

**V INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
PUBLIC SECURITY AND COUNTERTERRORISM IN FEDERAL SYSTEMS**

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Tuesday 6th of November

9.30 Welcome

- **José Angel Biel Rivera**, President of the Cortes de Aragón
- **Reinold Herber**, Senior Advisor, Forum of Federations
- **José Tudela**, Secretary General, Manuel Giménez Abad Foundation

10.00 Overview of the research problem and guiding research questions, the way key concepts are operationalized as well as the scope and objectives of the conference

Christian Leuprecht, Royal Military College, Canada,

10.30 Session I: The Impact of Asymmetry and Decentralization on Public Safety in Multination Federal/Decentralized Countries

Basic Issue to be addressed: *This session will assess tradeoffs between the accommodation of diversity (ethnic, religious, linguistic, regional, economic, social, and political) on the one hand, and efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of public safety on the other hand.*

Chair: - **Reinold Herber**, Senior Advisor, Forum of Federations

Canada Todd Hataley, Royal Military College

Spain Mario Kölling, Fundacion Manuel Giménez Abad, Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies

Followed by open forum

12.00 Coffee Break

12.30 Session II: Institutional and Functional Cooperation in the Field of Public Safety in Federal and Decentralized Systems

Basic Issue to be addressed: *This session will examine drivers of change in the institutional and functional co-operation among public-safety actors across different levels of government, the effect of politicizing intergovernmental cooperation, obstacles to such cooperation, and the conditions that make it possible to overcome them.*

Chair: Thomas B. Stehling, Konrad Adenauer Foundation

Germany Klaus Stuewe, Eichstaedt University

Switzerland Markus Mohler, former Police Chief of Basel, University of St. Gallen

Followed by open forum

14.00 Lunch

16.00 Session III: The Impact of Terrorism and Emergency Preparedness on Federalism and Decentralization to Public Safety in Decentralized Countries

Basic Issue to be addressed: *This session will examine how the different threats affect the debate on federalism, asymmetry, and decentralization. It will also probe different federal, decentralized, and multilevel-governance responses to such threats.*

Chair:

Mexico Edgar Mohar, former Secretary of Citizen Security and Safety for the State of Queretaro

USA Richard Kilroy jr, National Defense University

Followed by open forum

17.30 – 19.00 Authors' Session

21.00 Dinner

Wednesday 7th of November

10.00 Session IV: Lessons Learned - Making Public Safety in Federal and Decentralized Systems work better

Basic Issue to be addressed: *This session will examine how the different mechanisms put in place by federal and decentralized systems have enhanced or undermined their public-safety capacity.*

Chair:

South Africa Nico Steytler, Community Law Centre

Brazil Kai Michael Kenkel, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro

Followed by open forum

11.30 Coffee break

12.00 Session V: Lessons Learned II - Counter-Terrorism in Federal and Decentralized Countries

Basic Issue to be addressed: *This session will compare and assess intergovernmental, institutional, and functional coordination dealing with counter-terrorism across federal and decentralized countries*

Chair: Frank Foley, García Pelayo Fellow, Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies

India Ajay K. Mehra, Centre for Public Affairs

USA Richard Kilroy jr, National Defense University

Followed by open forum

14.00 Lunch

16.00 Session VI: Cooperation and Coordination between Security Forces in the Fight against Terrorism in Spain

Basic Issue to be addressed: *This session will focus on terrorism in Spain and seek to assess how successful the different levels of government have been in countering this threat. It will closely examine the cooperation that exists between the governments within Spain and derive lessons for improving their efficacy in dealing with terrorism.*

Chair: José Tudela, Fundación Manuel Giménez Abad

- Teodoro Gómez, General Information Office, National Police
- Manuel Navarrete, General Information Office, Guardia Civil
- Miquel Justo Medrano, Mossos de Esquadra
- Jesús Fernández Mellinas, Counterterrorism Division, Ertzaintza
- Julio Serrano, Head of Institutional Relations Department, National Counter-Terrorism Center

Colloquium

18.30 Closing

- **Jorge Fernández Díaz**, Minister of the Interior, Government of Spain
- President of the Foundation of Victims of Terrorism.

19.00 - visited tour of the Palacio de la Aljafería

21.00 Dinner