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## The Science of Countering Terrorism: Psychological Perspectives

One of the most important aspects in preventing terrorist activity is addressing the human dimension that underlies extremist behavior. What are the psychological roots of terrorism? What social and psychological factors lead some people to commit violent terrorist acts? And importantly, are there opportunities to change human behavior to prevent these acts of violence?

In this Science Café, two internationally recognized scholars, [Fathali Moghaddam](#) (Georgetown University) and [Ian McGregor](#) (York University, Toronto), will describe their research on the underpinnings of extremist behavior. Together the researchers will describe the macro-level social and psychological processes that under-

lie extremism and the “staircase” to terrorist activity as well as more micro-level social neuroscience mechanisms that explain zealous reactions to perceived psychological threats.

Improving our understanding of the human dimension of this global problem will aid in creating sound policies that reduce the threat of terrorist activity and help to counter terrorism around the world.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation, and we invite you to participate.

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**DATE**

**September 25, 2008**

**6:30pm**

(lecture begins at 6:45pm)  
Reception to follow

**LOCATION**

**Newseum**

**Knight Conference Center  
7th Floor**

555 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

*Please use 6th Street  
Freedom Forum entrance*

*Archives-Navy Memorial  
Metro Station*

**ADMISSION**

**Free with RSVP**

Includes light refreshments

**SPEAKERS**



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