2015 International Student Summit
GLOBAL COUNTERTERRORISM FORUM
Advancing a Global Strategy for Combating Terrorism

“We have seen so many crises, regional and national conflicts, but transnational terrorism and extremism do not have borders… [It is] a global challenge. Unless we address this issue, it will destroy the fabrics of our community.”

-Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General (2007-present)

On Wednesday, December 9, 2015, students from across Greater Philadelphia assembled at Temple University’s Fox School of Business for the Global Counterterrorism Forum. The 2015 International Student Summit simulated an emergency meeting of the Global Counterterrorism Forum, a multinational organization founded in 2011 with 29 countries and the European Union. This meeting took place against a backdrop of high-level intelligence warnings indicating that broad scale attacks by a loosely affiliated terrorist network operating in Africa, Asia and the Middle East are imminent.

Student delegates, representing countries within one of these global regions, as well as a designated stakeholder groups (government, military/ intelligence, corporate, NGOs and multilateral organizations), were tasked with drafting strategies to prevent, protect against and respond to transnational extremism and violence.

The program featured the following expert panelists and mentors: William Sweeney, Jr., Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Philadelphia Field Office; Edward Turzanski, Co-Chairman, Center for the Study of Terrorism, and Fellow, Foreign Policy Research Institute; and moderator, Lawrence Husick, Ph.D., Co-Chairman, Center for the Study of Terrorism, and Co-Director, Wachman Center’s Program on Teaching Innovation, Foreign Policy Research Institute.

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