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Free Speech in an Age of Jihad

Libel Tourism, "Hate Speech," and Political Freedom

Over the last several years, proponents of Islamic jihad have increasingly turned to the courts and government agencies in their effort to suppress criticism of radical Islam. The result has been a proliferation of libel suits and so-called "hate speech" actions that aim to curtail free speech and further the cause of radical Islam. Although generally initiated in countries less hospitable to free expression than the United States, these actions have had a profound "spill over" effect on American authors, journalists, and publishers. The aim of this conference is to provide an anatomy of these efforts to suppress free speech, to examine the way such actions aid and abet the spread of radical Islam, and to consider some possible responses, legal as well as journalistic, to the threats they pose.

Hosts: Foundation for the Defense of Democracies and The New Criterion

Date: Thursday, April 10, 2008
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: The Princeton Club
15 West 43rd Street
New York

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Opening Remarks: Libel Tourism & Political Correctness:

Roger Kimball, *Editor, The New Criterion*
9:00 am – 9:20 am

Panel I: The Face of Libel Tourism

9:25 am – 10:55 am

Moderator: Roger Kimball, *Editor, The New Criterion*

Presenter: Stanley Kurtz, *Senior Fellow, The Ethics and Public Policy Center*

Discussants:

Rachel Ehrenfeld, *Director, American Center for Democracy*

Brooke Goldstein, *Director of the Legal Project, The Middle East Forum*

Ezra Levant, *Founder, EzraLevant.com*

Panel II: Suppressing Discussion of Islam

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Moderator: Clifford D. May, *President, Foundation for Defense of Democracies*

Presenter: Robert Spencer, *Director, Jihad Watch*

Discussants:

Steven Emerson, *Director, The Investigative Project on Terrorism*

Frank J. Gaffney, Jr., *President, The Center for Security Policy*

Claudia Rosett, *Journalist in Residence, Foundation for Defense of*

Democracies

Ibn Warraq, *Author most recently of Defending the West: A Critique of Edward Said's Orientalism*

Luncheon Keynote Speaker: Mark Steyn, *author most recently of America Alone, on "The Dimming of Liberty: Legal Jihad and the Criminalization of Resistance."*

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

Panel III: What Is to Be Done? Legislative Opportunities and Pitfalls

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Moderator: Jay Nordlinger, *Senior Editor, National Review*

Presenter: Andrew C. McCarthy, *Director, Center for Law & Counterterrorism, Foundation for Defense of Democracies*

Discussants:

Hon. Robert H. Bork, *The Hudson Institute*

Daniel Kornstein, *Kornstein Veisz Wexler & Pollard, LLP*

John J. Walsh, *Carter Ledyard & Milburn LLP*

Concluding Remarks: Roger Kimball, *Editor, The New Criterion*

3:40 pm – 4:00 pm

Reception

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Registration

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