



## TSAS Summer Academy 2013 Speaker Profiles

**Monday July 22**

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- **Jez Littlewood** (*Assistant Professor, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University*).

*Jez Littlewood leads the Intelligence and National Security (INS) concentration of the M.A. program, and his research encompasses terrorism and counter-terrorism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and national security intelligence. His most recent research grant studied chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear terrorism under the Kanishka Project Contribution Program. His peer-reviewed work on biological weapons controls is complemented by publications related to intelligence and national security issues. He served previously with the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office, the United Nations, and with HM Forces in the UK. He is a regular guest speaker on issues related to terrorism and intelligence in Ottawa.*

- **Ritu Banerjee** (*Director of Intelligence Policy, Public Safety Canada*)

*Ritu Banerjee has served as the Director of Intelligence Policy within the National Security Policy Directorate at Public Safety Canada since 2008. Prior to that, she worked as a policy advisor at the Afghanistan Task Force and in the Security and Intelligence Secretariat both within the Privy Council Office. She has also worked for the Federal Department of Justice.*

*In addition to a Bachelor of Arts degree from McGill University, she has a Master of Arts in Political Science from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London and a Law degree from the University of Ottawa. She has been a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada since 2000.*

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**Tuesday July 23**

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- **Robert Young, (Executive Director, CSIS)**

*With 27 years of experience with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), Robert Young has held a number of positions with the Service. At the commencement of his career, he worked as an investigator. He also has worked a number of years in the Middle East. Since then, Robert has held managerial positions responsible for several operational programs. Most recently, he managed the operational program in Toronto from 2007-11. In March 2011, Robert was appointed as the Executive Director General for Counter-Terrorism at the Service's national HQ in Ottawa.*

*Mr. Young received his BA in Political Science, Concordia University; MA International Affairs, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University and LL.L Law Degree, University of Ottawa.*

- **Renuka Dash, (Sargeant, Public Engagement, RCMP)**

*Currently in charge of the RCMP Federal Policing Public Engagement unit, Renuka Dash has been a regular member of the Force for more than 20 years. Sgt. Dash has 14 years of operational policing experience in the lower mainland of BC and with developing a national recruitment strategy to increase the diversity of the force. Her operational background has helped to advance the RCMP's work in countering violent extremism, as well as to expand the Federal Policing mandate in preventative strategies to counter criminality. During her tenure in National Security Criminal Investigations she has played an important role in advancing the RCMP's partnerships with the communities it serves. In addition, she has established a strong network, with local, national and international law enforcement agencies, that enhances the RCMP's ability counter the global threat of terrorism. Renuka has a strong network with NGOs who work within the communities to better understand their grievances and to empower community members to affect change.*

- **John Schmidt (Team Leader, Strategic Research and Analysis, at the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada - FINTRAC)**

*John Schmidt is responsible for strategic and policy-relevant analysis, focusing on financial intelligence, at FINTRAC, Canada's anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing financial intelligence unit (FIU). He completed BSc and MSc degrees in Psychology at the University of Alberta. His experience has included working for the Alberta Attorney General's Department, 1977-1988, University of Canberra, 1988-1989, Australian Attorney-General's Department, 1989-2000, AUSTRAC (Australia's FIU), January to April 2000, and FINTRAC, 2000 to present, first as the Manager, Strategic Planning, then in the development and operation of FINTRAC's strategic analysis unit. This included a five-year secondment to the Integrated Threat (now Terrorism) Assessment Centre (ITAC), 2006-2011.*

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**Wednesday July 24**

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- **Lorne Dawson** (*Professor and Chair, Sociology and Legal Studies, University of Waterloo, and Professor, Religious Studies*)

*Lorne Dawson is a founding Co-Director of TSAS. He is a sociologist of religion specializing in the study of new religious movements, and his work on religion and violence led to a new research focus on the process of terrorist radicalization. He is the author of three books, has edited four books, and published over sixty refereed journal articles and book chapters. In 2010 he published "The Study of New Religious Movements and the Radicalization of Home-Grown Terrorists: Opening a Dialogue," Terrorism and Political Violence 22: 1-21, and in the forthcoming edited book, Paul Bramadat and Lorne Dawson, eds, Religion, Radicalization, and Securitization (University of Toronto Press), he has a chapter entitled: "Trying to Make Sense of Homegrown Terrorist Radicalization: The Case of the Toronto 18." In the last four years he has made numerous invited presentations on the process of radicalization, the role of religion in terrorism, and methodological problems in the study of terrorism, to national and international security organizations and academic conferences.*

- **Mubinoddin Shaikh**, (*University of Liverpool, PhD candidate*)

*Mubin Shaikh was born and raised in Toronto, Canada. A deep identity conflict at the age of 19 and a chance encounter with the Taliban in 1995 in Pakistan during one of his travels, brought him to actively promote the Taliban and Jihadist worldview for many years, hoping to eventually go and fight in Chechnya, Iraq and other places. The horror of the 9/11 attacks forced him to reconsider his views and he spent 2 years of dedicated study in Arabic and Islamic Studies in Syria. After self-directed theological deprogramming, as well as seeing the lack of freedom in Syria, Mubin returned to Canada and began work as an undercover operative for CSIS, deeply embedded in extremist groups. In December 2005, he traversed to the RCMP's Integrated National Security Enforcement Team (INSET) in what came to be known as the Toronto 18 terrorism case and testified in 5 legal hearings over 4 years, resulting in the conviction of 11 individuals.*

*He has since obtained a Master of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism (Maquarie), is currently a PhD Candidate in Psychology (Liverpool) and continues to deliver advanced level seminars to American, British and Canadian national security agencies (including police and military). He works as a Professor of Public Safety & Police Studies (Seneca-King) and proud to be a Research Affiliate with TSAS.*

- **Martin Bouchard** (*Assistant Professor, School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University*)

*Martin Bouchard is the Associate Director, Research of TSAS. He is also Associate Director of the International Cyber Crime Research Centre located at Simon Fraser University. Dr. Bouchard's research focuses on the role of social networks in a variety of criminal phenomena, most of which is connected to organized crime. Over the past 5 years, he has published over 40 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. Dr. Bouchard is the Principal Investigator of a major Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada Insight grant in the cyber networks area (#435-2012-0336), and has led major research projects for Public Safety Canada.*

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- **Aurélie Campana** (*Associate Professor of Political Science at Laval University*)  
*Aurélie Campana holds the Canada Research Chair on Conflicts and Terrorism and is the deputy director of the Peace and Security Program (Institut des Hautes Études Internationales, U. of Laval). She is a member of the Centre International de Criminologie Comparée (U. of Montreal) and a fellow of the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute. Her research focuses on terrorism in internal conflicts, the diffusion of violence across movements and borders, and the answers of the state (discourses and practices). Beyond the CRC (granted in 2007 and renewed in 2012), she received a SSHRC grant in 2008 as well as grants from the Security and Defence Forum (Ministry of Defence). Recent publications include: "Rethinking Terrorist Safe Havens: Beyond a State-Centric Approach", *Civil Wars*, n° 4, 2011, (with Benjamin Duco); "The Structural Root Causes of Non-Suicide Terrorism: A Systematic Scoping Review", *Terrorism and Political Violence*, n°1, 2012, (with Luc Lapointe). She also co-edited a book with Gérard Hervouet: *Terrorisme et insurrection. Évolution des dynamiques conflictuelles et réponses des États*, published with PUQ in 2013.*

## Thursday July 25

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- **Daniel Hiebert** (*Professor, Geography, University of British Columbia*)  
*Dan Hiebert is a founding Co-Director of TSAS and has just completed his role as Co-Director of Metropolis British Columbia, a centre of excellence dedicated to studying immigration and diversity. His research focuses on the integration of immigrants in Canadian cities, particularly on issues related to their participation in housing and labour markets. In addition to research, Hiebert plays an active role in the policy development process, and serves as Co-Chair of the City of Vancouver's Mayor's Working Group on Immigration, and is a member of the Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada's Advisory Council. He is also engaged in international collaborative projects on migration and diversity policies with scholars in Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Germany, and Sweden.*
  - **Sara Thompson** (*Professor, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Ryerson University*)  
*Sara Thompson's research explores the geographic distribution of serious violent crime across neighbourhoods in Toronto, with a focus on the neighbourhood-level characteristics that may shape the quality and quantity of this violence. Dr. Thompson joined the department of Criminal Justice and Criminology in August 2008. She teaches courses on Social Inequality and Criminal Justice, the Criminal Courts in Canada, and Communities and Crime. She has published in the areas of urban violence and violence prevention, as well as on risk management and racial profiling in the post 9/11 era.*
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**Friday July 26**

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- **Steve Corcoran** (*Officer in Charge, Integrated National Security Enforcement Team in BC, RCMP*)

*Sgt. Steve Corcoran has over 22 year's service with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and is currently the Officer in Charge of the E Division Integrated National Security Enforcement Team in British Columbia. He has worked within the National Security Program for the last 10 years providing him diverse experience within both criminal operations and community outreach. He has traveled to the United Kingdom and the United States researching terrorism and throughout Canada providing training to first responders as well as the public on countering violent extremism and terrorism operations. He has a BA from SFU Burnaby, Police Leadership Certificate from Dalhousie University Halifax and Certificate in Terrorism Studies from University of St Andrew's Scotland.*

- **Susheel Gupta** (*Acting Chairperson & CEO of Canadian Human Rights Tribunal*)

*Susheel Gupta is currently on leave from the Public Prosecution Service of Canada. Prior to his current position he worked with the Department of Justice War Crimes Section while a majority of his career has been spent as a Federal Prosecutor and Computer Crime Advisor. With respect to National Security and Intelligence issues, Susheel was one of the prosecutors in Canada's first prosecution under the Anti-Terrorism Act.*

*On a more personal note, Susheel has been actively involved in issues of national security, terrorism and security. He was 12 years old when his mother was murdered when Air India Flight 182 exploded with a bomb on board. She was only 37 at the time. Since that tragic day, he has been a spokesperson for the Victims' Families Association. He was one of the key individuals who fought for a full Public Inquiry into the Air India Bombing. It was this terrorist incident and tragedy that led him to his career path.*

- **James Ellis** (*Facilitator, TSAS Summer Academy 2013*)

*James Ellis has over 15 years experience as a terrorism specialist. His primary previous affiliation was with the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT), which is funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. He joined MIPT in March 2001, became their Research and Program Director, and transitioned to a Senior Fellow in 2010 upon moving to Canada. A former Fulbright scholar, and he completed his Master's in International Security Studies at the University of St Andrews. He has served on advisory boards for the National Counterterrorism Center, the National Sheriffs' Association, the Terrorism and Disaster Center, and the Perspectives on Terrorism journal. He is now working with TSAS to establish a Kanishka-funded Canadian Terrorism Incident Database and has been serving as a consultant to TSAS.*

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