Counter Terrorism and
Operational Classification
• When has the geographic scope of armed conflict ever been dictated by anything other than the threat situation?
• What authority exists for the assumption that only state-based threats are sufficient in magnitude and risk to justify extraterritorial military response?
• Is there anything close to a legal, or even doctrinal consensus definition of theater of war?
• How can a limitation of permissible geography of armed conflict be imposed without offering the opponent a windfall of functional immunity?
• What type of conduct results in the legitimate designation of belligerent status?
• Should there be some individualized imminence assessment associated with targeting suspected belligerent operations outside a hot zone of conflict?