

National Europe Centre Seminar Series – Roundtable

THE ISLAMIST TERRORIST PROJECT Differences between the West and the Muslim world

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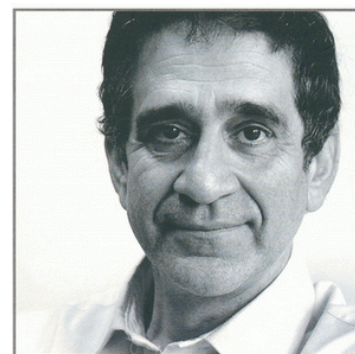
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Abstract: There are major differences between the European Jihadists and the Middle Eastern ones. These differences are related to the culture, the political situation and the economic situation of the Jihadists. These differences make the meaning of Jihadism different in these two worlds, in spite of the globalization that relates them together and makes the boundaries fuzzy between them. The aim of this roundtable is to give an account of the differences and the major features of each of them in regard to recruitment and their respective attitude to ideology and cultural issues, such as the future of multiculturalism in Europe.

Biography: Farhad Khosrokhavar is Professor at Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris, France. His main field of study is Islam in Europe, with particular reference to radical forms of religion and Iranian society after the Islamic revolution. His latest publications include: *Quand Al Qaeda Parle: témoignages derrière les barreaux*, Grasset, Paris, 2006 ; *Muslims in Prison: A Comparative Perspective between Great Britain and France* (with James Beckford et Danièle Joly), Palgrave, London, 2005; and *Suicide Bombers, The New Martyrs of Allah*, Pluto Press, Michigan University Press, 2005. His current projects are: *The Youth in the Holy City of Qom in Iran*, to be published 2009; *Jihadi Terrorism* for a sociological collection of Yale University, to be published in 2008.



Professor Khosrokhavar's visit to Australia is an initiative of, and coordinated by, the Monash European and EU Centre at Monash University. His lecture series in Australia is co-hosted by Islam Node, ARC APFRN, the National Europe Centre, the Innovative Universities Europe Centre, the International Asia Pacific Institute at Flinders University and the French Embassy in Australia.

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