

## Webinar

### Topic

**De-proscription of LTTE Tamil Terrorist Group: The consequences for the Indian subcontinent and its geopolitical stability**

### Date

Sunday, November 15, 2020,

### Time:

11:00 AM EDT (Canada and US)

4:00 PM GMT, London, UK.

9:30 PM IST, New Delhi, India.

9:30 PM IST, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

5:00 PM CET, Geneva, Switzerland.

### Abstract

The webinar intends to explore the effect on stability in the Indian subcontinent and geopolitical consequences if the LTTE Tamil terrorist group is de-proscribed in the UK. The Proscribed Organizations Appeal Commission (POAC) in the UK held that the Home Office decision to continue the LTTE ban is flawed.

A transnational terrorist group, Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), is one of the world's most ruthless and wealthiest terrorist groups. Group's annual income is about US\$300 million. They have raised funds from human smuggling, associated with other terror groups by selling and smuggling weapons, money laundering, drug trafficking and other illegal activities. Recently LTTE Eelam Cyber Force has attacked information technology infrastructure in Sri Lanka.

LTTE is concerned with terrorism and threat to the political stability of countries that have accepted many Tamil asylum seekers. LTTE continually lobby public office holders for their separatist agenda, the establishment of Tamil Eelam. The terror group is also influencing favourable asylum policies for Tamils. It is directly connected with the global human smuggling network. LTTE is continually engaged in glorifying terrorism, hosting events for purpose annually on July 5, Black Tiger (Suicide Terrorist) Day and November 27, Heroes (Terrorists) Day to celebrate their death cadre.

LTTE is a threat to political stability in the Indian subcontinent especially India and Sri Lanka. LTTE activities in Sri Lanka and Tamil Nadu are the first steps to disintegrate India. US and Chinese influence in the region influences geopolitical dimensions. India's political stability and economic strength as a superpower are necessary for regional stability. The webinar explores the risks of not continuing the LTTE'S proscription.

## Speakers Bio

### **Dr. Prakash A Shah, LLB (LSE) LLM (LSE) PhD (SOAS).**

Reader in Culture and Law



Dr. Shah is a Reader in Culture and Law at Queen Mary, University of London (U.K.), where he has taught since 2002. His research and teaching interests include cultural diversity, religion, caste, diasporas, transnationalism, and comparative law. Among Dr. Shah's academic activities are: Editorial Board or Advisory Board member of the Asian Journal of Law and Society, International Journal of Discrimination and Law, Electronic Journal of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law (E.J.I.M.E.L.), Oñati Socio-Legal Series, Journal of Legal Pluralism, Journal of Law and Religion, Kurdish Studies; Brill book series on Minority Protection and Brill Annotated Legal Documents on Islam in Europe; Book reviews editor of Bloomsbury's Journal of Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Law (January 2011-) Managing editor of Bloomsbury's Journal of Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Law (January 2003-December 2010).

### **Manish Uprety F.R.A.S.**



Mr. Uprety is an alumnus of the Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, India and the University of London, United Kingdom. He is interested in research in management studies and had explored the co-evolution of strategy and environment. In his ambassadorial capacity, Mr. Uprety looked after the Collaborative Intergovernmental Scientific Research Institute's malnutrition initiatives, an inter-governmental observer to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in New York. He played a pivotal role in establishing nutrition programmes in Mexico and Africa. Mr. Uprety was inducted as a Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society (F.R.A.S.) of Great Britain and Ireland.

**Dr. Myszka Gużkowska QVRM, TD, AKC, DPhil, MBA, FRSA, FRGS.**



Myszka is widely experienced in senior executive and non-executive leadership across academic, military and related fields. Most recently she was Deputy Vice Chancellor of Manchester Metropolitan University and also Assistant Director at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and Commander of the University Officer Training Corps. Previously, she had been Pro-Vice Chancellor and Regent Provost at the University of Westminster and before that, Principal of Digby Stuart College and Pro-Rector of the University of Surrey Roehampton. In her current non-executive roles she is a Governor at Stonyhurst College, a member of the Board of the North-West Reserve Forces and Cadets Association, a Trustee of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment and an active member of her local Community Association. Previously she had been a Higher Education Adviser to the Department for Education and Employment, a non-executive director for two MOD Agencies, trustee of various charities, board member of professional associations, director of a variety of educational enterprises and leader of several European collaborative projects in Higher Education. Currently an independent educational consultant, Myszka is currently dividing her time between academic teaching and research in Resilience, Corporate Social Responsibility and Civil-Military relations and independent consultancy projects, especially with regard to environmental sustainability. She has given a number of recent presentations at international Diplomatic conferences and is presently working with partners on the development of a suite of Masters Degree programmes in Diplomatic Studies.

Myszka is a Geography graduate of Kings College, London, has an MBA from Henley Management College, an MSc in Forestry and Land Management and, a Doctorate in the use of Diatoms for water quality monitoring, both from Jesus College, Oxford. Myszka also studied at the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris with one of the world's leading Diatom experts, which led to her joining Mullard Space Science Laboratory at UCL working on ERS-1, Europe's first remote sensing satellite. Her research included working with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, British Aerospace, the European Space Agency and leading a joint expedition with CSIRO to investigate radar interaction with desert surfaces in Australia's Simpson Desert. Subsequently, Myszka won substantial EHE funding for UCL, creating and leading the Higher Education Research and Development Unit.

Myszka was awarded the Queens Volunteer Reserve Medal (QVRM) in 2009. She is a former Oxford Ice-Hockey 'Blue' and still skates and skis when she can; she enjoys hiking and cycling and is a DoE gold assessor. She has three children and enjoys time with her family.