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Ethan Bueno de Mesquita is an associate professor in the Harris School at the University of Chicago. His research applies game-theoretic models to a variety of political phenomena including terrorism, elections and representation, and law and politics.

Bueno de Mesquita's current research focuses on how the factionalized nature of terrorist organizations affects the strategic use of violence, optimal counterterrorism policy, and the possibility for negotiated settlement. He has also studied terrorist recruitment and the sources of internal division and internecine violence within terrorist organizations.

In the areas of elections and representation, Bueno de Mesquita's ongoing work examines how changes in institutional and electoral environments affect electoral and legislative outcomes including local public goods provision, the incumbency advantage, corruption, and party strength. He is also concerned with more foundational questions regarding the nature of representation and accountability in democratic systems.

Bueno de Mesquita has written on several topics in law and politics, including the emergence of judicial norms such as deference to precedent, the effect of formal legal institutions on informal economic and social networks, and judicial oversight of the bureaucracy.

Before coming to the Harris School, Bueno de Mesquita was an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at Washington University in St. Louis and spent a year as a Lady Davis Fellow in political science and visiting fellow in the Center for the Study of Rationality at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He has also served as a consultant to United States Institute of Peace on terrorism related issues. Bueno de Mesquita received his B.A. in political science from the University of Chicago and his M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from Harvard University.

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**Martha Crenshaw** is a senior fellow at CISAC and FSI and a professor of political science by courtesy. She was the Colin and Nancy Campbell Professor of Global Issues and Democratic Thought and professor of government at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., from 1974 to 2007. Her current research focuses on innovation in terrorist campaigns, the distinction between "old" and "new" terrorism, why the United States is the target of terrorism, and the effectiveness of counterterrorism policies.

She has written extensively on the issue of political terrorism; her first article, "The Concept of Revolutionary Terrorism," was published in the Journal of Conflict Resolution in 1972. Her recent work includes "Terrorism, Strategies, and Grand Strategies," in Attacking Terrorism (Georgetown University Press), "Terrorism and Global Security," in Leashing the Dogs of War: Conflict Management in a Divided World (United States Institute of Peace Press), and "Explaining Suicide Terrorism: A Review Essay," in the journal Security Studies. She is also the editor of a projected volume, The Consequences of Counterterrorist Policies in Democracies, for the Russell Sage Foundation in New York.

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**Lindsay Heger** is a Ph.D. candidate at UC San Diego. She is interested in the strategies of violent non-state actors like terrorists and insurgents and strategic interaction between governments and these groups. She has published work on civil war in International Studies Quarterly. Her research is supported by the National Science Foundation and the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism.

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**Doug Ollivant** is a former Director for Iraq, National Security Council. Prior to this detail, he served as the G5 and Chief of Plans for MultiNational Division-Baghdad/First Cavalry Division. In this capacity, he was instrumental in the “surge” plan and the implementation of counterinsurgency techniques in Baghdad in late 2006 and early 2007, and was identified as a member of General Petraeus’ “brain trust.” He previously served in a series of command and staff positions in mechanized, light, and airborne units, including an earlier tour in Iraq in 2004-2005. He is a veteran of the battles of Najaf Cemetery and Second Fallujah. Ollivant holds a Ph.D. in political science from Indiana University and is a graduate of the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS). A life member of both the Council on Foreign Relations and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, he is a former assistant professor of politics at the United States Military Academy and has published articles and reviews in numerous journals and magazines on an eclectic variety of topics.

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Patel conducted field research in Iraq in 2003–2004 to understand how mosques and clerical organizations affect local public goods provision and national political coordination. He has also written on changes in female Islamist dress codes and ethnic divisions in the Jordanian Islamic Movement. Aside from Iraq, he has conducted research in Jordan, Syria, Yemen, Egypt, and Lebanon.

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