

Group of 78 Luncheon Speaker Series

Dr. Nicole Schwartz-Morgan

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Loose Cannons in Cyberspace

Date: Tuesday January 25, 2011 Time: 12:00 noon

Place: Courtyard Restaurant, 21 George St., Ottawa

Cost: \$30 for luncheon and presentation \$5 for presentation only

(For presentation only, please plan to arrive by 12:45. Coffee and tea will be available.)

Reservations: group78@web.net or 613-230-0860 by Friday January 21, 2011. We regret that late registrations cannot be accepted.

The group is required to pay for those who reserve but do not come. Therefore, individuals who do not cancel their reservations at least 24 hours before the luncheon will be billed \$30.

In 2010 Al Qaida launched a new recruiting manual via Internet. It is a magazine titled Inspire, written in English in a familiar western format. The content is aimed at individuals who are recent immigrants to English-speaking countries or are sons and daughters of immigrants. This pool of potential recruits is immense and infinitely varied in motivations. The implicit consequences are daunting, for this new brand of solitary terrorism can "inspire" all the "loose cannons" in cyberspace. What are the implications for Canadian society, in particular in its relations with its immigrant communities? What are the implications for how Canada manages its relations in the global community?

Dr. Nicole Schwartz-Morgan is currently Full Professor at the Royal Military College of Canada where she has taught political philosophy and politics in the Department of Politics and Economics since 2001. It is the most recent stop in a rich and varied academic life spread over two continents, two cultures and several subject matter specialties. Her studies have included philosophy, anthropology, and public policy and administration. Much of her work has been the analysis of trends in economic and social conditions and their human response.

Her current focus has been on the impact of globalization on human ecology, including individuals, the state and other organizations. This is acutely important for the ways that young adults are socialized in an increasingly disordered world and is reflected in her latest research, co-authored with a French linguist and researcher (Mathieu Guidere) in Paris . Le Manuel de recrutement d'Al Qaida comprises hitherto unpublished texts translated from Arabic and an in-depth analysis of the circumstances and ideology that motivate such powerful commitment from recruits.

Dr. Schwartz-Morgan is frequently consulted by government, media and other institutions, and was the keynote speaker at the Group of 78's 2007 conference on foreign policy.