Since 9/11, considerable amounts have been spent on counterterrorism measures worldwide, with little understanding of their effectiveness and impacts. Building on his American University course on Researching Terrorism, CIC Senior Fellow Benoît Gomis will explore the main factors behind the relative lack of rigorous evaluation of counterterrorism policies, and present potential guidelines for the way forward. His talk will also highlight lessons that can be learnt from drug policy evaluations.

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