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ICSR is a unique partnership in which King's College London, the University of Pennsylvania, the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, and the Regional Center on Conflict Prevention Amman are equal stakeholders.

Our joint mission is to bring together knowledge and leadership to address the challenge of radicalisation and political violence.

Dear Friend,

I am happy to present you with the latest edition of our newsletter.

Even during the summer months, everyone at the ICSR offices in London has been extremely busy. Three weeks ago, we hosted the *First Annual Atkin Conference on Peace in the Middle East*, bringing together experts and policymakers from across the world to analyse the evolving situation and identify opportunities for moving it forward. Next month, we will publish a paper presenting '15 Ideas To Fix the Middle East', which distilling some of the ideas that emerged during the event.

A couple of weeks ago, we received a big delivery with copies of our new brochure. It tells the story of ICSR, and what we have accomplished in our three main areas of activity: first class research; impact-driven dialogue; and fostering leadership. If you would like to receive copies of the brochure, please let us know. In the meantime, you can download electronic copies of the document at our website: www.icsr.info.

Finally, I am very excited to announce the expansion of our global network. In addition to the four ICSR partners in Britain, the United States, Jordan and Israel, we can now welcome two new institutions as ICSR Affiliates: the Centre for Policy Research in India, and the Pakistan Institute for Peace Studies. This new partnership reinforces one of the core elements of ICSR's mission, namely to create a network that reaches across continents and cultures.

Dr. Peter Neumann
Director, ICSR

ICSR Welcomes Affiliates from India and Pakistan

ICSR has expanded its global network of knowledge and leadership by welcoming two new institutions as Affiliates: the Centre for Policy Research (CPR) in New Delhi, India; and the Pakistan Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS) in Islamabad.

Both institutions have an excellent reputation for producing first-class research in the areas of conflict, radicalisation and political violence. They are located in two countries which have (sadly) emerged as particularly relevant in the ongoing debate, and will provide ICSR with important links to that region.

Like all the institutions that form part of ICSR, CPR and PIPS combine rigorous, multi-disciplinary academic research with policy impact. They both have long records of achievement and success in informing public and political debate about issues related to radicalisation and political violence, and are both keen to learn from similar efforts across the world.

For more information about CPR, please visit www.cprindia.org. To find out about PIPS, see <http://san-pips.com>.

Events and Publications

25 June: War 2.0. Thomas Rid of Johns Hopkins University talked about the consequences of the multimedia age for contemporary conflict.

Atkin Papers: Atkin Fellows Odelia Englander and Oday Abukaresh published their papers on aspects of the Middle East Conflict. Englander's paper deals with the role of the United Nations, and what the organisation needs to do in order to become a more effective mediator. Abukaresh's essay explores the role of joint Israeli-Palestinian organisations since the Oslo Accords.

More information about ICSR papers and events can be found at www.icsr.info.

ICSR Hosts First Annual Atkin Conference on Peace in the Middle East

ICSR successfully staged the *First Annual Atkin Conference on Peace in the Middle East* at King's College London on 8 July. More than 150 participants – including policymakers, experts, and the media – took part in the event, bringing to London policymakers and academics from across the world.

Among the speakers were Sir Ming Campbell, former leader of the British Liberal Democrat party; Marc Otte, the European Union's Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process; Ezzedine Choukri, a senior Egyptian diplomat who is currently holding a lectureship at the University of Cairo; Ron Prosor, Israel's Ambassador to the UK and a former Director General of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Sabri Saidam, a senior advisor to the Palestinian President; Ron Pundak, President of the Peres Peace Centre; and many others.

The conference sought to analyse the changing situation in the region, and identify opportunities for moving the conflict towards a peaceful resolution. A policy document based on the conference and containing '15 Ideas to Fix the Middle East' will be published by ICSR in September.

ICSR's Free Radicals Receives Endorsements From Across the Blogosphere

ICSR's new blog, *Free Radicals*, has been received enthusiastically across the blogosphere. Well-known blog sites, such as *jihadica* and *Kings of War*, have endorsed *Free Radicals* and contributed to a steep growth in traffic.

Free Radicals is a forum for debate and fresh ideas on radicalisation and political violence. It features some of the most innovative, young thinkers, discussing radicals and radicalisation. They are looking at how the challenge has been understood, and how it can best be addressed. To join in, visit www.icsr.info/blog.

News from Our Partners

ICT Herzliya: The *International Institute for Counter-Terrorism* will hold its 9th International Conference from 7-10 September in Herzliya, Israel. As in previous years, the conference will feature top decision-makers, officials and experts from across the world, making the event the most important annual gathering of stakeholders in the area. For additional information, see the attached leaflet, or go directly to ICT's website at www.ict.org.il.

King's College London: Polity Press recently released the latest book written by ICSR Director Peter Neumann. *Old and New Terrorism* provides the most comprehensive account of the evolution of terrorism in the modern world, and a concise and careful analysis of the forces that have driven its transformation. It will be essential reading both for students and experts keen to understand the changing nature of terrorism and how it can best be fought. For more information, see www.polity.co.uk.

University of Pennsylvania: Dr. Harvey Rubin spoke at a workshop on preventive security at the International Terrorism and Intelligence Conference in Washington DC in June. Chaired by John Reid, a former UK Home Secretary, the workshop explored different threat categories and the kinds of immediate as well as long-term responses that are required. Dr. Rubin, one of the world's leading experts on bio-terrorism, addressed questions of bio-security and prevention.

RCCP Amman: Dr. Hasan Al-Momani, currently with the University of Jordan, will take over from Yasar Qatarneh as Director of the Regional Centre on Conflict Prevention in September. The new Director is keen to strengthen RCCP's involvement in ICSR and maintain the strong partnership that has been forged since the Centre has come into existence: 'We are ready to explore every possible idea to enhance our mutual cooperation', Dr. Al-Momani said during a meeting with ICSR Director Peter Neumann in Amman.

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We invite you to secure your place at
ICT's 9th International Conference

World Summit for Counter-Terrorism

Terrorism's Global Impact

Monday-Thursday, September 7-10, 2009
 Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, Israel



Over 1100 top decision-makers, defence, intelligence and police officials, prominent academic scholars, and security industry leaders from 53 countries took part in last year's conference. This year, many of them will be joined by hundreds of new participants from around the globe in the World Summit's four days of professional lectures, workshops and discussions.

- **If** you want to meet key decision makers in the fields of Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security
- **If** you want to interact with government, defence and police officials, who deal with terrorism
- **If** you want to learn about cutting-edge research, new operational practices and technological innovations from leading international experts
- **If** you want to meet entrepreneurs and significantly broaden your customer base in the global security and counter-terrorism industry
- **If** you want to participate in discussions and professional workshops on the most advanced and pertinent topics in modern counter-terrorism
- **If** you want to widen and diversify your global network of professional relationships in the field of counter-terrorism

Then you cannot afford to miss the World Summit on Counter-Terrorism:
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