

## Political Assassination as an Instrument of National Policy –

*An Inquiry into Operations,  
Expediency, Morality, and Law*



### Thursday April 11, 2002

6:30 – 9 p.m.

Opening Plenary Session  
A Role-Playing Exercise and Town Meeting

#### **“The Assassination of a Terrorist Enemy”**

In this opening plenary session a group of nationally prominent political leaders, policy makers, scholars, and members of the intelligence, military, religious, and civil liberties communities will engage in a role-playing exercise exploring a fictional scenario posing the question of whether the United States should undertake an operation to assassinate the leader of a terrorist organization deemed responsible for acts of violence against the United States.

The issue will be explored through historical, moral, religious, operational, political, diplomatic, and legal perspectives. The final segment of the program will include a “town meeting” discussion in which members of the audience will participate in the debate and deliberation. These issues will in turn be explored the next day of the conference in a series of more specifically focused sessions.

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### Friday April 12, 2002

#### **ROUNDTABLE SESSION I**

“Policy, Politics, and Operations”

9 – 10:15 a.m.

#### **ROUNDTABLE SESSION II**

“Moral and Religious Perspectives”

10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

#### **LUNCH BREAK**

#### **ROUNDTABLE SESSION III**

“Assassination as an Instrument of Policy and the Law”

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

#### **Conference Director**

Professor John Paul Jones  
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#### **Conference Moderator**

Professor Rodney A. Smolla  
George E. Allen, Professor of Law

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