

**The Turkish Institute for Security and Democracy
PRESENTS**

**The Crime-Terror Nexus: Perspectives and Lessons Learned
from International Researchers and Practitioners**

Hosted by
**George Mason University's
Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC)**

Monday, May 3rd, 2010 Program

8:30-9:00 Registration and Coffee, Room 329, Original Building, Arlington Campus

9:00-9:15 Opening Remarks

Louise Shelley, Director of TraCCC, will make Introduction of Speakers and Event

Police Commissioner Osman Capali, Deputy Chief of Turkish National Police
Deputy Commissioner Ismail Ozturk, Director of TADOC (Turkish Academy on Drugs and Organized Crime)
Deputy Commissioner Hasan Karaca, Director of Graduate Study Abroad, General Coordinator for Turkish
National Police study program in the US)

Panel 1 9:15-10:45 Terrorist Financing

Louise Shelley, Chair, Professor, SPP, George Mason University and Director of TraCCC

Sharon Melzer, PhD Candidate, American University “Turkey's Crime-Terror Nexus: The PKK's Involvement
in Counterfeit and Contraband Cigarette Smuggling”

Ozcan Ozkan, PhD Candidate, Rutgers University, “Unraveling the Skein: The PKK and Money Laundering”

Mitchel P. Roth, Professor of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston University “Countering PKK Fundraising in the
21st Century: Some Lessons and Recommendations”

Coffee Break: 10:45-11:15

Panel 2 11:15-12:45 Terrorism and Organized Crime

Chair: Sally Stoecker, Consultant, Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center

Louise Shelley, Professor and Director, Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center, George Mason
University, “The Diversity of Crime that Funds Terrorism”

Jana Arsovska, Assistant Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, “Fueling Nationalism through
Organized Crime? The cases of PKK, KLA and ANA in Europe”

Mahmut Cengiz, PhD Candidate, George Mason University, “Smuggling in the Turkish and Iraqi, Syrian and
Iranian Borders and Terrorist Financing”

Lunch: 12:45-1:45

Panel 3 1:45- 3:15 Drugs and Terrorism

Chair:

Ravshanbek Nazarov, Deputy Director of Enforcement Operations of the Presidential Drug Control Agency of Tajikistan, “The Drug Control Agency under the President of Tajikistan”

Mirzoumar Umarov, Senior Officer in the Department to Combat Organized Crime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Tajikistan

Mark Galeotti, Academic Chair and Clinical Associate Professor, Center for Global Affairs, New York University, “Narcotics Trafficking Networks in Europe: Turkish and other Gateways into Europe”

Behsat Ekici, PhD Candidate, University of Pittsburgh, “PKK and Kurdish Drug Networks: Cooperation, Convergence or Conflict?”

Break: 3:15-3:30

Panel 4 3:30-5:00 Participation in Terrorism

Chair: Mahmut Cengiz, PhD Candidate, School of Public Policy, George Mason University

Murat Ozer, PhD Candidate, University of Cincinnati, “Analysis of PKK Participation Within the Social Context of Turkey”

Derin Akdeniz, PhD Candidate, Rutgers University, "Child Recruitment in Violent Protests by the PKK"

Serdar Bayraktutan, Major in Turkish National Police, Istanbul Anti-Terror Section, “New Techniques against Terrorist Groups: The Disengagement of Terrorists”

Nadir Gergin, PhD Candidate, Virginia Commonwealth University, “How do Terrorist Organizations Exploit Elections to Increase Participation: The PKK Case”