

George Mason University's Terrorism, Transnational Crime, and Corruption Center (TraCCC) Host:

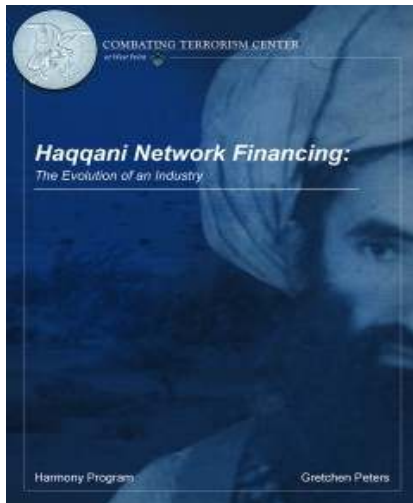
Gretchen Peters

Award Winning Journalist discusses her recently released study, Haqqani Financing Network: The Evolution of an Industry



Gretchen Peters will discuss her report on the Haqqani network, released this summer. Based on two years of research with on the ground researchers in Afghanistan and Pakistan, she examines the financial architecture of the Haqqani network. She discusses how its business resembles an organized crime group and now its illicit business side is central to an understanding of the group.

Peters is the author of *Seeds of Terror*, a ground-breaking book that traces the role the opium trade has played in three decades of conflict in Afghanistan. With the help of local reporters, she spent five years researching *Seeds of Terror*, combing through archives and surveying and interviewing Taliban fighters, smugglers, law enforcement officials, diplomats and intelligence officers.



An award-winning journalist, Peters covered Pakistan and Afghanistan for more than a decade, first for The Associated Press and later for ABC News. She has worked with other leading media outlets including The National Geographic Society, The Christian Science Monitor and The New Republic, and remains a regular commentator on NPR, CNN, BBC and numerous other radio and television programs. Peters authored a policy report on the opium trade for the U.S. Institute of Peace. She has authored chapters in leading books on Afghanistan, and studied the links between crime and insurgency in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Introduction given by Dr. Audrey Kurth Cronin, Professor at the School of Public Policy

Chaired by Dr. Louise Shelley, Director of TraCCC

Date: Wednesday, September 12th, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Location: Room 113, Founders Hall

3351 Fairfax Drive

Arlington, VA 22201

***Please Bring Lunch, Beverages Will Be Provided
To RSVP, Please contact Caitlin Kurylo at traccc@gmu.edu or 703-993-9757***