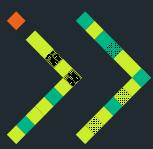




SOCIETY FOR TERRORISM RESEARCH

17th Annual International Conference

7th – 8th July 2025



CALL FOR PAPERS



Conference Theme: *The Future of Terrorism Research in a Multi-Crisis World*

The Society for Terrorism Research (STR), the School of Law and Social Sciences at Royal Holloway, University of London and the Conflict, Violence and Terrorism Research Centre (CVTRC) are delighted to announce the Call for Papers for the 2025 STR Annual International Conference.

In an era of global conflict, great power rivalry, state violence, polarisation and political volatility, this conference aims to consider both the *raison d'être* and future of terrorism research in the context of overlapping global crises. Participants are invited to identify the key evolving topics and debates of this multi-crisis era, particularly in light of emerging hybrid terrorist ideologies and terrorist use of technological innovation and AI. In the process we hope to identify new and emerging research agendas, synergies and collaborations, in addition to showcasing cutting-edge research.

This call is open to researchers and practitioners alike and is held in-person only.

All proposals need to be submitted [HERE](#) by April 11th, 2025. If you have any questions about this event, please contact the organising team via email at STR2025@rhul.ac.uk

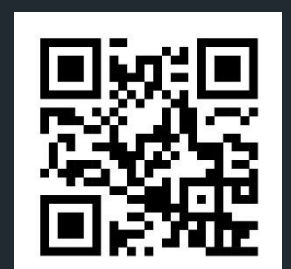


All proposals must include:

- *Author/Presenter Name(s)*
- *Affiliation*
- *Email Address(es)*
- *Title and Abstract (Maximum 200 words)*

Biographical Information and the Abstract provided will be published in the conference programme *unless requested otherwise*.

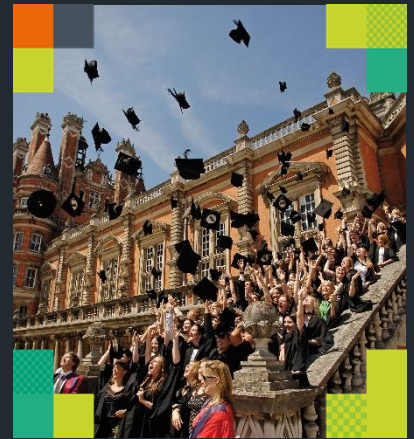
Proposals for paper presentations, panels, and symposia will be considered for inclusion in the programme if they are received by April 11th, 2025.



Student Paper Contest

The organising committee wishes to promote the work of post-graduate students (MA/MSc/PhD) in the area of terrorism research. All paper presentations submitted by graduate students will therefore be eligible for the award of Best Student Paper. The winner will have the written paper published in the journal of *Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression*. A committee comprising of the STR Governing Board members, editors of the journal, and selected specialists will make the award decision.

The author(s) must initially submit an abstract by the general submission date of April 11th, 2025. At the time of abstract submission, they must indicate that they wish their paper to be considered for the Student Paper Contest. It is only after their abstract is accepted that competition entrants should send a full paper to the conference organisers. All the papers eligible for consideration must be submitted by June 27th, 2025. This paper must comply with the author guidelines for the journal.



Eligibility

To be eligible for the Student Paper Contest we require the primary author to present their paper at the Conference. The primary author should be a current post-graduate student studying through a third-level institution.

Alternatively, they must have successfully completed their graduate studies by January 1st, 2025.

This competition is not open to current undergraduate students.



About the Conference

STR 2025 is held on the 20th anniversary of the 7/7 London transport attacks. While, as then, jihadist ideologies remain a global challenge, much else has changed. We live in an era of global conflict, great power rivalry, state violence, polarisation, political volatility, and a post-Covid age of conspiracy theory and lack of trust in government. We face hybrid terrorist ideologies and the use of technological innovation and AI. This conference therefore challenges delegates to consider the key evolving topics and debates of this multi-crisis era.

Hosted at Royal Holloway's picturesque Egham campus, the 2025 conference promises to be a memorable event. Royal Holloway, University of London (RHUL) is a leading research university. It is home to academics with a range of expertise in terrorism studies, including the psychology of terrorism, history of terrorism, critical approaches to terrorism, definitions of terrorism and gender and terrorism. RHUL also offers the *MSc in Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Studies*, and hosts the *Conflict, Violence and Terrorism Research Centre* co-directed by Dr. Akil Awan and Dr. Elizabeth Pearson.

For those who wish to attend and present at the conference the key dates to put in your diaries are:

- **April 11th: Abstracts due**
- **April 30th: Notification of Acceptance**
- **May 24th: Early Bird Registration Ends**
- **June 6th: Registration Deadline**
- **June 27th: Student Paper full submission deadline**

All conference abstracts should be submitted [HERE](#). Queries should be sent via email to STR2025@rhul.ac.uk. For all the most up to date information about the conference please follow the conference X account [@STR_Conf](#) and Bluesky [@socterres.bsky.social](#)

Please submit panels or symposia using the submission link. For panels, convenors should add the names of presenters, their institutional affiliation, email addresses, paper titles and abstracts, for up to 4 papers. For symposia, moderators should add names of participants, their institutional affiliation, email addresses and an outline of the topic to be discussed.

The RHUL organizing team, Elizabeth Pearson, Akil Awan and Ieva Čechavičiūtė are looking forward to receiving your proposals and welcoming you to Royal Holloway, University of London in July 2025.