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### **START Panel Addresses Key Questions in Terrorism**

START will be participating in a one-day symposium on Technology, Crime, & Terrorism at the University of Maryland October 6, 2010 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

START's panel, "Dimensions of the Terrorist-Technology Nexus", begins at 8:45 am and will address these questions:

- How does Al Qaeda operate and what do they know about us?
- What are the most effective means of training terrorists?
- Are weapons of mass destruction likely to be used?
- What does the future hold for terrorist weapon innovations?

Panelists include:

- Gary Ackerman, Assistant Director for Communication and Research, START
- Jarret Brachmann, Faculty Member, North Dakota State University and Director of Cronus Global, a counterterrorism consulting firm
- Michael Kenney, Associate Professor of Public Policy and Political Science, Pennsylvania State University and Fellow at Penn State's International Center for the Study of Terrorism

Moderated by: Gary LaFree, Director of START and Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland

Event Website: <http://www.umd.edu/tctsymposium/>

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