

Distinguished Lectures

Fall 2018



Colorado State University's Information Science and Technology Center (ISTeC) presents two lectures by

Dr. Jytte Klausen

Lawrence A. Wien Professor of International Cooperation
Department of Politics
Brandeis University

ISTeC Distinguished Lecture

In conjunction with the Department of History and International Studies, the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Department of Computer Science Seminar Series

“How 2G Computational Social Science Can Revolutionize the Study of ‘Dark’ Networks”

Monday, October 15, 2018

Reception with refreshments: 10:30 a.m.

Lecture: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Morgan Library Event Hall

Department of History and International Studies,
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and
Department of Computer Science Seminar Series Sponsored by ISTeC

“The Call of Duty: The Making of a ‘Homegrown’ Terrorist”

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Lecture: 4-5 p.m.

310 Lory Student Center

Abstracts

How 2G Computational Social Science Can Revolutionize the Study of ‘Dark’ Networks

Klausen will illustrate the utility of computational social science methodologies with examples from her own research on global terrorist networks. She will review the development of the Western Jihadism Project, a web-based integrated relational database and archive comprised of quantitative and qualitative data collected from public records about 6,000 known terrorism offenders inspired by Al Qaeda and ISIS, and associated groups and her research on transnational terrorist networks.

The Call of Duty: The Making of a ‘Homegrown’ Terrorist

“It’s actually quite fun. It’s really really fun. It’s better than that game Call of Duty. It’s like that but it’s in 3D where everything is happening in front of you.”

-Abu Sumayyah Al-Britani (2014), A British foreign fighter with ISIS in Syria and Iraq

Klausen will present her research on the social and behavioral dynamics of extremist radicalization and the pathways to terrorism taken by ‘homegrown’ American jihadists. She will compare the pathways to extremist violence of the jihadists to those taken by three other groups that have endorsed politically-motivated violence; the anti-federalist Sovereign Citizens and the Army of God, an anti-abortion group, and the Earth Liberation Front.

Speaker Biography

Jytte Klausen, Ph.D. (political science), is the Lawrence A. Wien Professor of International Cooperation at Brandeis University and an Affiliate at the Center for European Studies at Harvard University. In 2016-2017, she was a scholar in residence at the Woodrow Wilson International Center in Washington D.C. She is a senior advisor to the Institute of Strategic Dialogue (London). She is the recipient of a Carnegie Scholars Award. Klausen is a contributor to Foreign Affairs. Her most recent books are *The Cartoons That Shook the World* (Yale University Press 2009) about the worldwide protests against the Danish cartoons of the Muslim Prophet, and *The Islamic Challenge: Politics and Religion in Western Europe* (Oxford University Press 2005, pb. 2007 (translated into German and Turkish; Arabic translation in progress).

In 2006, Klausen founded the Western Jihadism Project, a data archive and digital platform for collaborative research using real-world data to chart the demographics and networks of Western violent extremists associated with Al Qaeda and ISIL, and associated organizations. Her research on jihadism in Western states has been funded by the National Science Foundation, the United Kingdom’s Home Office and the National Institute for Justice in Office of Justice Programs in the U.S. Department of Justice, and by The U.S. Army Research Office and The Minerva Initiative, the research arm of the U.S. Department of Defense, and supported by Brandeis University. Klausen has been a subject matter expert for the United Kingdom’s Home Office, National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC), the United States Central Command (CENTCOM) in the U.S. Department of Defense, the National Intelligence Council, and the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, and other government agencies.

To arrange a meeting with the speaker, please contact Prof. Andrea Duffy, andrea.duffy@colostate.edu or Prof. Anura Jayasumana, Anura.Jayasumana@ColoState.edu.

Upcoming Distinguished Lectures

October 22

“Laws for Cybersecurity?”

11 a.m.-12 noon



Morgan Library Event Hall

Dr. Fred B. Schneider