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Terrorism and Democracy to be Focus Of Free Talk Jan. 31 at Cal Poly

Sean O'Brien, distinguished graduate of the Army Logistics Management College, will speak on "Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism, and Civilian Pawns: Implications for Democracy in the 21st Century" at 7 p.m. Jan. 31 in Philips Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center.

In this free public talk, O'Brien will address what terrorism is, what causes it, what terrorists hope to gain by using it, why it is so difficult to defeat terrorists, and what can be done about terrorism.

O'Brien is an expert in violent national and sub-national conflict analysis. His research on terrorism and political violence has been included in such publications as the Journal of Conflict Resolution, Political Research Quarterly and Social Science Quarterly.

As team chief for "global futures" at the Center for Army Analysis, he leads studies to develop ways to make specific long-term forecasts of conflict and instability.

For more information, call Cal Poly's Political Science Department at 756-2985.

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