The Geography of Terrorism

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TraCCC is pleased to host a talk by Dr. Richard Medina, who will discuss the new book *The Geography of International Terrorism: An Introduction to Spaces and Places of Violent Non-State Groups* (CRC Press, 2013), of which he is co-author (with George F. Hepner).

This important new work argues that, while geography is not the only factor to shape human behavior, its influence on terrorists’ motivations, behaviors, options, and activities is a primary consideration in understanding terrorism.

Taking a different approach from that of many other books on terrorism, *The Geography of International Terrorism: An Introduction to Spaces and Places of Violent Non-State Groups* presents an accessible, cross-disciplinary approach to managing terrorism on a global scale. The authors articulate the role of physical and human geography in terrorist ideology, operations, haven formation, and control.

An expert on Geographic Information Science and spatial analysis. Dr. Medina conducts research on terrorist activity spaces and sociogeographic organizational structures. His recent focus has been on global terrorist networks and activities in Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Northern Africa, and the United States.

Introduction given by Dr. Louise Shelley, Director of TraCCC

Date: Friday, May 17th, 2013, 12:00-1:30pm
Location: Room 113, Founders Hall
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Arlington, VA 22201
(Virginia Square Metro Stop)

Attendees are welcome to bring lunch; beverages will be provided
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