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Political Terrorism and HST'17

Former director of terrorism studies at West Point will explain spying complexities of the world's nation states at IEEE Homeland Security Technology symposium

BOSTON (Jan. 30, 2017) –The huge variations in intelligence cooperation between US allies will be closely studied at the *IEEE Symposium on Technologies for Homeland Security* (HST '17) this year in Boston April 25. Dr. Arie Perliger, currently Professor in the School of Criminology and Justice Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, will talk on Middle Eastern politics and the applicability of social network analysis phenomena.

Until recently Perliger was Director of Terrorism Studies and Associate Professor at the Combating Terrorism Center and Department of Social Sciences at the US Military Academy at West Point. Perliger is expert in the fields of political violence and politics of security, politics of Europe regarding the US and terrorism, and notably the *Far Right* in Israel.

Perliger previewed his coming talk at the symposium today on the *ScienceNews* Radio Network program *Promise of Tomorrow with Colonel Mason*, www.PromiseOfTomorrow.biz. The broadcast originates in Dallas, Texas, and can now be heard archived and Webcast for its world audience.

On the program Mason pointed out that many believe ISIS cannot be defeated because it is an ideology, not a state or institution, and will just continue underground for lifetimes, but Perliger disagreed. "I am not arguing that we will be able to eliminate and eradicate every and each cell of the jihadi movement," Perliger said on the program, "but I think it is possible to really bring it down to manageable capacity. This is a manageable threat. History tells us these kinds of ideological waves eventually tend to decline."

Perliger is Editor in Chief of the journal *Democracy and Security*, member of the editorial board of *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* and a regular

reviewer for various publishers and Journals on terrorism and political Violence.

This yearly symposium historically brings together innovators from leading academic, industry, business, homeland security centers of excellence, and government programs in a forum—discussing ideas, concepts, and experimental results.

This is the 16th annual *IEEE Symposium on Technologies for Homeland Security*, sponsored by the Massachusetts Port Authority [Massport] to be held 25-26 April 2017, in the greater Boston, Massachusetts area. Produced by IEEE with technical support from DHS S&T, IEEE, IEEE Boston Section, and IEEE-USA and organizational support from MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Raytheon, Battelle, and MITRE. Detailed information on the sponsorship and exhibit opportunities, can be found: <http://ieee-hst.org/>