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## *Biometrics and Counter-Terrorism*

**A Roundtable hosted by  
CSIS Transnational Threats Initiative**

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Biometrics and counter-terrorism was the key topic at a CSIS Biometrics Roundtable held on November 4, 2003. The roundtable hosted by the Transnational Threats Initiative, brought together speakers from corporate, academic, and the government communities to discuss the impact of biometrics on both terrorism and civil liberties.

Biometrics are an important security instrument as America and the world adapt to asymmetric warfare and the widespread use of fraudulent identification documents. The roundtable addressed civil liberty concerns that arise with the widespread use of biometrics technology, a sensitive political issue on which America has been largely silent. While there has been much discussion on biometric applications, very rarely have there been detailed efforts to address the constitutional implications of the technology.

In his keynote remarks, Jeff Jonas, founder and chief scientist of Systems Research and Development discussed the issue of identity in the age of asymmetric threat.

The first panel addressed future biometrics applications with highlights on homeland defense, intelligence surveillance, and forensic technology. Panel members included John Woodward, Director of the Biometrics Management Office at the Department of Defense, Dr. Tony Frudakis, Chief Scientific Officer and Founder of DNAPrint Genomics, Barry Hodge, President of AcSys Biometrics Corporation and Dr. Andrew Kirby, Senior Physical Scientists, Intelligence Technology and Innovation Center at the CIA.

The second panel addressed biometrics and the implications of civil liberties. Panel members included Dr. Margaret Johnson, Senior Lecturer from the Department of Computer Science at Stanford University, David Harris, President and Founder of Biometrics Council, Dr. Catherine Lotrionte, Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University and Dr. Anthony Arend, Professor of Government at Georgetown University.