Accountability for Transnational Counter-terrorism Operations
IACL Constitutional Responses to Terrorism Conference
King's College London 10-11 March 2016

10 March 2016

10:30: Arrival & Registration

10:45: Welcome: Cian Murphy, David Cole & Federico Fabbrini

11:00: Panel 1: Institutions of Accountability
Chair: Angela Patrick (JUSTICE)
Commentator: Jessie Blackbourn (Kingston University)

Kent Roach (University of Ottawa): A Taxonomy of Accountability Mechanisms for Transnational Counter-terrorism

Ben Keith (Deputy Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security, New Zealand): Opening Up, With Help from the Outside? The Potential of Transnational Legal Discourse for Accountability in National Security Decisions

12:30: Lunch Serving (to eat with Plenary)

13:00: Plenary: Ireland v United Kingdom: Then & Now
Chair: Aileen McColgan (King’s College London)

Speaker: Conor Gearty (London School of Economics)
Commentator: Natasha Simonsen (King’s College London)

14:15 Coffee Break

14:45 Panel 2: Accountability for Rendition, Detention & Torture
Chair: Cian Murphy (King’s College London)

Federico Fabbrini (University of Copenhagen) and Lech Garlicki (Yale Law School): The Role of the European Court of Human Rights in Securing Accountability for Gross Human Rights Violations Committed in the Struggle Against Terrorism
Aziz Huq (University of Chicago): Anatomy of a Black Hole: Understanding the Effects of Judicial and Legislative Controls of Detention Operations


Arianna Vedaschi (Bocconi) and Gabriele Marino (Exeter): Guilt of Complicity: Strengthening Accountability for ERs on European Soil

16:45: Coffee

17:30 Plenary 2: Surveillance Oversight and Accountability
Chair: Alice Ross (The Guardian)

Speaker: David Anderson Q.C. (Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation)
Commentators: Matthew Ryder Q.C. (Matrix Chambers), Michael Drury (BCL Law)

20:00: Dinner for Speakers (Venue tbc)

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09:00: Light Breakfast

09:30: Panel 3: Surveillance & Transnational Counter-terrorism Operations
Chair: Stephen Schulhofer (New York University)
Commentator: Martin Scheinin (European University Institute)

Clive Walker (University of Leeds): The Mass De-Surveillance of Terrorism Web-Based Materials

Maria Tzanou (Keele University): Transnational Data Transfers and Online Surveillance: The ECJ’s Decision in Schrems v Data Protection Commissioner

Francesca Galli (University of Maastricht): National Security Policies and EU Data Protection: Is the Europeanisation of Surveillance Policies a Desirable and/or Possible Venture?

11:00: Coffee Break

11:30: Panel 4: Targeted Killings – Transatlantic Perspectives
Chair: Devika Hovell (London School of Economics)
Commentator: Cian Murphy (King’s College London)
Shiri Krebs (Stanford University): Rethinking Targeted Killing Policy: Protecting Civilians from both Terror and Counter-terror Attacks

Amrit Singh (Open Society Justice Initiative): Challenging Complicity in U.S. Counter-terrorism Related Abuses: Reflections on Rendition and Drone Litigation

13:00: Lunch

14:00 Plenary 3: Drones & Targeted Killings
Chair: Colm O’Cinneide (University College London)

Panellists: Shaheed Fatima (Blackstone Chambers), Jemima Stratford (Brick Court Chambers).

15:30: Coffee Break

16:00 Panel 5: Beyond Institutions for Accountability
Chair: Liora Lazarus (University of Oxford)

David Cole (Georgetown University): Transnational Advocacy and the Rights of Others - Lessons from Bush’s “War on Terror”

Emeka Thaddues Njoku (University of Ibadan): Politics of Conviviality? State-Civil Society Relations within the Context of Counter-terrorism in Nigeria

Konrad Lachmayer (Hungarian Academy of Sciences): Creating Transnational Accountability by Local Empowerment of Citizens

17:30 Closing Remarks & Reception

The International Association of Constitutional Law Research Group on Constitutional Responses to Terrorism addresses a range of questions on constitutional law, international human rights law, and terrorism and counter-terrorism legislation in a comparative and global perspective. The research group convenes an annual workshop and operates a discussion list with over 150 scholars from across seven different continents. The Research Group Chair is David Cole (Georgetown University) and its Co-ordinator is Federico Fabbrini (University of Copenhagen).