

8TH ANNUAL TERRORISM ANALYST TRAINING COURSE

PROGRAMME

12-23 JANUARY 2015

RSIS, SINGAPORE

DAY 1 - 12 JANUARY 2015

THREAT OF TERRORISM: AN OVERVIEW

	TIME	TOPIC/THEME	LECTURER
	9.00am – 9.15am	REGISTRATION	
Session 1	9.15am – 9.45am	RSIS Corporate Video, ICPVTR Mission, Vision and Programmes	
Session 2	9.45am – 10.30am	Opening Address and Welcome Remarks	Prof. Rohan Gunaratna Professor Security Studies Head, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
Session 3	10.30am-11.30am	The Essence of Islamist Extremism: An Overview	Dr. Irm Haleem Assistant Professor, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
	11.30am – 11.45am	Coffee/Tea Break	
Session 4	11.45am – 12.30am	Salafism: The Inside Story	Ust. Muhd. Saiful Alam Shah Bin Sudiman Associate Research Fellow, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
	12.30pm – 2.00pm	Lunch	
Session 5	2.00pm – 3.15pm	Distinguished Lecture: Current and Emerging Threats in Indonesia	Maj. Gen. Dr. Muhammad Tito Karnavian Assistant to the Chief of National Police, Planning and Budgeting, Indonesia
	3.15pm – 3.30pm	Coffee/Tea Break	
Session 6	3.30pm – 4.15pm	Causes of Muslim Extremism	Ust. Dr. Muhammad Haniff Bin Hassan Research Fellow, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
Session 7	4.15pm – 5.30pm	Terrorist Mindset	MHA Psychologist
End of Day 1			

DAY 2 - 13 JANUARY 2015

ISIS: THE CHANGING TERRORIST THREAT LANDSCAPE

	TIME	TOPIC/THEME	LECTURER
Session 8	9.00am – 10.00am	The Threat Landscape in Iraq and Syria and the US Strategy to Defeat ISIS	Lt. Col. Will Beaupere Visiting U.S. Army War College Fellow, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
Session 9	10.00am – 10.45am	Group Dynamics in Syria: Constant Re-configuration	Mr. Syed Huzaifah Alkaff Senior Analyst, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
	10.45am – 11.00am	Coffee/Tea Break	
Session 10	11.00am – 11.45pm	ISIS and the Emerging Developments in Turkey	Mr. Mekki Uludag Research Analyst, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
Session 11	11.45am – 12.30pm	ISIS and Southeast Asia: National and Regional Implications	Mr. Jasminder Singh, Research Associate, Nexus Strategies
	12.30pm – 2.00pm	Lunch	
Session 12	2.00pm – 2.45pm	Online Radicalisation: Orbital Pathways Model	Dr. Omer Ali Saifuddeen, Lead Analyst, Joint Counter Terrorism Centre National Security Research Centre (NSCS)
Session 13	2.45pm – 3.30pm	Arabic Extremist Forums: From AQ to ISIS	Ms. Nur Aziemah Binte Azman Associate Research Fellow, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
	3.30pm – 3.45pm	Coffee/Tea Break	
Session 14	3.45pm – 4.30pm	Southeast Asian Extremist Online Sites: After The Syrian Revolution	Ms. Nur Azlin Mohamed Yasin Associate Research Fellow, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
End of Day 2			

DAY 3 - 14 JANUARY 2015

THE EVOLUTION PART 1

AI QAEDA and BOKO HARAM

	TIME	TOPIC/THEME	LECTURER
Session 15	9.00am – 10.00am	Current and Emerging Threats in Pakistan: Al Qaeda and Their Associate Groups	Mr. Abdul Basit Associate Research Fellow, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
Session 16	10.00am – 10.45am	Al Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS)	Mr. Vikram Rajakumar Senior Analyst, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
	10.45am – 11.00am	Coffee/Tea Break	
Session 17	11.00am – 12.00pm	Boko Haram: Current and Emerging Threat in Nigeria	Representative from Nigeria Defense Intelligence Agency, Nigeria
	12.00pm – 1.30pm	Lunch	

THE EVOLUTION PART 2

THE TALIBAN POST-2014

Session 18	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Afghanistan: Post-U.S. Withdrawal	Representative from Afghanistan CAPS
Session 19	2.30pm – 3.30pm	Aftermath of the Peshawar School Attack: Military, Political and Societal Responses	Ms. Sara Mahmood Research Analyst, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
	3.30pm – 3.45pm	Coffee/Tea Break	

THE EVOLUTION PART 3

ON THE HORIZON: THREAT OF ONGOING RADICALISATION

Session 20	3.45pm – 4.30pm	Radicalisation Leading to Ottawa Shootings	Dr. Jeff Sole Master of Disaster and Emergency Management (candidate)
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End of Day 3

DAY 4 - 15 January 2015

THE EVOLUTION PART 4
ON THE HORIZON: TERRORIST AND EXTREMIST MOVEMENTS
IN ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA

	TIME	TOPIC/THEME	LECTURER
Session 21	9.00am – 10.00am	Panel on Southeast Asia: (1) Threat of Terrorism in Southeast Asia (2) Extremist Movements in Indonesia	Mr. Anton Chan Research Analyst, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) Ms. Vidia Arianti Associate Research Fellow, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
Session 22	10.00am – 11.00am	Panel on South Asia: (1) Current and Emerging Threats in Bangladesh (2) Sri Lanka's Post-War Challenge: The International Network of the LTTE	Mr. Iftekharul Bashar Associate Research Fellow, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) Ms. Iromi Dharmawardhane Senior Analyst, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
	11.00am – 11.15am	Coffee/Tea Break	
Session 23	11.15am – 11.45am	Current and Emerging Threats in Central Asia	Mr. Nodirbek Soliev Senior Analyst, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
Session 24	11.45am – 12.30pm	Overview of Guerrilla Movements and Terrorist Organisations in Colombia: Current and Emerging Threats	Prof. Franck Emmanuel Marre Professor of Geopolitics Alliance Francaise de Singapour
	12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch	
TABLE TOP EXERCISE 1			
Session 25	1.30pm – 2.15pm	Counter Terrorism International Investigation Table Top Group Exercise	Mr. Angelo Bani Security Adviser, Security Affairs, World Economic Forum
Session 26	2.15pm – 3.00pm	Counter Terrorism International Investigation Table Top Group Exercise	Mr. Angelo Bani Security Adviser, Security Affairs, World Economic Forum
Session 27	3.00pm – 4.00pm	Group Presentation	Mr. Angelo Bani Security Adviser, Security Affairs, World Economic Forum
	4.00pm – 4.15pm	Coffee/Tea Break	
Session 28	4.15pm – 5.15pm	Pre-Attack Indicators	Mr. Yaniv Perez Managing Director, LORIN Pte Ltd
End of Day 4			

DAY 5 - 16 JANUARY 2015

TABLE TOP EXERCISE 2

	TIME	TOPIC/THEME	LECTURER
Session 29	9.00am – 9.45am	Open Sources Intelligence	Mr. Angelo Bani Security Adviser, Security Affairs, World Economic Forum
	9.45am – 10.00am	Coffee/Tea Break	
Session 30	10.00am – 12.30pm	Role Playing Exercise “I am a Terrorist”	Mr. Angelo Bani Security Adviser, Security Affairs, World Economic Forum
	12.30pm – 2.30pm	Lunch/ Friday Prayers	
TERRORIST FINANCING			
Session 31	2.30pm – 3.15pm	Current Trends on Terrorist Financing	Mr. Ankur Kumar Lead Research Associate, Terrorism and Insurgency Research Unit, Thomson-Reuters
Session 32	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Crime-Terror Nexus: A Financial Overview	Mr. Jasper Liao Head, Organised Crime Research, Thomson-Reuters
End of Day 5			

Day 6 – 19 JANUARY 2015

TERRORIST THREATS ON CRITICAL SECTORS

	TIME	TOPIC/THEME	LECTURER
Session 33	9.00am – 10.00am	Al Qaeda's Anthrax Programme	Mr. Idznursham Ismail Research Analyst, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
	10.00am – 10.15am	Coffee/Tea Break	
Session 34	10.15am – 11.30am	Aviation Security	Mr. Chris Bala Managing Director, CJ Security Group Pte Ltd
Session 35	11.30am – 12.30pm	Maritime Terrorism	Mr. Michael Wigent Special Agent, United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS)
	12.30pm – 2.00pm	Lunch	
Session 36	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Protecting Cities	Dr. Jeff Sole Master of Disaster and Emergency Management (candidate)
Session 37	3.00pm – 4.30pm	Breakout Session <i>Challenge of Protecting Critical Infrastructures</i>	Mr. Vikram Rajakumar Senior Analyst, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
End of Day 6			

DAY 7- 20 JANUARY 2015

PROTECTING INDUSTRIES AND CITIES

	TIME	TOPIC/THEME	LECTURER
Session 38	9.00am – 12.00pm	<i>Visit to Counter Terrorism Suite at Home Team Academy</i>	To be attended by TATC Foreign Participants
	12.00pm – 1.00pm		Lunch
Session 39	1.00pm – 2.00pm	Distinguished Lecture	TBC
Session 40	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Threats of Terrorism to Hospitality Sector	Mr. Danny Chan Area Director, Global Safety and Security, Marriott International
	3.00pm – 3.15pm		Coffee/Tea Break
Session 41	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Panel: Mumbai Attacks: Lessons Learnt	Mr. Vikram Rajakumar Senior Analyst, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) Mr. Prashant Nayak Regional Director, Global Security, The Walt Disney Company Mr. Nirvan Dey Corporate Security Professional
End of Day 7			

DAY 8 - 21 JANUARY 2015

TOWARDS RESILIENCE:
TERORIST REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

	TIME	TOPIC/THEME	LECTURER
Session 42	9.00am – 10.00am	Unlock the Second Prison: Rehabilitative Approach for Terrorist Inmates	Ms. Siti Darojatul Aliah Managing Director, Institute of International Peace Building
Session 43	10.00am – 11.00am	Singapore's Experience in Terrorist Rehabilitation and Countering Extremism	Ust. Dr. Mohamed Bin Ali Assistant Professor, Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies Programme (SRP)
	11.00am – 11.15am	Coffee/Tea Break	
Session 44	11.15am – 12.00pm	A Counter-Narrative to Manipulation of Religious Symbol	Ust. Mustazah Bin Bahari Associate Research Fellow, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
	12.00pm – 1.30pm	Lunch	
Session 45	2.00pm – 5.00pm	<i>Visit to Religious Rehabilitation Group Resource and Counselling Centre</i> and Community Engagement Resilience	Mr. Salim Mohamed Nasir Associate Research Fellow, Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies Programme (SRP)
End of Day 8			

DAY 9 - 22 JANUARY 2015

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

	TIME	TOPIC/THEME	LECTURER
Session 46	9.30am – 10.45am	Sharing Session by Participants: Round Table Discussion	TATC Participants
	10.45am – 11.00am	Coffee/Tea Break	
Session 47	11.00am – 12.00pm	Sharing Session by Participants: Round Table Discussion	TATC Participants
	12.00pm – 1.30pm	Lunch	
Session 48	1.30pm – 4.00pm	<i>Field Visit to Civil Defence Academy</i>	To be attended by TATC Foreign Participants
End of Day 9			

DAY 10 - 23 JANUARY 2015

TATC 2015 CONCLUSION AND WAY FORWARD

	TIME	TOPIC/THEME	LECTURER
Session 49	9.30am – 10.45am	Mitigating The Global Threat of Terrorism: The Way Forward	Prof. Rohan Gunaratna Professor Security Studies Head, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
	10.45am – 11.00am	Coffee/Tea Break	
Session 50	11.00am – 11.30am	Presentation of Certificates	Prof. Rohan Gunaratna Professor Security Studies Head, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
Session 51	11.30am – 12.00pm	TATC 2015 Closing Remarks	Prof. Rohan Gunaratna Professor Security Studies Head, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)
End of TATC Programme			

BIOGRAPHY OF LECTURERS

ANGELO BANI joined the Italian National Police in 1986 as a Police Constable and had moved up the ranks to become a Police Chief Inspector, working at the Central Directorate of Criminal Police in Rome, seconded to the INTERPOL, International Criminal Police Organisation as a Criminal Intelligence Officer.

He was appointed as a Counter Terrorism Capacity Building Officer for Asia and Africa within the INTERPOL Capacity Building and Training Directorate. He was also Project Manager of the (IP) Counter Terrorism Fusion Task Force within the Public Safety and Terrorism sub directorate, dealing with terrorism and counter terrorism information in the Asian-Pacific region. (FTF project Pacific)

He has spent several years as Specialised Officer at the INTERPOL General Secretariat in Lyon (France), dealing with border management projects and before at a United Nation specialised Agency as Security Assistant. He was previously Head of Detective Units at the Italian National Police Criminal Investigation departments.

His international experience with INTERPOL includes investigative missions in India, Iraq, Pakistan, Cambodia, Laos, Timor Leste, Thailand, Colombia and Salvador. He represented INTERPOL at a number of international conferences, organised training courses in the Asia-Pacific region and Central Africa and published a restricted secure website related to CT information and OSINT for the use of CT Officers and analysts.

During the years 2010 and 2011, he was invited as instructor and course mentor in the Counter Terrorism Program organised by the Australian Federal Police for the benefit of the Special Department of Investigation of the Ministry of Justice in Bangkok, Thailand and units of the Royal Thai police.

He has a technical diploma in Hotel Management and completed his studies at the Italian National Police School and the Italian National Police Academy. He obtained a diploma of Spanish Language DELE C2 from the Ministry of Science and Culture of Spain; owns a certificate on Terrorism Studies from Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence, the University of St. Andrews, UK and a certified course on Political Philosophy at Oxford University, UK. He obtained an MSc on International Criminal Justice from University of Portsmouth, UK.

He was a member of the International Counter Terrorism Officer Association of New York and the Foreign Anti-Narcotic and Crime Community of Bangkok. His current role is security adviser in the Security Affairs Department at the World Economic Forum.

ANKUR KUMAR is a key researcher at World-Check's Terrorism & Insurgency Research Unit (TIRU) at Thomson Reuters. He graduated from the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) with a Master in International Relations and is an expert on terrorism and security related issues. He also specialises in global AML and CFT trends and is a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS).

ANTON CHAN is a Research Analyst at ICPVTR, concentrating on terrorism in Southeast Asia, particularly in Thailand and the Philippines. He previously worked in counter-intelligence and security in the Military Security Department of the Singapore Armed Forces with the rank of Captain, and specialised in investigations during his time there. He graduated from the National University of Singapore in 2007 with a degree in Philosophy. He is currently pursuing his Master's degree at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) in Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in Singapore.

CHRIS BALA is a Managing Director of CJ Group of Companies Pte Ltd, Singapore. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia, majoring

in Human Resource Management and a Master of Science in Work Psychology from Leicester University, UK. He is a very experienced Aviation, Maritime, Management and Corporate Security consultant and trainer. He spent nearly seventeen years as a Military Officer in the Singapore Armed Forces and another twelve years as the head of training at SATS Auxiliary Police, holding the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police. He sits in the Advisory Committee for Training and Education, Aviation Security Company (AVSECO), Hong Kong.

He specialises in aviation, maritime security operations and management, audits and consultancy services, corporate security management, crisis and bomb threat management, customer service management, and leadership and team-building. His multi-disciplinary certifications have provided him a broad-based platform crossing different disciplines. This has helped him to consult and train for a very diverse range of industries from hospitality, transportation, government organisations, airports, airlines, hospitals, United Nations Peace Keeping Force (UNPKF) and other law enforcement organisations in these specialised areas. He has also presented numerous security papers at international conferences.

He has the distinction of having hands-on experience managing a crisis, as he was involved in the management of air crash situations: Silkair 185 (Musi River, Indonesia), Singapore Airlines 006 (Taiwan) and Cebu Pacific Airways (Cagayan City, Philippines). He was also responsible for the initial development of a training module for crisis management for Singapore Airlines Station Managers and the crisis management procedures for SATS Auxiliary Police in Singapore.

He has trained more than 10,000 participants worldwide in his capacity as being part of the International Air Transportation Association's (IATA)'s list of corporate security facilitators for the past ten years in cities such as Geneva, Montreal, Johannesburg, Dubai, Beijing, Prague, Warsaw, Singapore, Manila, Hong Kong, Democratic Republic of Congo (United Nation Peace Keeping Team), South Africa, Cape Verde and Malaysia.

He has been contributing to the security industry through written papers published in international journals and presented at international conferences regularly. He also holds the distinction of being designated as a Certified Security Trainer (CST) by the Academy of Security Educators and Trainers (ASET), USA. This makes him the first Asian to be designated as such. He is also an adjunct lecturer for Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore and was an adjunct lecturer of Edith Cowan University, Australia. Chris is also a certified International Civil Aviation Organisation Inspector/Auditor and an IATA trainer.

DANNY CHAN served in the Singapore Armed Forces as a Captain with the Singapore Special Forces. He proceeded to develop advice and train numerous law enforcement agencies and military tactical units around the world with Britam Defence before serving Fortune 500 and Government clients with Olive Group on four continents. Danny was then Director of Global Risk Assessments at iJET International Inc. that provided operational intelligence to 650 of the Fortune 2000 companies and numerous government agencies. At iJET International Inc., he has had the experience of negotiating with pirates and kidnappers.

He is now Area Director, Global Safety and Security at Marriott International where he handled among many cases, the Jakarta 2009 twin bombings, 2011 Japan earthquake/tsunami incident and more recently, the Korean Peninsula crisis. He is frequently interviewed by the media and speaks regularly at international events. He has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a Masters of Business Administration (Finance). He also attended the Strategic Leadership Programme at University of Oxford and the ISMA Leadership Programme at Georgetown University.

He is Executive Fellow at the Essex Business School, University of Essex where he is pursuing his Doctorate. Danny is an Associate Member of the Business Continuity Institute, a Certified Professional Risk Manager, a Certified Anti-Terrorism Specialist and an accessory with the United Nation's International Maritime organisation. He currently sits on the Management Committees of ASIS International - Singapore and Overseas Security Advisory Council, Bangkok of the U.S. Department of State.

In his free time, he volunteers as an Associate Mediator and coach with Singapore Mediation Centre & Small Claims Tribunals - The Subordinate Courts of Singapore and runs his micro social initiative organisation called “Making a Difference”.

GUILLAUME “WILL” BEURPERE was born to French parents and emigrated to the United States at the age of twelve. Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Guillaume “Will” Beurpere was commissioned in the Infantry following graduation from Boston College in 1994. Early in his career he served in various infantry assignments with the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas and the 2nd Infantry Division in the Republic of South Korea.

He completed of the U.S. Army Special Forces Qualification Course in 2000, and was assigned to Germany with the 10th Special Forces Group where he served as an operational detachment commander, company commander and assistant battalion operations officer and participated in numerous operations in Kosovo and across sub-Saharan Africa. In 2004, LTC Beurpere was selected as a General George and Carol Olmsted Scholar to study at Al Akhawayn University in Morocco where he earned Master’s degree in International Relations and Diplomacy with a concentration on the Middle East and North Africa.

Following completion of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 2007, LTC Beurpere commanded a Special Forces company during Operation Iraqi Freedom where he oversaw the training of Iraqi security forces and the tribal engagement ‘Sons of Iraq’ security initiative. In 2008 he returned to Iraq as the executive officer for a special operations task force in Baghdad. He was then charged with the manning, equipping, and initial training of a newly forming special forces battalion which activated in August of 2010. Then as a special assistant to the group commander he served as the deputy chief of staff for a USSOCOM joint task force and as the task force deputy operations officer during the precursor to NATO operations in Libya.

LTC Beurpere assumed command of a special forces battalion in September of 2011. He supervised the unit's engagement in West Africa supporting Africa Command operations. He established the U.S. special forces presence in Central Africa for Counter – Lord's Resistance Army operations, advising and assisting partner forces from four African partner nations. In 2012, LTC Beurpere commanded a special operations command and control element in the Horn of Africa in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom and commanding regional activities throughout East Africa. Just before giving up command, he worked closely with Special Operations Command – Europe to develop NATO special operations partners in preparation for combat in Afghanistan culminating in a seven NATO nation combined training and validation exercise in Germany.

In 2013 LTC Beurpere was selected to serve as a military assistant to the Honorable John M. McHugh, the 21st Secretary of the U.S. Army. He was stationed at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. for one year until his selection in 2014 to serve as a U.S. Army War College Fellow to Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. LTC Beurpere is married with four children. All of them are accompanying him in Singapore.

IDZNURSHAM ISMAIL is a Research Analyst at the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. His research focus is on analysing the use or attempted use of Biological, Chemical and Radiological agents as Weapons of Mass Destruction and manuals describing the production of Biological and Chemical agents. He obtained his First Class Honours in Biological Sciences at Nanyang Technological University and is currently pursuing an M.Sc in Strategic Studies at RSIS.

IFTEKHARUL BASHAR is an Associate Research Fellow at the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. He is currently leading the research team for South and Central Asia. He specialises in the study of radicalisation, terrorism and political violence in South Asia. Bashar holds a

Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Dhaka. Bashar has received awards from the United Nations and Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Dhaka for his essays. He has authored a chapter in the book titled *Afghanistan after the Western Drawdown*, (New York: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers), 2015.

IRM HALEEM is Assistant Professor at the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPTVR) at the Rajaratnam School of International Studies. Haleem focuses on a conceptual study of violence, drawing insights from Political Theory, Philosophy and International Relations. Her published articles have focused on radical Islamist violence and have appeared in the journals *Third World Quarterly*, *Terrorism and Political Violence* and *Perspectives on Terrorism*. She has also contributed to *The Oxford Companion to Pakistani History* (Oxford University Press, 2012) and to *Democratic Development and Political Terrorism* (Northeastern University Press, 2005). Her first book, *The Essence of Islamist Extremism*, was published by Routledge in 2012 and was reprinted in paperback in 2014. This book offers a critical analysis of radical Islamist discourse from temporally and contextually varied groups and moments and argues that radical Islamist violence may be conceptualised as a Hegelian struggle for recognition. *The Essence of Islamist Extremism* was reviewed in the journal *Comparative Strategy*, vol. 31(2), 2012. Previously, Haleem held teaching appointments at Northeastern University and Seton Hall University. Most recently, she was a Visiting Lecturer at *The Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs* in Princeton University.

IROMI DHARMAWARDHANE is a Senior Analyst at the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. She also serves as the Associate Editor of the Counter Terrorist Trends and Analysis (CTTA), ICPVTR's journal carrying articles with in-depth analysis of topical issues on terrorism and counter terrorism. Her areas of interest and research include international relations, counter terrorism strategy, post-conflict reconciliation and terrorist rehabilitation, and religion and philosophy. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Studies and a Masters of Commerce Degree. Her recent focus has been on extremist religious ideologies. She has written a book on comparative religion, entitled *The Good Life: An Introduction to Religion and Consciousness* (forthcoming).

JASMINDER SINGH is a graduate in Security and Intelligence Studies from Queensland and Charles Sturt University. He is currently a Research Associate with Strategic Nexus Consultancy in Singapore. He has been closely following the jihadi challenge in ASEAN for the last few years. Recently, he presented a diagnosis of the ISIS threat at a seminar in Malaysia.

JASPER LIAO is the Head of Organised Crime Research at Thomson Reuters, mainly working on the World Check product. He is a graduate of the Monterey Institute of International Studies, where he studied International Policy and specialised in Transnational Crime. He spent a few months in 2010 as a visiting researcher at RSIS – ICPVTR, examining the use of international shipping to launder money. His current research subjects include gangs in the U.S. and Australia, transnational narcotics trafficking, former soviet organised crime groups in Europe and the U.S., and human trafficking in Eastern Europe.

JEFF SOLE received a Doctorate of Chiropractic from CMCC in Toronto in 2002, and a Master's degree in Public Health and Epidemiology from Lakehead University in 2007. After ten years in clinical practice he left the healthcare field to follow other career interests. Jeff is presently working on a graduate thesis to complete a degree in Disaster and Emergency Management from York University in Toronto. Areas of professional interest include home grown terrorism, radicalisation, lone wolf terrorism, and crisis management.

MICHAEL D. WIGENT was appointed as a Special Agent (SA) with the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) in October 2002. His first duty assignment was with the NCIS Field Office located at Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, where he conducted investigations into various criminal infractions. In 2003, he was transferred to Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Hawaii where he continued to work on various

criminal investigations and operations, including homicides, narcotics distribution, child pornography and both domestic and sexual assaults. During this time, he was assigned as the Team Leader for the NCIS Hawaii Field Office Major Case Response Team, which was responsible for administering and overseeing all major crime scenes processing throughout Hawaii. In 2006, he transferred to the Criminal Investigations Directorate at NCIS Headquarters in Washington D.C.

For two years, he was responsible for overseeing the most high profile and sensitive investigations throughout the agency. In 2008, he was selected as the Special Assistant to the Director of NCIS, where he was responsible for the daily schedule and operation of the Office of the Director. In this capacity, he travelled to almost every NCIS Field Office and was responsible for the NCIS Director's interaction with both foreign and domestic politicians and law enforcement organisation executives. In 2010, he was detailed as a Supervisory Special Agent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Counterterrorism Division in Washington D.C., where he managed all FBI overseas counter terrorism investigations in Western Europe. In 2012, he was transferred as a Supervisory Special Agent to the NCIS Field Office Singapore where he currently supervises a squad responsible for conducting force protection, counter terrorism and criminal investigations throughout Southeast Asia.

Prior to joining NCIS, he received his undergraduate degree in Anthropology from the University of Michigan and his Master degree in Forensic Archaeological Science from the University College London, United Kingdom. From 2000-2002, he was employed by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command as a Forensic Anthropologist, where he travelled extensively throughout Asia conducting archaeological recoveries of human remains to aid in the identification and return of U.S. service members who were missing in action.

MEKKI ULUDAG is a Research Analyst at the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), in Singapore. His areas of interest and research include Terrorism in the Middle East, Foreign Fighters in the Middle East, Contemporary politics of the Middle East and Southeast Asia, Ethnicity, Religion, Modernisation and Nationalism. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Masters Degree in Contemporary Turkish History. His recent focus has been foreign fighters in Syria and Iraq through the Turkish borders.

MOHAMED BIN ALI is an Assistant Professor at the Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies programme at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. He completed his PhD at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies (IAIS), University of Exeter, United Kingdom. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Jurisprudence from Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt in 2002. He obtained his Masters of Science in International Relations from RSIS, NTU, in Singapore in 2007.

He is involved in the rehabilitation of Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) detainees in Singapore. He is the vice chairman and counsellor of the Religious Rehabilitation Group (RRG), a group of voluntary Muslim clerics who provide religious counselling to JI detainees. He has also presented and published widely on issues of religious extremism and terrorist rehabilitation. He has also conducted field trips in many countries including Iraq, Pakistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Indonesia and the Philippines.

MUHAMMAD HANIFF BIN HASSAN is a Research Fellow at the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. He holds a Ph.D in Strategic Studies at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. He received his early education in Aljunied Islamic School. He then continued his tertiary education at the Faculty of Islamic Studies, National University of Malaysia, with honours in Shari'ah and Civil law.

He is also active in social activities as a member of the Islamic Religious Council Appeal Board, HSBC Insurance Islamic Advisory Board, Association of Islamic Religious Teachers and Scholars of Singapore

(PERGAS), Management Committee of Al-Irsyad Islamic School, Resource Panel for Government Parliamentary Committee (Defence and Foreign Affairs) and Political Film Consultative Committee of Media Development Authority. He writes extensively in Berita Harian (a local Malay newspaper) and published articles in The Straits Times. He has published seven books in his name, co-authored a monograph and helped publish two books for PERGAS and the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore. He has a blog to counter misinterpretation of jihad by groups like Al Qaeda at <http://counterideology2.wordpress.com> .

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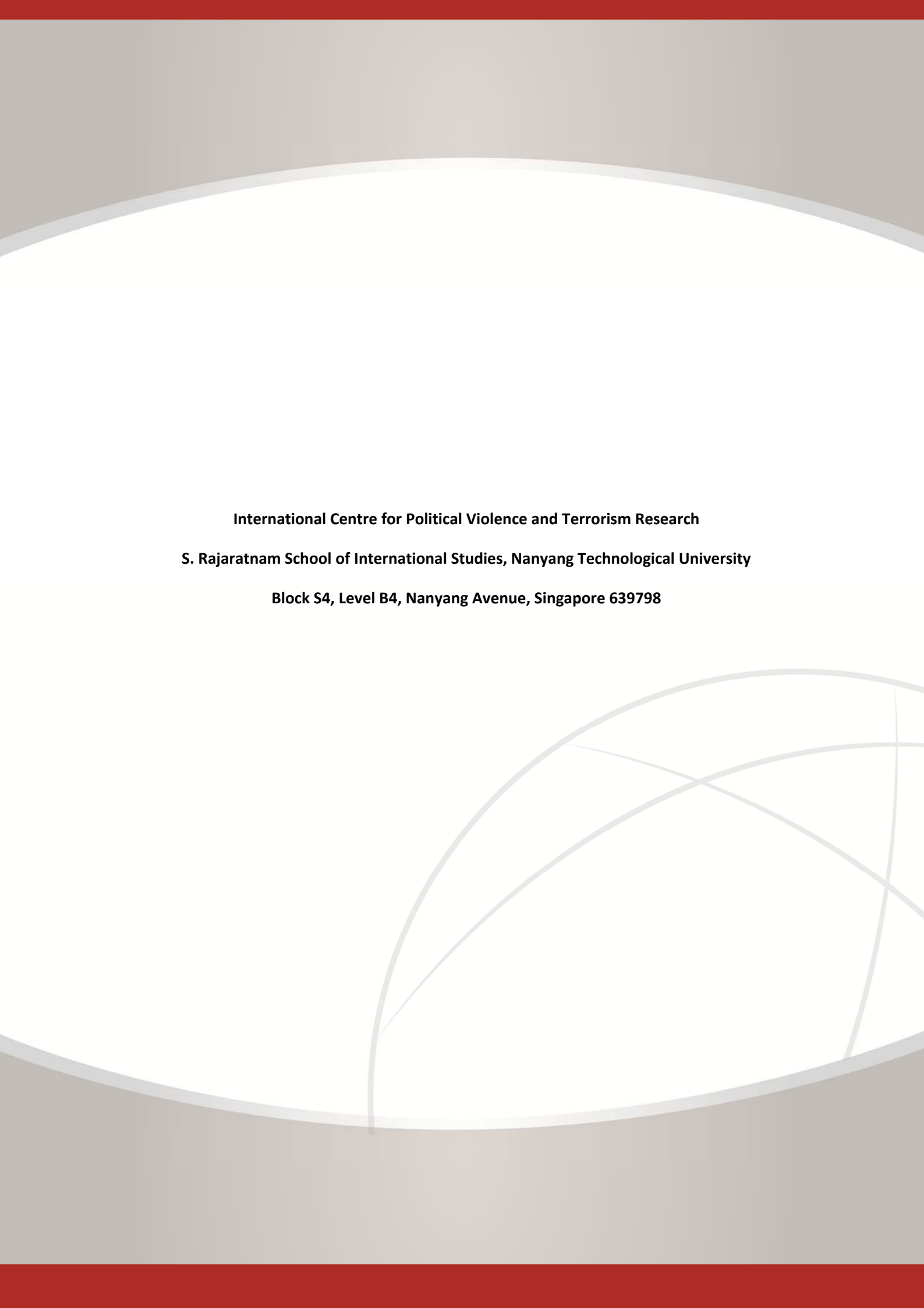
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