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DURHAM, N.H. -- Terrorism and its impact on liberal democracy will be the focus of a conference sponsored by the University of New Hampshire’s history department Sept. 29-30, 2005. Supported by the Dunfey Endowment for the Study of History, the conference will bring together some of the world’s most distinguished historians and journalists to consider what history reveals about the short and long-term consequences of crisis, terror and war for liberal democracies in the modern age.

The conference will begin Thursday, Sept. 29, at 4 p.m. in Room 115 of Murkland Hall with a keynote address by David Sanger, White House correspondent for the New York Times, titled “9/11 Plus Four Years: Does America Have a Strategy?” Sanger was part of a team that won the Pulitzer Prize in 1987 for its investigation of the Challenger Disaster. He went on to cover global economic issues and foreign policy, as correspondent and bureau chief in Tokyo for several years. He has been White House correspondent since 2000. Sanger’s address and all of the conference sessions are free and open to the public.

The conference continues Friday, Sept. 30, in the Squamscott Room of Holloway Commons with a full day of panels and discussions. Among the leading scholars and journalists presenting remarks are Pulitzer Prize winning Civil War historian Mark Neely; Tom Segev, a highly regarded Israeli historian, journalist and author of The Seventh Million: The Israelis and the Holocaust; and John Dinges, former Latin American correspondent for the Washington Post and National Public Radio. A complete schedule for Friday follows.

The Dunfey Endowment was established at UNH in 1993, to promote discussion and study to reach understanding and resolution of world and national problems. For more information, call UNH’s Department of History at (603) 862-1764.

Thursday, Sept. 29 (Room 115, Murkland Hall)
4 p.m.
9/11 Plus Four Years: Does America Have a Strategy?: David Sanger, White House correspondent for the New York Times

Friday, Sept. 30 (Squamscott Room of Holloway Commons)
9-10:30 a.m.
Lincoln and Civil Liberties in the Light of 9/11: Mark Neely, Pennsylvania State University
Political Dissent, Terrorism, and Civil Liberties in Germany during and after the Cold War: Mary Nolan, New York University

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
State, Terrorism, and Liberty in France from the Anarchists to Islamic Jihad: Paul Jankowski, Brandeis University

The IRA and the War on Terror: Richard English, Queen’s University, Belfast

2-3:30 p.m.
The Other 9/11: Pinochet, his Allies and a Decade of International State Terrorism: John Dinges, Columbia University

Defining War and the Problem of Democratic Accountability in the ‘War’ on Terror: Mary Dudziak, University of Southern California

4-5:30 p.m.
Living with Fear – Terrorism as an Everyday Experience: Tom Segev, columnist for Ha’aretz, Israel

Democratic States and their Wicked Deals: Italy’s Role in the Florescence of the Sicilian Mafia: Jane Schneider, City University of New York Graduate Center