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**SAGE SPONSORS 2008 SCIENCE CAFÉ:  
“THE SCIENCE OF COUNTERING TERRORISM: PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES”  
FREE LECTURE TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> AT WASHINGTON D.C.’S NEWSEUM**

*Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, Singapore and Washington DC (September 11, 2008)* — What are the psychological and social roots of terrorism? Can human behavior be changed to prevent terrorist violence? SAGE, in conjunction with the Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS), is sponsoring a thought-provoking Science Café to discuss those vital issues.

Two dynamic and entertaining, internationally-recognized scholars, Fathali Moghaddam (Georgetown University) and Ian McGregor (York University, Toronto), will describe their research on the underpinnings of extremist behavior. With the goal of improving our understanding of the human dimension of terrorism, they’ll explore both the psychological processes found in extremism as well as the social neuroscience mechanisms that explain zealous reactions to perceived psychological threats. A lively question and answer period will follow the discussion.

FABBS’ Science Cafés present the public with unique opportunities to learn about psychological science in an interactive and social environment. Cafés feature lectures given in Washington DC area museums by leading researchers.

The sold-out SAGE sponsored Café, “The Science of Countering Terrorism: Psychological Perspectives,” will be held at 6:30 P.M. on September 25, 2008 in the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Knight Conference Center at the Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC. Additional information about the speakers and the FABBS Science Cafés is available at [www.fabbs.org](http://www.fabbs.org).

**Fathali Moghaddam, PhD**, is Professor of Psychology and Director of the Conflict Resolution Program, Georgetown University, and Senior Fellow of the Center on Policy, Education, and Research on Terrorism. The award-winning Dr. Moghaddam, who was born in Iran, educated in England, and has worked for the United Nations, is a prolific writer on the subject of terrorism.

**Ian McGregor** is an Associate Professor of Personality and Social Psychology in the Faculty of Health at York University, Toronto, Canada. His experimental research on conviction and zeal is internationally acclaimed, published in the top scientific journals, and funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

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