

Combined “Terrorism Expert Conference & Defence Against Terrorism – Executive Level Seminar 2025”

UNITED AGAINST TERRORISM: SECURING THE FUTURE

15 October 2025
Day One

08.30 – 09:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee	
09.00 – 09:10	COE-DAT Administration Briefing	Activity Director
09.10 – 09.20	Welcome address – COE-DAT Director	COE-DAT Director
09.20 – 09.40	Keynote Speaker	Mr. Thomas GOFFUS
09.40 – 11.00	<p>Panel 1: Horizon Scanning the Terrorist Threat: Understanding Trends in Terrorist Means, Methods and Capabilities</p> <p><u>Topics:</u> <i>“Evolving Tactics, Persistent Threat: Analyzing Latest Trends in Terrorist Modus Operandi for Future Projection”</i> – Prof. Mitat ÇELIKPALA, Kadir Has University <i>“The Impact of the Technologies Used in Russia-Ukraine War on Terrorist Capabilities”</i> - Dr. Christina SHORI LIANG, Geneva Centre for Security Policy <i>“The Sahel: NATO’s Possible Future Battlefield”</i>- Prof. János BESENYŐ, Óbuda University</p> <p><u>Q&A Session</u></p>	ACAD Panelists
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break	
11.30 – 12.45	<p>Panel 2: Blurred Lines or Clear Boundaries? Exploring the Nexus of CT, COIN and Countering Hybrid Threats (CHT)</p> <p><u>Topics:</u> <i>“CT and COIN: Overlapping Threats and Diverging Responses?”</i> – Mr. Stephen HARLEY, PhD Candidate, University of Strathclyde <i>“Understanding CT and CHT as Concepts and Operational Frameworks: Interconnected, but not Interchangeable”</i> – Prof. Sascha-Dominik Dov BACHMAN, University of Canberra <i>“Talking as Fighting: Taliban Influence Operations and the Fall of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan”</i> – Mr. Alexander PALMER- Center for International Strategic Studies (CSIS)</p> <p><u>Q&A Session</u></p>	ACAD Panelists
12.45– 14.00	Group Photo and Lunch (<i>hosted</i>)	Activity Director
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Panel 3: Integrating Multi Domain Operations (MDO) into Counter-Terrorism (CT)</p> <p><u>Topics:</u> <i>“Integrating MDO Principles into CT Strategy: A Doctrinal Shift.”</i> – BG (ret) Russel D. HOWARD- Howard Consulting Services <i>“MDO in CT: Challenges for NATO”</i> –Dr. Andrea GILLI, University of St Andrews <i>“Wargaming Counterterrorism in the MDO Environment”</i>- Mr. Jan HEINEMANN, International Kriegspiel Society</p> <p><u>Q&A Session</u></p>	ACAD Panelists
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break	
16.00 – 17.15	Round table discussion/ Wrap Up Day 1	ACAD Panelists

19.00 – 21.00	Icebreaker (<i>hosted</i>) - Mercury Hotel	COE-DAT Director Activity Director
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**16 October 2025
Day Two**

08.30 – 09.00	Welcome Coffee	
09.00 – 10.30	<p>Panel 4: Innovating Security: The Role of Technology in Counterterrorism</p> <p>Topics:</p> <p>“Digital Interventions in Online Terrorism” – Ms. Jessa MALLEA, Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT)</p> <p>“AI and Machine Learning for Terrorist Threat Detection: Policy Implications and Operational Use”- Dr. Thomas SPAHR- US Army War College</p> <p>“Game-changer in CT: AI-applied Defense Industry” – Mr. Hadrien CANTER- ALTA ERES</p> <p>Turkish Defense Industry-Mr. Sabri Anıl KAYA- Secretariat of Defence Industries- Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye</p>	ACAD Panelists
10.30 – 11.00	<p>Q&A Session</p> <p>Coffee Break</p>	
11.00-12.00	<p>Panel 5: International and Interagency Cooperation in Biometrics and Battlefield Evidence Collection in Countering Terrorism</p> <p>Topics:</p> <p>“Enhancing Military-Law Enforcement Cooperation in Collecting and Sharing Battlefield Evidence in Counterterrorism”- Col. Ecevit Özgür TAŞÇI- NATO Stability Policing COE</p> <p>“Interoperability: Sharing Biometrics Data Across Agencies and Borders” – Mr. Yaşar AKSOKU-INTERPOL</p> <p>Q&A Session</p>	ACAD Panelists
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch (<i>hosted</i>)	COE-DAT Director
13.00– 14.30	<p>Panel 6: Sharing Good Practices and Lessons Learned (LL) of NATO and NATO Member and Partner Nations in Counterterrorism</p> <p>Topics:</p> <p>“Adapting Counterinsurgency Lessons to Counterterrorism in the Sahel”- LTC Pedro CAVALEIRO- NATO Strategic Direction- South Hub</p> <p>“Turkish Fight Against Terrorism: Successes and Lessons for the Future” – Prof. Uğur GÜNGÖR, Başkent University</p> <p>“Colombian Counterterrorism Policy: Good Practices and Lessons Learned” – Mr. Mario Alberto ORTIZ BARRAGAN- Ministry of Defence of Colombia</p> <p>“Tunisian Counterterrorism Policy: Good Practices and Lessons Learned”- Maj. Adel SAOUD, Ministry of Defence of Tunisia</p> <p>Q&A Session</p>	ACAD Panelists
14.30 – 15.20	Round table discussion/ Wrap Up Day 2	ACAD Panelists
15.20 – 15.30	Closing remarks	COE-DAT Director