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2026 Fall Conference
Navigating the Grey Zone:
Security, Resilience, and Emerging Threats

AGENDA

1330	**Registration Open**
1400	**Welcome Remarks** – Jeff Crone and Tom Eckert
1415	**Opening Address** – Dominic Murphy QPM
1420	**Beyond Terrorism – National Security in the Blended Era** – Dominic Murphy QPM
1430	**Crisis to Continuity: Emergency Planning in Ukraine & the UAE** – Kyiv RSO Chris Gruber and Abu Dhabi RSO Nicolas Keefe
1500	**Panel Q&A** – Dominic Murphy QPM, Chris Gruber, and Nicolas Keefe
1515	**EPIC FURY Evacuation & Crisis Management Lessons Identified** – Marc Finch
1530	**Break**
1545	**Why Climate Resilience Matters for Corporate Security Leaders** – Alan Leung
1600	**Panel Q&A** – Marc Finch and Alan Leung
1615	**Ambiguity by Design: Confronting Hybrid Warfare, Sabotage, and the New Grey Zone** – Greg Williams, Roger Macmillan, Eran Benedek, and Harry Mead
1645	**Panel Q&A** – Greg Williams, Roger Macmillan, Eran Benedek, and Harry Mead
1700	**Closing Address** – Amy-Anne Fairhurst
1715	**Closing Remarks** – Sally Kee

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SPEAKERS



Jay Bimbrah, FCMI, fCMgr
Moderator

Jay Bimbrah is a risk and resilience executive with more than 20 years' international experience across law enforcement, government and corporate security. He is Co-Founder and COO of Fortius Intelligence and Founder of Signal Charter. As a former Metropolitan Police detective, he led serious crime and counter-terrorism investigations in the UK and overseas, served with Royalty and Specialist Protection and directly supported national crisis response through COBR. He sits on the OSAC UK and Europe Steering Committees.



Jeff Crone
Former Senior Regional Security Officer
U.S. Mission to the United Kingdom

Jeff Crone just completed his tour as U.S. Embassy London's Senior Regional Security Officer and Special Agent in Charge for Diplomatic Security at United States Mission to the United Kingdom (2023-2026). Jeff served as a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, having joined the Department in 1999. Prior to that he worked with the Michigan State Police as a narcotics investigator in the Detroit area for almost nine years. His previous assignments include Senior RSO positions to the U.S. Mission to Iraq, U.S. Tri-Mission to Austria, Afghanistan, Mexico, Lebanon, Washington, and Los Angeles, along with multiple long-term deployments to Pakistan, Yemen, Syria, and other conflict zones.

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Tom Eckert
Senior Regional Security Officer
U.S. Mission to the United Kingdom

Tom Eckert, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, serves as U.S. Embassy London's Senior Regional Security Officer and Special Agent in Charge for Diplomatic Security at United States Mission to the United Kingdom, where he serves as the senior advisor to the Ambassador on security and law enforcement issues. He is also the senior security advisor to the Overseas Security Advisory Council chapter in the United Kingdom which encompasses over 400 U.S. based businesses operating in the UK and overseas.

Since joining the Department in April 2003, he has served in Gabon, Vietnam, Burma, Cyprus, Pakistan, and completed two tours in Baghdad, Iraq, where he supervised all protection operations in 2011 and led the Embassy Security Forces in 2019. He also volunteered for two temporary duty assignments in Kabul, Afghanistan, protecting then-President Hamid Karzai. Before arriving in London, Eckert served as Consul General at the U.S. Consulate General in Peshawar, Pakistan. He built strong partnerships with the province's Governor, Chief Minister, Inspector General of Police, and XI Corps Commander, and advanced U.S. trade, investment, and security cooperation priorities. In Cyprus, Eckert led an interagency team that supported the evacuation of U.S. citizens and Embassy staff across the Near East region. The effort brought together 150 military planners, ten federal agencies, and 26 partner nations, and affected more than 50,000 U.S. citizens. The operation strengthened bilateral relationships and advanced mission goals, including countering foreign malign influence and enhancing sanctions programs. Notably, Cyprus agreed to lead humanitarian assistance efforts for Gaza as part of this initiative. Eckert also served temporarily as Chargé d'Affaires in Cyprus.

Throughout his career, Eckert has led large teams and complex operations under demanding conditions. In Baghdad, he supervised more than 900 Embassy Security Forces personnel during repeated attacks on the Embassy in 2019–2020. He pairs executive experience as Consul General and Chargé d'Affaires with more than two decades of security leadership. A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Eckert is married and holds a B.A. in Political Science from Kutztown University.

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Dominic Murphy QPM
Former Commander, SO15 Counter Terrorism Command

Retiring in March 2026 after 32 years' service, Dominic concluded his service as Commander of SO15 and Protective Security Operations. As Commander, in addition to leading the policing response to all aspects of Counter Terrorism in London and on behalf the UK interests overseas, for the last 10 years, Dominic provided national operational leadership for Counter State Threats and War Crimes across the UK and internationally. With more than 22 years of his service in Counter Terrorism and national security, Dominic has led or responded to nearly all terrorist attacks in the UK, or those affecting British citizens overseas, since the 7/7 bombings. Dominic was awarded a Queens Police Medal in 2020 for his services to Counter Terrorism and his work leading the investigation into the Novichok attack in Salisbury. Dominic has a master's degree in Applied Criminology from Cambridge University and lectures nationally and internationally on leadership, investigations, crisis response, the strategic security landscape and is a subject matter expert in CT and National Security preparedness and response. Dominic is using his experience, specialist knowledge and experience to support government and corporate clients in navigating an uncertain and complex world as Founder and CEO of Taverner Risk.

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Chris Gruber
Regional Security Officer
U.S. Embassy Kyiv

As the U.S. government's senior security and law enforcement advisor in-country, he leads interagency efforts to secure U.S. foreign affairs activities and safeguard national security interests during the war in Ukraine. A career member of the Foreign Service and former analyst with the U.S. Intelligence Community, Chris has over 21 years of federal service at home and abroad where he has protected U.S. government personnel, facilities, and information from risks associated with armed conflict, and criminal, terrorist, counterintelligence, and hybrid threats. He has also coordinated U.S. law enforcement efforts to combat transnational organized crime and provided direct support to counterterrorism operations.

Previously, Chris served as the Regional Security Officer at the United States Embassies in Romania and Slovenia, and as the Special Assistant to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security, helping coordinate policy initiatives and special projects related to the State Department's global security and law enforcement operations. Chris's additional assignments include Director of the interagency Threat Intelligence Fusion Cell at U.S. Embassy Kabul during the war in Afghanistan, and security and criminal investigator roles at the U.S. Embassies in Armenia and Peru. Prior to joining the Department of State, Chris was a civilian intelligence analyst with the Department of War. He served on a joint special operations task force that carried out counterterrorism activities during the Global War on Terror, deploying to Iraq in 2008 to support to direct action operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom. His additional experience includes providing counter-narcoterrorism intelligence support at the U.S. Embassy in Colombia, with a focus on American hostage issues.

Chris studied abroad in Spain and Australia, received a BA in Management from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, an MA from the Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, and is a Distinguished Honor Graduate from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. He speaks limited Persian Farsi, Romanian, Armenian, and Spanish. Chris is married with two children and has volunteered as a youth ice hockey coach with a USA Hockey Level 1 coaching certification.

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Nicolas P. Keefe
Senior Regional Security Officer
U.S. Mission to the United Arab Emirates

Supervisory Special Agent Nicolas "Nic" Keefe is the Senior Regional Security Officer (RSO) for the U.S. Mission to the United Arab Emirates and a member of U.S. Department of State's Senior Foreign Service. Nic has over 20 years with the Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS), the law enforcement and security arm of the U.S. Department of State responsible for providing a safe and secure environment for the conduct of U.S. foreign policy based at 275 missions around the globe.

Prior to his tour in Abu Dhabi, Nic served as a Regional Director in the DS High Threat Programs Directorate overseeing the Department's highest threat missions in Africa. He joined DS in 2004 with previous overseas postings as Assistant RSO in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia and Kabul, Afghanistan; Deputy RSO in Pristina, Kosovo and Jerusalem, Israel; and RSO in Tbilisi, Georgia. His domestic assignments include Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for DS supporting changes, in coordination with the White House and Department of Defense, to U.S. government overseas security policy after the Benghazi attack; Branch Chief in the DS Overseas Protective Operations Directorate managing contracts in Afghanistan and Israel; and the Los Angeles Field Office where he protected foreign dignitaries, conducted fraud investigations, and served as a security liaison for foreign missions in Southern California.

Before joining the Department, Nic began his federal government service in 2001 following the 9/11 attacks as a Special Agent in the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Security. He is a Virginia resident and graduate of George Mason University. Nic is married to Foreign Service Officer Anne Slack, the Embassy Abu Dhabi Political Counselor, and they have two sons.
He speaks French and Georgian.

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Marc Finch
Director, Crisis24

Marc Finch is a Director within Crisis24's Response Group and leads the All Hazards Response team. He advises multinational organisations and senior leadership teams on complex, time-critical crises, including kidnap for ransom, maritime piracy, evacuations, missing persons, detention cases, pandemic response and conflict-related disruption.

Marc joined Crisis24 in 2018 after five years in corporate security risk management, supporting clients across the EMEA region. Before leading the All Hazards Response team, he served as a Special Risks response consultant and case manager, overseeing and deploying in support of clients managing high-impact operational crises.

His experience includes embedding with a global manufacturer during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, supporting its crisis management team while helping maintain business continuity, with particular emphasis on crisis communications and media management. In 2022, Marc deployed to Kyiv at the outset of the war in Ukraine, supporting the evacuation and relocation of client personnel. After self-evacuating with the Crisis24 team, he continued supporting clients from Eastern Europe, gaining first-hand insight into the pressures faced by evacuees during the outbreak of war.

Following the Hamas attacks of 7 October 2023, Marc spent extended periods in Israel supporting clients with crisis management and evacuation planning. More recently, he has led Crisis24's All Hazards Response team in supporting more than 300 clients with relocation and evacuation operations from Israel and GCC countries during periods of regional escalation, including assistance to families departing Iran.

Marc served for 25 years in the British military as a military engineer and bomb disposal officer. He was awarded the MBE for services to bomb disposal and counter-terrorist search.

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Alan Leung
Chief Security Officer, Moneycorp

Alan Leung is Chief Security Officer at Moneycorp, a leading cross-border payments and foreign exchange provider. He leads Moneycorp's Financial Intelligence Unit, which integrates geopolitical risk into enterprise risk management and commercial outcomes. Previously, Alan was Head of Threat Intelligence at Macquarie Group. He is the writer of Securing our Climate, a newsletter focusing on the intersection of climate change, security, geopolitics and finance.



Greg Williams
Global Head of Technology and Innovation, The Economist Group
Chair, The Venture Group

Greg Williams is the Global Head of Technology and Innovation Thought Leadership at Economist Enterprise, and Chairman of The Venture Group. He previously spent almost a decade as Editor of WIRED UK, where he became one of the industry's most respected editors, winning BSME Editor of the Year for Science and Technology four times. He also served as WIRED's Global Editorial Director. Greg has interviewed the leaders, researched the key issues and analysed the developments shaping the world of technology bringing insight and relevance to businesses, consumers and policy-makers. Greg explores how leaders can make sense of rapid technological change and how organisations can build cultures ready to quickly adapt to it

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Eran Benedek
Senior Research & Threats Analyst, Community Security Trust (CST)



Roger Macmillan
Grey Prism

Roger Macmillan is a military and security professional with frontline experience countering state-sponsored and Islamist threats to Western democracies, with a particular focus on Iran. As former Director of Security at Iran International TV (2020–2024), he protected an organisation at the centre of Tehran's transnational repression campaign, giving him rare, practical insight into how Iranian intelligence networks operate within Western democracies. His work has extended to tracking IRGC and Muslim Brotherhood-linked influence operations, giving him a broader understanding of how authoritarian and Islamist actors exploit open societies to advance their interests.



Harry Mead
Founder, Augur

Augur was founded by Harry Mead (CEO), Imran Lone (CTO) and Stefan Kopieczek (Head of Engineering), who have previously been instrumental in building European security technology. Harry founded Augur with a mission to modernise national security through responsible AI. He leads the company’s commercial strategy, fundraising and customer partnerships. Previously, Harry was the Founder of safety app Path; he also draws on his experience advising government and working with stakeholders such as the Met Police on public safety and national security.

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Amy-Anne Fairhurst
Global Head, Citibank Crisis Management Division

Amy-Anne Fairhurst leads Citi's Crisis Management division that is responsible for how Citi prepares for, and strategically responds to significantly disruptive events, across all threat types, to protect Citi's people, assets, and reputation. Amy-Anne has over twenty years of crisis and risk mitigation and management experience in the financial sector. She has lead Citi through some of the most severe and impactful crisis events in recent history, including pandemic response, currency crises and geopolitical conflict. Amy-Anne began her financial services career in technology, moving quickly into first line operational and technology risk management. She gained extensive cyber experience, leading Citi's EMEA digital forensic investigations unit. Amy-Anne holds a first class Honors Degree in Computer Science from the University of Edinburgh.

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Sally Kee
Director of Global Security & Resilience (International), Starbucks
OSAC UK Country Chapter Private Sector Co-Chair

Sally Kee is the Director of Global Security & Resilience (International) for Starbucks Coffee Company and a proud Starbucks partner with more than 20 years of service. She leads the development and execution of strategic security, resilience, crisis management, enterprise risk, and health & safety programs across Starbucks' international markets, helping to protect customers, partners, assets, operations, and brand reputation.

Working closely with senior leaders, cross-functional teams, and licensed business partners around the world, Sally leads complex initiatives that strengthen organizational resilience and support business growth. Through collaboration, relationship building, and the effective use of professional networks, she develops and implements risk-based strategies that identify, mitigate, and manage current and emerging threats while aligning security and resilience priorities to broader business objectives.

Prior to joining Starbucks, Sally built extensive experience across the retail sector, holding senior leadership roles in security, risk management, intelligence, fraud prevention, business continuity and crisis management. During her time at Mothercare and DSG International she developed a strong track record of delivering large scale risk management programs, leading transformational change, and supporting business operations in dynamic and complex environments.

Throughout her career, Sally has been passionate about creating practical, business focused solutions that enable organizations to navigate uncertainty, strengthen preparedness, and build lasting resilience. Her expertise spans enterprise security risk management, crisis and incident management, business continuity, investigations, health & safety, and strategic risk leadership across diverse international markets.

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