

*European Day for the Victims of Terrorism*  
*11<sup>th</sup> March 2008*

# ***VICTIMS VISION***

***COUNTERING TERRORISM TO  
PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS***

***Project  
Monnet***

*Mobilising Opposition Networks to Nationalistic European **Terrorism***



## *European Day for the Victims of Terrorism*

The 11<sup>th</sup> March has been designated European Day for the Victims of Terrorism and marks the anniversary of the terrorist attack in Madrid 2004, and has been established as the first European day for the victims of terrorism. It is a day of remembrance, an occasion to express solidarity with the victims of any terrorist attack: those who lost their lives or still bear the mental and physical scars of such violence, and with their families. This European day shall also be an opportunity for society and institutions in Europe to reflect on how the terrorist threat can be addressed and prevented, and how the security of all citizens can be better protected.

As a group and project we welcome the support from the European Union and in particular the Vice President Franco Frattini, Commissioner for Justice, Freedom and Security, who addressed to the European citizens an open letter paying tribute to the victims of terrorism and reaffirming EU's commitment to continue the fight against terrorism by all means,



*"We are today commemorating the victims of terrorism. Two years after the terrorist attacks in the heart of Madrid, this is an occasion to remember all the victims of terrorism in the world for this type of human suffering knows no boundaries. As the immediate casualties of terrorism, the victims are a constant reminder of the threat that terrorism poses to the most fundamental tenets of our democracies, amongst which is the right to life. Today is an important symbolic occasion to pay them special tribute and to express with them our deepest solidarity. The best way to commemorate the victims is through our devoted work. Their memory inspires us to continue fighting terrorism so that nobody will ever have to go through a similar human tragedy...."*

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to be "Frattini".

## **PROGRAMME.**

### **Morning Session**

**09.00** *Press Launch of Conference*  
**9.30 – 10.00 am** *Delegate Registration*  
**10.00am** *Conference Opening*

**10.15am** *Introduction to PROJECT MONNET*



William Wilkinson read Modern History and Politics at Queens University, Belfast before taking up a teaching post in their Politics Department while completing a Masters in Irish Politics. He established a Policy and Research Unit within the Victims sector which became an engine for change affecting the policy direction of the political parties and both British and Irish Governments.

**10.50am** *TERRORISM –the most particular circumstance*



James Dingley, a political sociologist who specialises in classical social theory, socio-cultural analysis and its application to conflict analysis, particularly ethno-national and religious conflict, terrorism and political violence. He has lectured on general Sociology, Political Sociology, Ethnicity and Nationalism and Terrorism and Political Violence at the University of Ulster and internationally. He has completed one book on sociology and nationalism and a second on terrorism in Northern Ireland. In addition he has published widely in major academic journals on ethnicity and nationalism and terrorism and political violence and has also lectured in those areas at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, and is a NATO instructor on terrorism and has been an expert witness in terrorist court cases. In addition he is also a frequent media commentator on Northern Ireland and international conflicts and terrorism.

**11.30 am** *I. TERRORISM – defining the problem*



Axel Schmidt graduated in law from Paris University (LLB, LLM (Hons) and Dip.SSSL) and was also trained by the Paris Superior School of Commerce in Business Management. He was a training consultant for French companies and a lecturer at university and in business schools in Paris

**LUNCH 12.30 – 1.30pm**

Afternoon Session.

**1.30pm**                    **II. TERRORISM – determining the legacy**

**2.00pm**                    **COUNTERING TERRORISM TO PROTECT  
HUMAN RIGHTS – the European Perspective**



Having studied law he was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 1976. Becoming involved in politics at university he served in the Northern Ireland Assembly 1982 – 86 then returned to the Bar to concentrate on his legal career. He built up his practice to the point in 2001 when he was elevated to the Senior Bar, where he has enjoyed a successful career, specialising in criminal law. In 2004 he was returned as MEP for Northern Ireland with a record vote and continues to serve there as a Traditional Unionist Voice.

**2.30 pm**                    **EVOLUTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO  
ADDRESS TERRORISM**



Austen Morgan is a UK barrister, practicing in England and Wales and in Northern Ireland. He is an international lawyer (private and public) and also an expert in the constitutions of the UK and Irish states. His case load includes human rights and equality law. He has written prolifically on a range of topics relating to Northern Ireland and has given a fresh informed legal opinion on subjects ranging from the interpretation and implementation of the Belfast Agreement to the implementation of Human Rights in Northern Ireland

**3.15pm**                    **PANEL DISCUSSION**

**4.00pm**                    **CONCLUDING COMMENTS**

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