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Ivan Sascha Sheehan specializes in the intersection of global terrorism, counterterrorism, and international conflict management. He came to the University of Baltimore after serving on the graduate faculty at the University of Massachusetts Boston in the John W. McCormack School of Policy Studies (Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution). A frequent speaker on U.S. counterterrorism efforts in the War on Terrorism, Sheehan has addressed diverse audiences from academic forums in Europe and at Harvard Law School to policymakers on Capitol Hill. His research, based on terrorism incident data, examines the impact of pre-emptive force on terrorist activity and the implications for U.S. foreign policy and international human security.

Sheehan studied post-conflict stabilization and reconstruction in war-torn societies through the Peace Operations Policy Program at George Mason University's School of Public Policy and the Center for International Development and Conflict Management at the University of Maryland. He was trained in mediation at the Harvard Mediation Program and has served as a court-appointed mediator.

Sheehan previously taught in the International Studies Department at Bentley College and at Tufts University. He continues to serve on the visiting faculty at the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution. His first book, When Terrorism and Counterterrorism Clash: The War on Terror and the Transformation of Terrorist Activity, was published in December 2007.

Current Research Interests:

- * terrorism, counterterrorism and U.S. foreign policy
- * evaluation of data related to international and intrastate conflict
- * international conflict analysis and resolution
- * cross-cultural, religious and ethnic conflict
- * fragile states and post-conflict reconstruction/stabilization
- * application of conflict theory to large-scale social conflict

Selected Publications:

Books

* When Terrorism and Counterterrorism Clash: The War on Terrorism and the Transformation of Terrorist Activity, Cambria Press, December 2007

Journal Articles

- * "Has the War on Terrorism Changed the Terrorist Threat?" Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Routledge/Taylor and Francis Group (Volume 32, Issue 8, August 2009, p. 743–761).
 - * "Assessing Transnational Terrorism Databases" (In Preparation)

Selected Presentations:

- * "When Terrorism and Counterterrorism Clash: The Impact of the Global War on Terrorism on Subsequent Terrorist Activity A Time Series Intervention Analysis." Presentation at Conference on Reconsidering Conflict, Terror and Resolution, University of Strathclyde, Scotland, Plenary Session on Managing the War on Terror, Sept. 11-12, 2008.
- * "Gandhi and the Indian War of Independence: Religious, Secular and Realist Influences." Presentation at 2009 Global Nonviolence International Conference on Rethinking Gandhi & Global Nonviolence, hosted by the Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence at James Madison University, April 9-10, 2009.
- * "The War on Terrorism and Its Impact on Transnational Terrorist Activity: Challenges and Opportunities for the Field of Conflict Management." Presentation to Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass., April 10, 2008.
- * "When Terrorism and Counterterrorism Clash: The Impact of the Global War on Terrorism on Subsequent Terrorist Activity." Presentation at Congressional Briefing on Evidence-Based Counterterrorism Policy: New Research Findings, Organized Through Office of Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.), U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C., Sept. 10, 2007.
- * "The New Face of Conflict: Challenges and Opportunities for the Field of Conflict Management in the Age of Terrorism." Presentation at Dispute Resolution Colloquium, University of Massachusetts, Boston, Sept. 11, 2007.

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