Internal Security and Emerging Threats:

The Inaugural World Internal Security and Police Index (WISPI)

Discussion of the Results of the Index and its Applications

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Internal security is growing as a global issue. The effects of internal conflicts in Syria and Iraq continue to be felt around the world, with the number of refuges and internally displaced people higher than at any point since the end of World War II. Deaths from terrorism increased 80 per cent in the last calendar year, with over 32,000 people being killed in terrorist attacks in 2014. As a result, the response to internal security threats is arguably more crucial now than at any point in the last sixty years.

Internal security institutions are needed to prevent conflict, to allow for fast recovery after conflicts break out, and promote stable environments in which the development of the attitudes, institutions, and structures associated with peaceful environments is a feasible goal. In order to do this, security forces need to have the necessary capacity to perform their job properly. They need to have effective methods and techniques of policing and conflict resolution. They need to be legitimate in the eyes of their own citizens. And they need to be able to reduce threats to internal security like violent crime, homicide, terrorism, and the fear of violence.

The inaugural World Internal Security and Police Index (WISPI) measures the ability of the police and other security providers to address internal security issues in 127 countries, across four domains, using 16 indicators. It provides an empirical base to discuss the importance of citizen perceptions of police fairness and legitimacy and the complicated relationship between spending and capacity. The WISPI is published by the International Police Science Association (IPSA) and constructed and calculated by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP).
Moderator:

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Mary Beth Altier is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the NYUSPS Center for Global Affairs. She received her Ph.D. in Politics from Princeton University in 2011 and then worked as a post-doctoral research fellow at the Pennsylvania State University on a U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.K. Government funded project on terrorist disengagement, re-engagement, and recidivism. She also worked as a postdoctoral researcher on a project on civil war and democratization based at Nuffield College, University of Oxford.

Mary Beth’s research interests are in international security, foreign policy, political violence, and political behavior. Her recent work centers on the reasons why individuals support the use of political violence in developed and developing democracies as well as why they participate in acts of political violence, especially terrorism. She is also interested in the disengagement and rehabilitation of ex-combatants and identifying empirically based methods for assessing risk of re-engagement. Mary Beth is preparing a book manuscript based upon her dissertation, which won the 2013 American Political Science Association’s Ernst B. Haas award, and she is also the 2015 recipient of the American Political Science Association’s Organized Section on European Politics and Society’s Best Paper Award. Her research has been featured in the *Journal of Peace Research*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, and *Journal of Strategic Security*.

Panelists:

Mamdooh A. Abdelmottlep (PhD, JD)
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Prof. Mamdooh Abdelmottlep earned his Ph.D in Police Sciences and Law in 1991 and his professorship in Criminal Justice in 2007. He has held numerous police posts in Egypt for 18 years. He occupied consultative posts in the field of police, security and law in Qatar, and United Arab Emirates. He participated in a host of conferences and symposia (75) and had a great deal of published studies and researches (150). He worked as a lecturer and trainer in the fields of criminal justice, police and law in Egypt, Qatar, KSA, UAE, Italy and USA. He founded the “International Police Science Association (IPSA)”.

He is the Editor - in - Chief of “Alfikr Alshurti” Periodical since 2008 until now. Notably, “Alfikr Alshurti” is a quarterly, scientific periodical refereed and indexed, specialized in Police Sciences and distributed overseas. In 2015, The “Alfikr Alshurti” received an International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Certification (ISO 9001:2008), Alfikr Alshurti Periodical is the first periodical to receive ISO Certification worldwide. Recently, he invented an international security index which is World Internal Security and Police Index (WISPI). Internationally, Prof. Mamdooh has been awarded CRIMINOLGIA.IT in Italy for the recognition of his tireless efforts in the development of police sciences.
Aubrey Fox
Executive Director, United States Office of the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)

Aubrey Fox is Executive Director of the United States office of the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), a non-profit think tank dedicated to shifting the world's focus to peace as a positive, achievable, and tangible measure of human well-being and progress. A published author, he also has extensive experience in the non-profit sector. For nearly 15 years prior to joining the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), Aubrey was a member of the senior leadership team of the Centre for Court Innovation, an organization which helps the justice system aid victims, reduce crime, strengthen neighbourhoods, and improve public trust in justice. His work included launching the Centre for Justice Innovation, an institution that seeks to promote thoughtful criminal justice reform in the United Kingdom.

Aubrey was also the founding project director of Bronx Community Solutions, a one-of-its-kind initiative that provides alternative-to-incarceration sentences to over 10,000 misdemeanour offenders annually. Aubrey graduated with a Master's degree in public policy from the University of California at Berkeley, served as a VISTA Volunteer in San Antonio, Texas, was a Warren Weaver Fellow at the Rockefeller Foundation and a member of Coro’s Leadership New York program. His work has appeared in Newsday, the Gotham Gazette, Judicature, the Justice System Journal and Court Review, among other publications. Finally, he is the co-author of Trial & Error in Criminal Justice Reform: Learning from Failure (Urban Institute Press, 2010).

Talia Hagerty
Research Fellow at Institute of Economics and Peace (IEP)

Talia Hagerty is a Research Fellow for the Institute, contributing to Institute of Economics and Peace (IEP) research products, partnerships and consulting portfolio. She has worked on a range of projects at IEP, including the Global Peace Index, the Mexico Peace Index and several short papers. Prior to joining IEP, Talia worked as a consultant and academic researcher in peace economics. In 2012, Talia completed her master’s degree in Global Affairs at CGA, with a concentration in peacebuilding and peace economics. She earned a BA in Economics from Eckerd College in 2008 and then spent two years working in the social enterprise space in Chicago, IL, USA. After moving to New York City in 2010, Talia worked on violence containment research at the Institute for Economics and Peace and collaborated with regulators, civil society, and the private sector at the environmental consulting firm Blue Marble Project (formerly Matthiessen Strategies).

In 2013, Talia worked in the Monitoring & Evaluation department at the global poverty reduction organization Trickle Up, as a consultant for the NYU School of Professional Studies Center for Global Affairs, and as the lead author on the Stop Street Harassment Know Your Rights guide, aimed at counter gender-based violence in public spaces. In January 2015, Talia joined Institute of Economics and Peace (IEP) full time and is now based at the Institute’s global headquarters in Sydney, Australia.
Michael Rempel is research director at the Center for Court Innovation, ultimately overseeing all research conducted at the agency. He is currently directing a statewide evaluation of specialized drug courts in New York; a randomized trial of evidence-based assessment tools; a national study of the commercial sexual exploitation of children; and a multi-site formative study of initiatives to address children’s exposure to violence. He is also co-principal investigator on a multi-site evaluation of specialized reentry courts and a study of the Red Hook (Brooklyn) community court.

In the past, he has published extensively on research related to drug courts (including NIJ’s Multi-Site Adult Drug Court Evaluation) and criminal justice interventions in cases of intimate partner violence. Recent publications also concern specialized domestic violence courts; the commercial sexual exploitation of children; research methodology; and the potential to apply problem-solving techniques more broadly in traditional court settings. His work has recently appeared in research journals such as the Journal of Experimental Criminology, Justice Quarterly, Criminology and Public Policy, and Violence Against Women; as well as practitioner-oriented journals such as the Justice System Journal, Judicature, Drug Court Review, and Criminal Justice Magazine. He is co-editor of Documenting Results: Research on Problem-Solving Justice (2007). Previously, he published articles on contemporary social theory and the political sociology of advanced industrial societies and co-edited Citizen Politics in Post-Industrial Societies (1997).

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATIONS

International Police Science Association (IPSA) is a non-profit organization founded in 2013 that brings under one roof of experts, researchers and scholars concerned with security work from all over the world. IPSA convene an annual conference and created an international award to honor the achievements and contributions of an organizations and working professional worldwide, and has 3 categories: (1) Police Practices and Community Relations, (2) Development and Police Researches and (3) Innovation in Policing. IPSA has three major projects and each with its own focus on (1) Security knowledge management through translating police sciences researches into various languages; (2) Sharing of experience and expertise through conferences, workshops, seminars and training; (3) Assessment of policing performance through the annual report of World Internal Security and Police Index (WISPI). For further information, visit www.ipsa-police.org

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