National security and terrorism issues now occupy center stage in our nation and in much of the world. Although security concerns have arisen periodically throughout our history, the “global war on terrorism” and a range of vexing threats to national and international security now present unparalleled challenges to our legal and policy-making systems. The Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism (INSCT), a joint enterprise of the College of Law and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, is uniquely situated to address these challenges. Bringing together academics, current and former practitioners, and graduate students from a range of disciplines, INSCT supports the interdisciplinary study of important questions of law and policy related to national and international security and counterterrorism. It does this through educational programs, scholarly research, and public service. This report notes INSCT’s progress and accomplishments over the course of the 2007-2008 academic year and its plans for the future.

This report is divided into the following subsections:
I. INSCT’s Mission
II. Educational Programs
III. Events
IV. Research
V. Public Service
VI. Administration
VII Plans for 2008-09
I. MISSION

INSCT builds on existing expertise and strengths of the faculty and the University, joining law and policy to address important issues related to national and international security and counterterrorism. Faculty affiliated with INSCT from the College of Law, the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, and from other colleges and institutions bring expertise in military planning and operations, global counterterrorism and arms control, counter-proliferation policy, diplomacy and international relations, terrorist methods and psychology, history, law, communication, anthropology, and economics.

Of course, real progress in today’s security environment requires active participation in the global security community. In the fall of 2005, Syracuse University’s Maxwell School and INSCT partnered with the Interdisciplinary Center’s Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy and its academic center, the Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), in Herzliya, Israel. As the principal entities responsible for activities that relate directly to counter-terrorism and homeland security, ICT and INSCT are developing collaborative research and educational programs. In keeping with this principle of international collaboration, INSCT intends to develop partnerships with other universities in the region.

While maintaining its national security and counterterrorism focus, INSCT’s substantive areas of concentration have evolved to include issues of both international scope – the laws of armed conflict – and local application – the homeland security efforts conducted in New York State.

II. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

National Security and Counterterrorism Law Certificate
Certificate of Advanced Study in Security Studies
Foreign Study Program at the Institute for Counter-Terrorism, Herzliya, Israel
Student Association on Terrorism and Security Analysis (SATSA)

Of its main areas of operation, INSCT’s greatest strength lies in its provision of educational programs. INSCT administers two certificates - one for law students and one for graduate students. In addition, as part of the Maxwell/INSCT partnership with
IDC and ICT, INSCT established a summer foreign study program in Israel, now in its third year. Ten graduate and law students will participate in this program in the 2008 summer session. INSCT also supports independent student endeavors by co-sponsoring the Student Association on Terrorism and Security Analysis (SATSA).

**National Security and Counterterrorism Law Certificate.** Offered since 2003, the fifteen-credit National Security and Counterterrorism Law Certificate requires students to take two base courses addressing national security law generally, and three elective courses which focus on different aspects of national and international security law and policy. Additionally, students must submit a research paper of at least 25 pages on a related topic of national security or counterterrorism. Current base course offerings include:

- **National Security Law** (two sections of this course were taught in the fall 2007 semester)
- **Counterterrorism and the Law,**
- **Perspectives on Terrorism,** and
- the **National Security and Counterterrorism Research Center** (a research and writing course).

Electives include law courses such as *Prosecuting Terrorists in Article III Courts, International Law, International Human Rights,* and *Law of Armed Conflict,* and graduate courses such as *International Security, Homeland Security,* and *Responding to Proliferation of WMDs.*

In 2008, twenty-three students graduated with a National Security and Counterterrorism Law Certificate. To date, this is the largest group of students to graduate from the law school with the certificate in national security, and it brings the total of law certificates awarded since 2004 to eighty-three.

Certificate graduates are currently working for such agencies as the Central Intelligence Agency Office of General Counsel; the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Counterintelligence Division; U.S. Customs and Border Patrol General Counsel; the Institute for Defense Analysis; Defense Intelligence Agency; U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and Army and Navy JAG.
2008 National Security and Counterterrorism Law Certificate graduates
From left to right: (front row): Keli Perrin, INSCT Asst. Director, Manish Pradhan, Jennifer Holtz, MacKay Tolboe, Catherine Baker, Jeffrey Rosenthal, Rafiel Warfield, INSCT Director William Banks (back row): Justin Huffman, Jonathan Panikoff, Paul Dimoh, Sarah LaBelle, Nelson Mendes, Stephanie Gonzalez, Michael Messinger, Meghen Pitts, Steven Porzio.

Not pictured: Naureen Anwar, Amanda Brown, Jacqueline McCain, Divya Pakkiasamy, Eric Sawyer, Brent Surgeoner, Shrikant Vardhan, Onechuel Wu

Certificate of Advanced Study in Security Studies. This was the third year of the twelve-credit Certificate of Advanced Study in Security Studies. In 2008, thirty graduate students earned the certificate. These students included:

- seven from the masters of public administration program
- three from the executive masters of public administration program,
- nine from the masters of international relations (IR) program
- three earning masters in both international relations and public administration,
- one earning a doctor of philosophy in history,
- three earning both a masters of arts in public administration and juris doctorate, and two earning a masters of international relations and a juris doctorate.
- one from the joint Public Diplomacy/IR program
• one earning a dual degree in IR and economics

To earn the certificate, students must take four courses: two foundation base courses which address issues of national and international security policy, history, and law; and two elective courses which focus on a range of more specific security issues. The current base course offerings include:

• *U.S. National Security and Foreign Policy* (public administration and political science),
• *International Security* (public administration),
• *Comparative Civil-Military Relations* (political science),
• *National Security Law* (law),
• *Homeland Security: Federal Policy and Implementation Challenges* (public administration), and
• *History of International Relations* (2007-2008 AY only)

Electives cover such topics as the asymmetric uses of force, nuclear proliferation, international organizations, peacekeeping, crisis management, and foreign policy. These courses are offered in a range of departments including public administration, international relations, political science, history, law, anthropology, communication, and business administration.

The *Perspectives on Terrorism* course is a prime example of INSCT’s unique, interdisciplinary approach to security studies. The course is cross listed in three departments and engages faculty and students from the disciplines of law, political science, history, and public administration. This course was offered in the Spring 2008 semester, and was taught by law professor David Crane, political science professor Michael Barkun, and history professor David Bennett.

Maxwell Dean Mitchel Wallerstein and INSCT Assistant Director Keli Perrin developed a new course on homeland security which was taught for the first time during the spring 2008 semester. This course, “Homeland Security: Federal Policy and Implementation Challenges,” was offered through the public administration department, but drew students from a number of disciplines including law, public administration and international security. The course will be taught again in spring 2009.

* This course and approach are described by Professor Banks in his article, “Teaching and Learning About Terrorism,” which was published in the fall 2005 Journal of Legal Education – see [http://insct.syr.edu/Programs.htm](http://insct.syr.edu/Programs.htm).
Certificate graduates are currently working for such agencies as the U.S Department of State Division of Arms Control, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s section for Intelligence and Analysis, the Open Source Center at the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2008 Certificate of Advance Study in Security Studies Graduates
From left to right (front row): Marcie Hawranik, Natalya Grokh, Kerry Hyre, Ashley Volkmar, Manish Pradhan, Professor Renee de Nevers (back row): INSCT Director William Banks, Oliver Koch, Reza Sinsuat, Andrew Jesmain, Hamid Saboory, Nicholas Psyhos, Joseph Nosse, Jonathan Panikoff, Nicholas Armstrong

Not pictured: Erin Cole, Teara Collins, Edward Cox, Austin Cusak, Marie Claude Francour, Martin Gutman, Eric Kempen, Christopher Lee, Alexander Millington, Soudeh Motamed, Eric Oddo, Nina Popel, Andrew Stegmaier, Edward Ian Swallow, Daniel Wears

Faculty and Courses. These certificate programs are made possible through the efforts of over twenty faculty members from the Maxwell School and the College of Law who teach courses addressing security related topics. Adding to the esteemed faculty this year, INSCT was fortunate to host David Tal, a Schusterman Visiting Professor in Israel Studies, through a grant with the American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise. He taught the following courses during the 2006-07 and 2007-08 academic years which counted as electives towards the INSCT certificates: The Arab-Israeli Conflict, Israel’s National Security, A History of Nuclear Disarmament, and the Palestinian/Jewish Conflict. These courses were cross listed in the history, international relations and political science departments.
INSCT also will continue to expand our program offerings to certificate students. This year we look forward to contributions from Visiting Professor of Law, William Snyder, as well as Miriam and Colin Elman, newly hired Political Science Maxwell faculty.

**Foreign Study Program at the Institute for Counter-Terrorism.** In accordance with the memorandum of agreement between the Maxwell School and the Lauder School of Government of the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya, Israel, this is the third year of the graduate student summer foreign study program at the Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) in Herzliya. The program includes two academic components: research and coursework. The research component requires students to either provide research assistance to an ICT faculty member or researcher (the internship model) or conduct independent research under the supervision of an ICT faculty member or researcher (the independent study research model). ICT faculty members and researchers have expertise in almost all aspects of terrorism and counter-terrorism. The coursework component consists of ICT’s three-week executive education program which is composed of six courses addressing the phenomenon of modern terrorism and Israel’s experience in responding to this challenge. Depending on their interests and degree program requirements, students can select the combination of coursework and research that best suits their needs and interests. They also can earn academic credit for this work depending on the requirements of their degree program.

With assistance from Syracuse University alumnus, Gerald Cramer, who is providing a stipend to cover the cost of travel and lodging, this summer ten students are participating in the program. As this program is being offered to all law and Maxwell students, the participating students are pursuing degrees in international relations, law, history, public administration, economics, and public diplomacy. This year’s group includes two law students, one MPA student, two MPA/IR students, one EMPA student, and four IR students.

**Student Association on Terrorism and Security Analysis (SATSA).** Student interest in the security field is also demonstrated by the campus activity of the Student Association on Terrorism and Security Analysis (SATSA). SATSA defines itself as an international, interdisciplinary graduate student association dedicated to the critical analysis of terrorism, counterterrorism policy, and national and international security issues. Now in its fourth year, SATSA has in the range of 100 student members, including students from a wide range of disciplines. SATSA sponsors lectures and debates by outside experts, SU faculty, and students. It also organizes an annual spring student conference during which students from multiple universities are invited to present their research and have their papers published in the SATSA journal. The
INSCT is a proud sponsor of SATSA, providing administrative and advisory support for its events. With the growing student interest in the national security field, INSCT partnered this year with SATSA to co-host weekly “Meet & Greets.” These are informal gatherings and opportunities to network and socialize with students and faculty members throughout Syracuse University who share a common interest in the study of international and national security issues. Featured guests this past year included INSCT Director Professor William Banks and other INSCT faculty such as Professor David Crane, Professor Renée deNevers, Professor David Van Slyke, Professor William Snyder, William Smullen, Director of Maxwell School’s National Security Studies Program, and the Honorable Jack Tomarchio, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, DHS. The turnout of students has been outstanding. Popular topics of discussion during these events have ranged from security contractors in Iraq and international humanitarian rights to national security career planning strategies. Through the Meet & Greets, INSCT and SATSA are working to promote a sense of community among students and staff, fostering campus dialogue on these important issues.

**Career Assistance.** Although not part of the core academic mission, INSCT assists certificate students in pursuing careers in the security field by working with the College of Law Career Services, the Maxwell Career and Alumni Services, the National Security Studies Program at the Maxwell School, alumni, and practitioners in the field. This year INSCT co-sponsored or sponsored several presentations on national security careers and several informal networking events. These included presentations by National Security Studies Director, Colonel Bill Smullen (ret.) and JAG attorneys from Fort Drum. INSCT regularly e-mails job announcements and general career information to certificate students and alumni, and regularly posts this information on its website.

### III. EVENTS

In support of its more formal education programs, INSCT sponsors and co-sponsors a range of educational events including lectures, panel discussions, conferences, workshops, and seminars. These events supplement classroom learning and promote an innovative research agenda.
2007-2008 CONFERENCE
“New Battlefields/Old Laws”

On October 7-8, 2007, INSCT sponsored a symposium entitled, “New Battlefields/Old Laws” to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of The Hague Rules of 1907 and to further its ongoing research project that reexamines the application of the laws of armed conflict in asymmetric warfare. Held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., this conference brought together an international team of scholars, government officials and human rights experts, including INSCT faculty Professors David Crane, Renée de Nevers and Maxwell Dean Mitchel Wallerstein. Other internationally recognized experts in attendance included ICT Director Boaz Ganor, Greg Rose, Col. Daniel Reisner, Irwin Cotler, Michael Scharf, Ruth Wedgwood, and James Ross.

Moderators Robert Siegel of National Public Radio’s “All Things Considered” and Tom Ricks of the Washington Post and author of Fiasco: The American Military Adventure in Iraq facilitated discussion on topics such as how asymmetric conflicts present new challenges in providing rules to limit warfare, how new rules can be used to limit these conflicts between states and non-state entities, and the challenges associated with implementing these reforms.

“New Battlefields/Old Laws” is an ongoing, multi-year research project. Further details about the project are provided in the research section of this document.

2007-08 LECTURES AND PANEL DISCUSSION TOPICS

In the 2008-2008 academic year INSCT sponsored, co-sponsored, promoted numerous security related events on campus.

The Iraq War and the Breakdown of the American System – Tom Ricks
A Tour of Duty as a Lawyer and a Soldier – David Everett
The Forgotten War: Engagement and Disengagement in Afghanistan – JAG officers
Outsourcing Sovereignty: Why Privatization of Government Functions Threatens Democracy and What We Can Do About It – Paul Verkuil
The Bombing of PamAm 103: The Last Major Aviation Liability Trial
And the Settlement with Libya – James Kreindler
Jack Tomarchio, Dep. Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, DHS
Rule of Law in an Age of Terrorism – Congressman Ron Klein
IV. RESEARCH

NEW BATTLEFIELDS/OLD LAWS PROJECT

INSCT launched this important international research project late in 2006 with the approaching of the 100 year anniversary of The Hague Rules of 1907, one of the first formal steps to regulate combat. Recent armed conflicts have made it clear that a re-examination of the policies and laws for the conduct of armed conflict is required. Toward that end, INSCT joined with the Institute for Counter Terrorism (ICT) at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) in Herzliya, Israel, to address these considerable challenges. The objectives of the "New Battlefields, Old Laws" project are, first, to offer a restatement of the laws of armed conflict that accommodate asymmetric warfare; second, to suggest policies that can inform successful strategies and tactics for combating this form of combat; and third, to consider the human rights dimensions of the purposeful use of non-combatants as a shield and civilian areas as safe sanctuary for combatants and the storage of military weapons.

On October 8, 2007, INSCT hosted a major conference in Washington, D.C. INSCT will continue this work through a series of conference and workshops. First, INSCT will host a workshop during the annual ICT Counterterrorism Conference in Herzylia, Israel on September 10, 2008. The format will be two panels; one focusing on threshold status determinations involving non-state actors; the second focusing on special problems in applying the laws of armed conflict, including private security contractors and child soldiers. INSCT intends to publish the scholarly papers developed as part of the workshop.

Two additional workshops/conferences currently in the planning stages are the Muslim Scholars Conference, possibly to be held between November and February in Los Angeles; and Constabulary Forces/Post-Conflict Reconstruction tentatively scheduled for April or May 2009. For further information on the New Battlefields/Old Laws project, please visit our website at: http://insct.syr.edu/Battlefields/Battlefields.htm.
FACULTY RESEARCH

While INSCT faculty are regular, individual contributors to scholarship in this field, INSCT is proud of its recent interdisciplinary offering, *Combating Terrorism: Strategies and Approaches*, a book by William C. Banks, Dean Mitchel B. Wallerstein, and Professor Renée de Nevers.

Following is a listing of works published/guest speaking engagements during the 2007-2008 academic year.

**Professor William C. Banks (Law and Public Administration):**

**Books and book chapters**


Presentations


Lecture: SU Parents Weekend. Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, November 9, 2007.

Panelist: SU Scholarship in Action symposium. Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, November 2, 2007.


Lecture: “Constitution and the War on Terror.” Lecture to Newhouse School media class, Syracuse University, October 15, 2007.


Professor David Crane (Law)

Books and Monographs


Editor, Cases and Materials on Legal Aspects of Future War. 1996.

Chapters in Books

“Dancing with the Devil: Prosecuting West Africa’s Warlords: current lessons learned and challenges.” In Atrocities and International Accountability (Edel...
Articles in Law Reviews and Other Scholarly Journals

Book Review

Miscellaneous Works


Professor Michael Barkun (Political Science)
Articles and Book Chapters
(2008).


Papers, Presentations and Conferences
“UFOs, Conspiracy and the Occult: The Strange Case of Sister Thedra.” Center for the Study of Religion Lecture Series, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. November 6, 2007.

Professor Renée de Nevers (Public Administration)
Co-Aauthored Book

Articles
“Private Security Companies and the Laws of War.” (under review)

“(Self) Regulating War? Voluntary Regulation and the Private Security Industry.” (under review)

Conference Papers:
“NATO and the War on Terror.” Moynihan European Research Center Newsletter. Moynihan Institute, Syracuse University, Vol. 3(1), Fall/Winter 2007-08.

Professor Bruce Dayton (Political Science/International Relations)

Publications:

Forthcoming publications:


Professor Robert Rubinstein (Anthropology)

Articles

“Structural Violence, Urban Retail Food Markets, and Low Birth Weight.” Health and Place. 2008 (with Sandra D. Lane, Robert Keefe, Brooke A. Levandowski, Noah Webster, Donald A. Cibula, Adwoa K. Boahene, Olabisi Dele-Michael, Darlene Carter, Tanika Jones, Martha A. Wojtowycz and Jessica Brill).


Books and Monographs

Book Chapters

“Culture and Conflict: An Anthropological Perspective.” In Encyclopedia of

**Professor David Van Slyke (Public Administration)**

**Publications**


**Reports and Editorials**

“Good Intentions, Bad Idea: Unlike the military institutes, the public service Academy concept is flawed from the start.” *Government Executive*, 39 (14): 92-93 2007 (with Alasdair Roberts).

**Invited Presentations**


“Strategic Planning for Local Government Leaders.” Presentation to the


Recent Conference Paper Presentations
Contracting: Lessons in Contract Management from the Department of Homeland Security’s Secure Border Initiative.”

Professor Brian D. Taylor (Political Science)

**Articles**


**Conference Papers**


**Monographs**

“Russia’s Power Ministries: Coercion and Commerce.” (Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, Syracuse University, 2007)

**Presentations, Invited Talks**


**STUDENT RESEARCH**

Several INSCT student volunteers assisted in the development of an ongoing study aimed at examining local emergency response networks in Central New York through the application of social network analysis. This research was prompted by the fact that both disaster planning and response are often hindered by the lack of understanding about response partners. By examining the relationships of members in the network and comparing them to their response plan, students hope to measure how closely practice matches government plans. This study will provide policy makers with a more comprehensive structure of the local emergency response network for the future.
Led by Nicholas Armstrong, the students prepared a white paper titled, “Social Networks, Collaboration, and Disaster Planning: A Practical Study for Local Emergency Managers” to build community support for this project and the eventual field work required to complete the study in the coming 2008-2009 academic year. These students are currently working with Maxwell Professor Tom Dennison, Dr. Robert Kanter of SUNY Upstate Medical Center, Professor William Banks, and INSCT Assistant Director Keli Perrin.

V. PUBLIC SERVICE

Since its founding, INSCT has sought to develop relationships with federal, state, and local agencies and institutions to provide public service in such areas as emergency preparedness and response, and homeland security. For example, Professor William Banks has personally provided public service by consulting with government officials regarding the legal parameters for employing U.S. military during disasters such as Hurricane Katrina. On June 5, 2007, he testified before the Committee on Education and Labor at the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions hearing entitled “Ensuring Collective Bargaining Rights for First Responders” at the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition, he and Keli Perrin have worked to develop public service projects that can be carried out by students both in the National Security and Counterterrorism Research Center and the Masters of Public Administration Workshop course.

In addition to representing INSCT and Syracuse University at scholarly events, Professor Banks participates in a number of collaborative national security projects. He is a member of ICT’s International Advisory Board. Professor Banks also serves on a new task force to study U.S. homeland security architecture and activities, which is sponsored jointly by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and The Heritage Foundation. The findings of this task force will be provided as advice to the new administration. INSCT Director William Banks also is organizing a panel discussion entitled “National Security Law Advice to the New Administration,” which will be presented at the January 2009 annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in San Diego, on January 8, 2009.

Since its establishment, INSCT has contributed to Congressional efforts in homeland security through four MPA workshops conducted for the House Homeland Security Committee under the leadership of Professor Banks. In the summer of 2005, students wrote a report entitled “Legal Controls on Explosive Materials.” Their report was used by the Committee in drafting H.R. 3197, the Secure Handling of Ammonium
Nitrate Act of 2006, which would authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to regulate the handling and purchasing of Ammonium Nitrate through supplier and consumer registration to prevent its use in acts of terrorism. In the summer of 2006, students submitted the report “Are We Ready: A Practical Examination of the Strategic National Stockpile in Response to Public Health Crises.” Public interest work resumed in the summer of 2007 with the project entitled “Chemical Security in New Jersey: An Overview of Planning, Information Sharing, and Response.”

This spring, six MPA students again worked with the House Homeland Security Committee. This year’s project, “Security America’s Passenger Rails: Analyzing Current Challenges and Future Solutions” examined the effectiveness of different screening technologies for passengers on rail and mass transit.

In the fall of 2008, INSCT will sponsor a panel discussion in support the University’s plan to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the bombing of Pan Am 103.

VI. ADMINISTRATION

Since INSCT’s founding its core staff has grown from a staff of two (Director and Office Coordinator) to a staff of three (Director, Assistant Director, and Administrative Assistant) with a Senior Faculty Advisor, four part time student assistants, and an undergraduate work study. In July 2008, Nicholas Armstrong will join the INSCT staff as a National Security Fellow. Nick has just completed his MPA at The Maxwell School, as well as earning a Certificate of Advanced Study in Security Studies. This fall, he will begin work on his PhD in the Social Sciences program at Maxwell.

Since the fall of 2005, seven experts have become affiliated with INSCT as Research and Practice Associates. While not paid staff, these experts bring additional academic and practical subject matter expertise to the Institute which enrich and advance educational, scholarly, and public service efforts. This past year INSCT added three esteemed colleagues to its cadre of experts: Professor David Van Slyke, Professor David Tal, and Research Fellow Jed Ipsen.

David Van Slyke is an Associate Professor of Public Administration in the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, and is a Senior Research Associate in the Campbell Institute of Public Affairs. He is currently working with several federal agencies, state and local governments, and nonprofits on contracting and contract management. His current contracting research is on contract
management capacity and relational “incomplete” contract design. In addition, Professor Van Slyke has been the principal investigator for several studies on philanthropy and nonprofit management as well as projects in which government and nonprofit organizations seek to adopt strategic management tools and practices. He has also worked closely with nonprofit organizations on enhancing the effectiveness of their fundraising and resource development operations.

Professor Van Slyke regularly speaks to senior government officials from other countries (e.g., China and India) on contracting and public-private partnerships, strategic management, policy implementation, government oversight and nonprofit organizations as part of the Maxwell School’s Executive Education. He also speaks to groups associated with the National League of Cities, the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, and the Cornell Municipal Clerks Institute. Professor Van Slyke also serves as a committee member on the transnational NGO project in the Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs.

For the past two years, David Tal has been a Visiting Israeli Scholar at Syracuse University through a grant provided by the American Israeli Cooperative Enterprise. In the fall 2008 semester, Dr. Tal will begin a new position as Visiting Professor, department of history, at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, but will maintain his strong ties with INSCT.

Dr. Tal is an expert in the history of the Middle East as well as nuclear proliferation and disarmament. He is a member of the Israeli Military History Association’s Board, and has served as an advisor to the Military and Diplomatic Studies Program at the Graduate School of History at Tel-Aviv University. He is the recipient of numerous grants and fellowships, including the Kennedy Library’s Arthur Schlesinger Fellowship.


Finally, Jed Ipsen is a Brookings Institution LEGIS Fellow assigned as Professional Staff, U.S. Senate’s Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. He also
serves as a Research Associate at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University. His research agenda focuses on the establishment of federal programs to cut off terror financing. Additionally, Mr. Ipsen is Associate Director of Caux Round table, a group that looks into illicit financial flows among key stakeholder groups. Jed Ipsen earned a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science with a minor in leadership studies from University of Minnesota.

VII. PLANS FOR 2008-2009

A generous gift from SU alum Gerald Cramer will enable INSCT to make great strides in pursuing its mission in the upcoming year. As noted above, the New Battlefields/Old Laws project continues to evolve further our work on international security issues. INSCT is planning a series of conferences or workshops exploring topics that the project participants have identified as key problems areas in the effort to adapt international humanitarian law to modern forms of asymmetric warfare. The progress made during each event will be memorialized in a series of publications for distribution to international experts, organizations and policy makers.

The first workshop will be held on September 10, 2008 in Herzliya, Israel as part of ICT’s 8th Annual International Counter Terrorism Conference. It is titled, “State Conflicts with Non-State Actors: Reconceptualizing Duties and Liabilities.” Participants will identify gaps and definitional dilemmas in the legal framework regulating armed conflict and suggest options for reform. Subsequent events will focus on narrower problem areas fostering in-depth policy analysis of each topic. INSCT is currently developing two such areas.

- **IHL and Islamic Law: Common Ground?** INSCT will engage scholars and practitioners expert in Muslim culture and Islamic law to explore questions embedded in the relationship of Islamic law to the laws of war recognized in international law. Participants will explore Islamic law regarding questions central to armed conflict – its initiation, how conflict is conducted and how it’s ended. Might Western and international legal systems find common interests with states where Islamic law is either dominant or important in shaping legal understandings that non-state entities, such as Hamas, Hezbollah, even al Qaeda might be motivated to respect, in return for gaining some protections now afforded those subject to the laws of war?

- **Post-Conflict Reconstruction: Accountability and Control.** In many instances, the global experience with consular forces has shown insufficient attention to their roles and missions, a lack of common policies and rules to govern their actions and to provide accountability, and a tendency of states to patch together ad hoc arrangements to provide constabulary forces with relatively little concern for the
core aspects of their mission. INSCT will build a program on post-conflict
reconstruction that will examine and provide law and policy guidance on policy and
regulatory options for provisional constabulary forces charged with assuring peace
and protecting civilians.

In addition, in the coming year, INSCT intends to develop the breadth of its
research portfolio by engaging in projects focused on issues in homeland security.
Repeated efforts to propose preparedness projects to New York State officials show
some signs of success, and we can hope that work for the State on HLS can commence
in earnest this year. It is likely that INSCT also will issue one or more white papers on
national homeland security preparedness, focused on shaping an optimal role for
military personnel in preparedness and response.

Finally, INSCT will sponsor a year-long series of dialogs and discussions, on the
occasion of the 2008 elections. The theme for this year’s discussions is National Security
Advice to the New Administration. Through this project, INSCT will collect expert law
and policy advice on the full range of topics that must be prioritized and addressed by
the new leadership. We will host a series of dialogs and discussions in the fall and
winter. The program will be showcased on a new section of the INSCT website which
will post not only the contributions of the invited speakers, but short articles submitted
by INSCT associates from a variety of disciplines.

This effort will be complemented by conferences and corresponding
publications focused on narrower, but critical, homeland security issues. For example,
INSCT is in the preliminary stages of developing programs in both cyber warfare and
effect of climate change on national security efforts.