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Deception detection. Terrorism research. Homeland security vs. Individual privacy. Knowledge discovery and dissemination. National symposium on Intelligence and Security Informatics from the University of Arizona's Eller College MIS Department will look at these topics and more.

Event seeks to continue advancing national security research in this post-9/11 era while benchmarking significant progress in the field.

TUCSON, Ariz. – May 25, 2004 –The University of Arizona's Eller College of Management MIS Department will host the second National Symposium on Intelligence and Security Informatics (ISI-2004) June 10-11 at the Hilton El Conquistador Golf and Tennis Resort in Tucson, Arizona.

The symposium—hosted by the University of Arizona, San Diego Supercomputer Center, and the Tucson Police Department—will bring together technical and policy researchers to facilitate communication, community-building and research between local, state, and federal government agencies, academic researchers, and practitioners.

The past two years have seen significant interest and progress in national security research in the areas of information technologies, organizational studies, and security-related public policy. Similar to medical and biological research, research in the law enforcement and intelligence field faces the challenge of significant information overload, and yet tremendous opportunity for new innovation. This symposium will build on the momentum of last year's event by continuing to develop the science of intelligence and security informatics – the study of the use and development of advanced information technologies, systems, and algorithms for national security-related applications, through an integrated technological, organizational and policy-based approach.

Major funding support for ISI-2004 is provided by the National Science Foundation, Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Homeland Security, National Institute of Justice, and the University of Arizona. Symposium chairs are Hsinchun Chen, McClelland Professor of MIS and director of the Artificial Intelligence Lab at the University of Arizona's Eller College, Reagan Moore of the San Diego Super Computer Center at UCSD, Daniel Zeng, Assistant Professor of MIS at the Eller College, and John Leavitt of the Tucson Police Department.

The event begins with a plenary panel session on June 10th from 1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m., and continues with presentation of papers throughout the afternoon. A highlight of this year's event occurs the morning of June 11th; A panel on recent trends in terrorism research, "Addressing Contemporary Research Issues in Terrorism: Analytical Approaches, Data and Research Methodologies," brings international experts on Al Qaeda and terrorism information services together at the same table to present their current work and engage the audience in round table discussion. This terrorism research panel and book signing features:

- Rohan Gunaratna of the Singapore-based Institute for Defense and Strategic Studies and author of national bestseller [Inside Al Qaeda](#)
- Marc Sageman, of the University of Pennsylvania and author of a new book called [Understanding Terror Networks](#)

Professor Hsinchun Chen, MIS professor and director of the Artificial Intelligence Lab at the Eller College of Management, comments, "There is a clear indication of tangible research progress made in the information security field both in depth and coverage. Additionally, new topics of significant practical relevance— including trust management, information assurance, and disease informatics— have emerged. We will again create intellectual discussion among previously disparate communities, all experts in the field."

Symposium speakers include Art Becker of the Intelligence Technology Innovation Center, Valerie Gregg and Michael Pazzani of the National Science Foundation, Joe Heaps of the National Institute of Justice, and Gary Strong of the Department of Homeland Security.

ISI-2004 event details:

- Visit the symposium Web site for more information at: www.ecom.arizona.edu/ISI/
- Review the detailed program at: <http://www.ecom.arizona.edu/ISI/program.htm>
- The conference registration fee for ISI-2004 is \$200. Registration information is available at <http://www.ecom.arizona.edu/ISI/registration.htm>

- If you are a faculty, student or staff member of the University of Arizona, please contact Cathy Larson at cal@eller.arizona.edu before registering.

Media note: The media is invited at no charge. Academic researchers and presenters will be available to the media discuss their research as available. Media is encouraged to meet with speakers on June 10th before the scheduled sessions begin.

About the Eller College of Management

The University of Arizona's Eller College of Management supports more than 4,500 undergraduate and 600 graduate students. The Eller College is known for its innovative business curriculum, internationally recognized faculty, advancing research, and excellence in entrepreneurship, MIS, and social responsibility. Eller ranks at the top in grant and research dollar generation, has a top 5 MIS Department, and has nationally ranked undergraduate and graduate programs. The College is located on the University of Arizona campus in beautiful Tucson, Arizona. Visit www.eller.arizona.edu for more information.

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