register to attend this event, visit www.ias.uwa.edu.au or contact the Institute of Advanced Studies on 08 6488 1340 or email iasuwa@admin.uwa.edu.au

Symposium Program

From the Terrorists’ Point of View: The Crisis of Identity in Islamic Societies and the Radicalization of Muslims
Professor Fathali Moghaddam, Georgetown University, USA

Terrorism as a Choice of Political Behaviour: Social Psychological Implications of Conflict Management
Dr. Winnifred Louis, University of Queensland, Australia

The Psychology of Terrorism, Political Extremism, and the Conflict in the Middle East: A Terror Management Theory Perspective
Professor Tom Pyszczynski, University of Colorado, USA

Terror and Reason
Professor M. Gregg Bloche, Georgetown University, USA

“I am Right; You Are Dead”: Speculations About the Roots of Fanaticism
The Hon Dr. Carmen Lawrence MP, UWA, Australia

The Equivalent Logic of Torture and Terrorism: The Legal Regulation of Moral Monstrosity
Dr. Ben Saul, University of New South Wales, Australia

The Impossibility of Torture and Democracy
Associate Professor Jenny Hocking, Monash University, Australia

What Explains Torture Coverage During War Time? A Search for Realistic Answers
Professor Doris Graber, University of Illinois at Chicago, USA

Misinformation in Media Coverage During the ‘War on Terror’: When Memory Turns Fiction into Fact
Professor Stephan Lewandowsky & Dr. Werner Stritzke, UWA, Australia

Icons of War and Terror
Professor John Tulloch, Brunel University, UK

Gender Differences in Response to Terrorism and War
Associate Professor Leonie Huddy & Professor Stanley Feldman, SUNY at Stony Brook, USA

Terrorism and TV News Coverage in the 2001 Australian Election
Associate Professor David Denemark, UWA, Australia

Reversed Negatives: How the News Media Respond to ‘Our’ Atrocities
Professor Rodney Tiffen, University of Sydney, Australia

Preventing Terrorism: Twenty Principles from Situational Crime Prevention
Professor Ron Clarke, Rutgers University, USA