Transnational terrorism has become one of the major global threats of the 21st century. The countries of North America and Europe feel particularly vulnerable and exposed. Attempts to agree on a sober transatlantic policy to deal with transnational terrorism have been made for quite a few years. So far, however, the transatlantic allies have not been able to develop a united and comprehensive strategy toward transnational terrorism. Confronting Al-Qaida was difficult enough. The rise of the Islamic State (IS), Boko Haram, Al-Shabaab and similar organizations and the bloodshed in, for instance, Syria, Yemen, Iraq, Afghanistan as well as homegrown terrorism have confronted policy makers with increasingly complex issues.

This conference considers the manifold challenges involved when dealing with transnational terrorism. Understanding the nature of the threat, after all, is of crucial importance to contain and perhaps even to eradicate it in the years to come. Our distinguished and experienced participants from academia and the policymaking world in the U.S. and Europe assess the situation and offer solutions for finding a comprehensive transatlantic approach to counter the threat of transnational terrorism. Among the many important issues to be discussed is the challenge of finding a balance between observing democratic values, norms and laws and the demand for the use of rather authoritarian and hardline counter-terrorism measures.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017
UNC-Chapel Hill, Wilson Library,
Pleasants Family Assembly Room

4:30P RECEPTION

5:00P WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
John Stephens (Director, UNC-CH Center for European Studies)
Rudi Colloredo-Mansfeld (Senior Associate Dean for Social Sciences and Global Programs, UNC-CH)
Klaus Larres (UNC-CH Dept. of History)

5:30P KEYNOTE
Bruce Hoffman (Georgetown University)
Transatlantic Alliance and Terrorism: Aligning Responses and Cooperation to Threats and Challenges

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017
UNC-Chapel Hill, FedEx Global Education Center, Room 4003

8:30A WELCOME COFFEE AND RECEPTION

9:15A WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
Klaus Larres (UNC-CH)
Tobias Hof (UNC-CH)

9:30A PANEL I: THE TERRORIST THREAT
Chair: Holger Moroff (UNC-CH)

Martin A. Miller (Duke University)
From the Greensboro Massacre (1979) to the War on Terror (2000): The Dynamics of Entangled Political Violence

Cori E. Dauber (UNC-CH)
Terrorism and Visual Propaganda in the Online Space

Deborah Weissman (UNC-CH)
Holding North Carolina Accountable for Extraordinary Rendition and Torture

11:30 LUNCH BREAK

1:00P PANEL II: FOREIGN POLICY, MILITARY OPERATIONS AND ANTI-TERRORISM
Chair: Richard Kohn (UNC-CH)

Warren Chin (King’s College, London)
Britain’s and Europe’s Paradoxical War against Daesh

Bruce Jentleson (Duke University)
Counterproductive Diplomacy: US Counter-Terrorism Strategy in the Middle East

3:00P COFFEE BREAK

3:30P PANEL III: DOMESTIC REACTION TO TERRORISM - DIFFERENCES, SIMILARITIES AND COOPERATION
Chair: Michael Morgan (UNC-CH)

Farah Pandith (Council on Foreign Relations & Harvard University)
How We Win: Reshaping Our Non-Kinetic Approach in the US, Europe and Around the World

Peter O’Brien (Trinity College)
Counter-Terrorism in the EU

David Schanzer (Duke University)
The Troubled Debate Over Programs to Preventing Radicalization to Violence in the U.S. and Europe

5:30P LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

6:00P ROUNDTABLE: HOW CAN WE DEAL WITH THE TERRORIST THREAT?
Participants:
Sarah L. Desmarais (NC State University)
Peter Eltsov (National Defence University)
Robert Jenkins (UNC-CH)
Richard Kohn (UNC-CH)
Klaus Larres (UNC-CH)
Maren Brooks (Former Senior Director, NSC)
Information Gathering and Sharing: U.S. and European Approaches, Opportunities and Challenges