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Sources and Trends in Post 9/11 Anti-Terrorism Laws

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Kent Roach examines UN Security Council Resolutions 1373 and 1624 and Britain’s Terrorism Act, 2000 as three influential sources that have encouraged states to enact laws against the financing of terrorism, to use immigration law as anti-terrorism law, to employ broad definitions of terrorism and to enact laws against terrorist speech. He argues that the implications of these trends in anti-terrorism law for either security or human rights have not been carefully thought out and some possible remedies for the trendy nature of anti-terrorism law are considered.

Kent Roach is a Professor of Law at the University of Toronto and the author of eight books including Due Process and Victims’ Rights: The New Law and Politics of Criminal Justice (short-listed for the 1999 Donner Prize for best public policy book), The Supreme Court on Trial: Judicial Activism or Democratic Dialogue (short-listed for the 2001 Donner Prize) and (with Robert J. Sharpe) Brian Dickson: A Judge’s Journey (winner of the 2004 J.W. Dafoe Prize for best contribution to the understanding of Canada). Since 1997, Professor Roach has been editor-in-chief of the Criminal Law Quarterly. In 2002, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada by his fellow academics. In recent years, Professor Roach has focused much of his work on anti-terrorism law and policy. He is the co-editor of Global Anti-Terrorism Law and Policy (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005) and The Security of Freedom: Essays on Canada’s Anti-Terrorism Bill (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2001). He is also the author of September 11: Consequences for Canada (Montreal: McGill-Queens Press, 2003). He has appeared before the Canadian Senate and Indonesia’s working group on anti-terrorism law and lectured widely on matters relating to anti-terrorism laws.