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**SCHOLARS OFFER DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF  
ROOTS, EFFECTS, AND DETERRENCE OF TERRORISM**

*AAUP Publishes "Books for Understanding" Online  
Bibliography on Terrorism and Counterterrorism*

NEW YORK (August 15, 2006) – Terrorism is a continuing global threat, as underlined by the disruption of a suspected plot to bring down commercial passenger planes in the U.K., continued bombings throughout Iraq, and the recent horrific attacks on Mumbai commuter trains. What are the motivations of groups or individuals employing terrorism? What are the broader effects such attacks have on civilian populations? What are the best strategies to counter the use of terrorism, and bring terrorists to account for their atrocities?

**<http://aaupnet.org/news/bfu/terrorism/list.html>**

The *Books for Understanding: Terrorism* bibliography brings deeper understanding to these questions. Originally a sub-section of the original September 11 *Books for Understanding*, the newly revised and expanded book list provides a more comprehensive catalog of available work in this area. Scholarship on the history, theory, and analysis of terrorism and counterterrorism has grown in recent years, and the book list currently presents more than 120 titles from experts in the field.

A sampling of the books available includes:

- *Knowing the Enemy: Jihadist Ideology and the War on Terror* by Mary Habeck (Yale University Press, 2005);
- *Countering Terrorism: Dimensions of Preparedness* edited by Arnold M. Howitt and Robyn L. Pangi (MIT Press, 2003);
- *The Politics of Terror: The U.S. Response to 9/11* edited by William Crotty (University Press of New England, 2005);
- *My Life Is a Weapon: A Modern History of Suicide Bombing* by Christoph Reuter (Princeton University Press, 2006);
- *The Official Record of the Oklahoma City Bombing* by the Editors of *Oklahoma Today Magazine* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2005).

The *Books for Understanding* program, <http://www.booksforunderstanding.org>, was created shortly after September 11, 2001, to help readers find necessary information on terrorism, trauma, Afghanistan, and Islamic fundamentalist movements. That original list eventually grew to include close to 800 books from more than 65 university presses, and is still available as an archived list on the site. Today, AAUP continues this service for many topics of immediate public interest.

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