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How Terrorist Groups ‘Learn’: Innovation and Adaptation in Political Violence

The British Academy, 18 & 19 June 2015

Convenor: Dr Andrew Mumford, University of Nottingham

Thursday, 18 June 2015

- 9.00 *Registration & Refreshments*
- 9:30 **Identifying the Causes and Consequences of Terrorist ‘Learning’
(Part 1)**
Chair: Dr Andrew Glazzard (Royal United Services Institute)
Dr Andrew Mumford and Louise Kettle, University of Nottingham
Dr Maria Rasmussen, US Naval Postgraduate School
- 11:00 *Refreshments*
- 11:15 **Identifying the Causes and Consequences of Terrorist ‘Learning’
(Part 2)**
Chair: Dr Andrew Glazzard (Royal United Services Institute)
Dr Jeffrey Murer, University of St Andrews
Professor Mia Bloom, University of Massachusetts

12.45 *Lunch*

13.45 **The evolution of IRA 'learning', 1918-present day
(Part 1)**

Chair: Prof. Charles Townshend FBA (Keele)

Dr William Sheehan, Open University

Prof. Adrian Guelke, Queen's University Belfast

15.15 *Refreshments*

15.30 **The evolution of IRA 'learning', 1918-present day
(Part 2)**

Chair: Dr Martyn Frampton (Queen Mary)

Dr John Morrison, University of East London

Dr Paul Gill, University College London

17:00 *Close of first day of conference*

Friday 19 June

- 9:30 **Contemporary Political Violence and Jihadist Group Learning (Part 1)**
Chair: Dr Afzal Ashral, Royal United Services Institute
Raffaello Pantucci, Royal United Services Institute
Dr Akil Awan, Royal Holloway, University of London
- 11:00 *Refreshments*
- 11:15 **Contemporary Political Violence and Jihadist Group Learning (Part 2)**
Chair: Dr Afzal Ashral, Royal United Services Institute
Dr Rashmi Singh, University of St Andrews
Professor John Horgan, University of Massachusetts
- 12.45 *Lunch*
- 13.45 **'Staying Ahead of the Terrorist Learning Curve: The Challenge for Counter-Terrorism'**
Chair: Dr Michael Goodman, King's College London
Lord Carlile of Berriew, former Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation
Alan Judd, former member of the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC)
Tim Willasey-Wilsey CMG, former Director of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)
- 16.00 *Close of conference*
- Refreshments*