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Welcome to the Newsletter



We are looking forward to an exciting and busy summer this year, with our CEO, David Toddington, back in the UK filming the next season of the hit TV series, [Hunted](#), while at the same time we get ready to announce some exciting new

changes at TII.

As we gear up to launch our brand new cyberpsychology training series, Calgary-based Forensic Psychiatrist, Dr. Cynthia Baxter, writes about the newly-emerging discipline in this edition of the newsletter.

E-Learning Graduates

Congratulations to the following students who are among those who successfully completed the 40-hour [*Using the Internet as an Investigative Research Tool™*](#) e-learning program with TII recently:

- Giovanni Vasiendo - BMO
- Kareem Milhem – BMO
- Elizabeth Gudz – BMO
- Jeffery Snow
- Sarah Malekin
- Olga Nicholl – Canada Revenue Agency
- Angie Ferreira – Xpera Risk Mitigation & Investigation
- Corey Campbell
- Donald Zinger – Xpera Risk Mitigation & Investigation
- Gabriella Klosak – CSA Group
- Aswath Shanmugathas – BMO
- Faye Bako
- Amy Fisher – Canada Revenue Agency
- Michael Tierney – BMO
- Chad Salisbury – RCMP
- Emily Brawley – Progress Investigations
- Matthew Richardson
- Marubeth Ortega – Canada Revenue Agency

Upcoming Select Worldwide Training Dates



"Advanced Internet Intelligence & Online Investigations"

2-Day Course - Australia & Asia Editions

[June 12-13, 2017, Hong Kong](#)

[September 18-19, 2017, Canberra, Australia](#)

[September 21-22, 2017, Singapore](#)

"Advanced Internet Intelligence & Online Investigations"

3-Day Course - UK Edition

(Includes evening networking social event)

[September 10-13, 2017, Cambridge University, Queens' College](#)

"Advanced Internet Intelligence & Online Investigations"

3-Day Course - Canada Edition

[September 27-29, 2017, Vancouver, BC](#)

[November 15-17, 2017, Toronto, ON](#)

[December 11-13, 2017, Calgary, AB](#)

"Cyberpsychology & OSINT Training"

2-Day Course - Australia & Asia Editions

With Dr. Cynthia Baxter

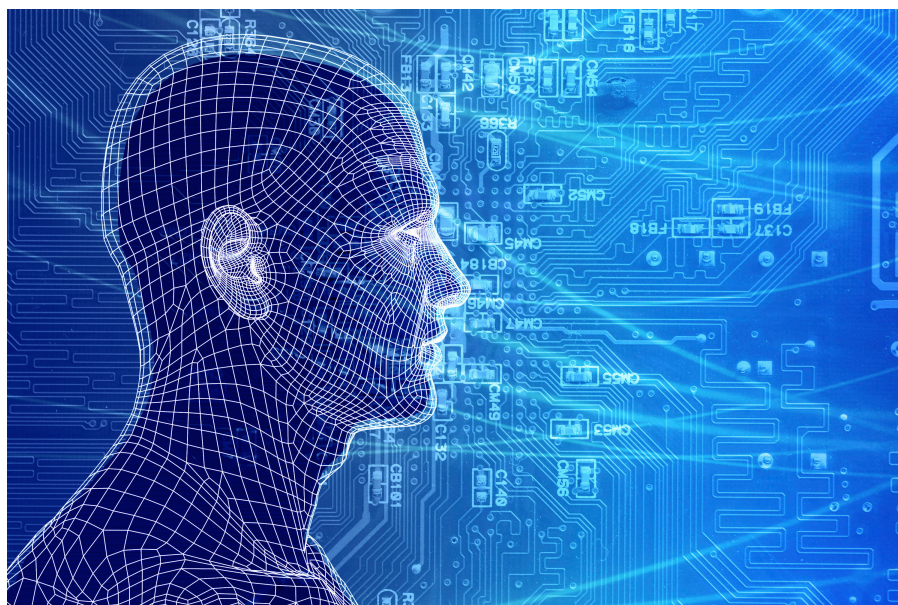
November 29-30, 2017, Sydney, Australia

December 4-5, 2017, Singapore

Webpages coming soon. To register or to learn more, please contact our partner [HJ InnoXcell](#) at +852 3978 9918 (UTC+08:00), or email Kelvin Wong at Kelvin@innoxcell.net.

Please [contact us](#) directly for your in-house training requirements.

Cyberpsychology – Is the Internet the Great Equalizer?



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“Push the limits. Enter a world with infinite possibilities and live a life without boundaries, guided only by your imagination. Do what you love, with the people you love, from anywhere in the world.” – Second Life Virtual World Game

Wow, sounds tempting, doesn't it? Well, if you are actually pretty happy with your life and content with your family, friends, and work, it might just be a fun game. On the other hand, if you are desperately unhappy and ineffective in your “real life”, a life without boundaries and guided only by your imagination sounds pretty good. In this way, the Internet has become an alternative reality for many people whose actual life does not come close to their wanted life.

Psychologically, the Internet can be critical in helping you find a group where you fit in and where you can find self-acceptance through acceptance by others. But, like many things in life, the Internet can be used for good or evil. It might help a LGBT young person living in a small community access greater support resources available in larger cities. On the other hand, it can also connect a violent or sexually deviant person with like-minded individuals.

The perceived anonymity of the Internet has been a much-discussed aspect in accounting for those who engage in problematic online behaviours. Yet even when the public is starting to understand that the Internet is not quite as anonymous as they originally thought, people continue to behave badly online. Why? In the privacy of bedrooms, cars, and offices, people continue to have a sense that there are no consequences and that it is not the real world.

With respect to predatory online behaviours, the unique opportunities are hard to resist for those with devious intentions. When people interact online, there is a removal of the usual social classes, age distinctions, or other environmental cues that help us choose who we interact with in the real world. It creates many online interactions where it's easy for predators to ease victims into thinking we are equals and friends. Online grooming, catfishing, and scams are experts in these tactics.

Identity fusion is an increasingly talked about concept when it comes to radicalization, single assailant attacks, and ideologically-driven violence. This is where the Internet can be particularly dangerous for a very small group of lost individuals. These individuals tend to have failed in the real world, are angry, entitled, and psychologically inadequate, leading them to look to the Internet for

others who also reject the mainstream (almost always because the mainstream has rejected them). They can develop a strong feeling of being one with that desired alternate group. Eventually, that desired alternate group becomes their kin and family in their minds. The bond that connects the group members is often shared negative experiences (real or perceived). Interestingly, the individual from these groups who actually goes on to later commit violence is often ultimately rejected from the group as the individual is too extreme, illogical, or erratic. Sometimes the person has only joined the group in their heads by reading about them online and never actually had any contact with the group in question.

It's also interesting to explore the phenomenon of people pretending to be someone else online, when it is not for predatory reasons. Traditionally, people used their adolescence to try on different roles and ways of being in this world before settling on the self they would be as an adult. Now, identity exploration can continue throughout adulthood, where one can create different cyberselves to play around with endlessly. Social rejection and humiliation may have previously limited what we were willing to admit about ourselves, but we can now create a character online to express those ideas, beliefs, and wishes – and then sit back and see how people react. We can also create a cyberself that is braver, stronger, and more interesting than how we view ourselves normally. Cyberselves can be created to generate a multitude of feelings in others, including sympathy, friendship, connection, animosity, or envy.

Should we believe that what a person says online is how they really feel? The concepts of state versus trait psychology help us explore that question. Research has shown us that traits are enduring features of our personality that make up a core aspect of our self, whereas states are passing emotions and behaviours that are specific to that time and place. Assuming the person is being honest about what they've said online, their statements and actions can reflect either their enduring traits or a transitory state. This means we need more information about the person and their character in order to accurately characterize an online statement as reflecting their true beliefs or if it was a simply a flippant poorly thought out reaction.

As the world increasingly goes online, the distinction between our “real life” and online life is getting smaller. We now live part of our life online. While it's true that the Internet can serve as social compensation for those whose needs are not being met offline, the Internet can also enhance the psychological well-being of healthy well-adjusted individuals. For example, extroverts and socially busy people often experience further social enhancement by online social networking. The Internet can also help us deepen relationships through increased communication, allow us varied forms of self-expression, provide us with low-cost and easily accessed entertainment, and facilitate learning.

The field of cyberpsychology is young and exciting – it will continue to grow and develop as technology expands. Psychological research in this area has struggled to keep up with the speed of digital advancements, so investigators looking at cyberpsychology will likely encounter updated theories more quickly than other areas of the behavioural sciences.

Toddington International is committed to ensuring you have the latest education and knowledge in this area to be effective in your work. I am very pleased to be a part of the Toddington International team and am excited to provide you and your teams with training around the behavioural sciences to aid in your operations and investigations. Watch for upcoming TII [training events](#) in your area or [contact us](#) to discuss your specific training needs.



Dr. Cynthia Baxter is a Canadian Forensic Psychiatrist who has been assessing and managing violent offenders, sex offenders, and severe personality disorders for the criminal justice system, law enforcement, and the health care system since 2002. She is board-certified in both Canada and the United States and enjoys collaborating with a variety of different professionals in order to assess and manage difficult cases. Learn more about Cynthia and her work [here](#).

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archive.is – Searchable archive of webpages

searchisback.com – Facebook search tool for searching posts or shares, people, events, and photos

news-explorer.mybluemix.net – 250K news articles/day from 70K sources displayed within a suite of linked data visualizations

brave.com – New security and privacy-oriented browser

offliberty.com – Handy site that lets you access (download) any online content without a permanent Internet connection

intel.malwaretech.com/pewpew.html – Live map showing full spectrum detections of botnet and malware around the globe

mojeek.com – Search engine without user tracking

metrocosm.com/disputed-territories-map.html – Interactive map of every disputed territory in the world

socialbearing.com – Twitter search tool (search by keyword or hashtag)

netbootcamp.org/facebook.html – Facebook profile, keyword, and graph search

harmari.com/search/unified – Search live and historic classifieds

citeulike.org – Search and save scholarly references

thetimezoneconverter.com – Easily convert timezones

adsglobe.com – Search global classified ads

crimemap.calgarypolice.ca – Calgary crime map

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Comprehensive E-Learning Program:

"Using the Internet as an Investigative Research Tool™"



E-Learning: *"Using the Internet as an Investigative Research Tool™"*

Take your Online Research and Intelligence Skills to New Levels

The most comprehensive and up-to-date Internet research and investigation e-learning program available anywhere, *"Using the Internet as an Investigative Research Tool™"* is designed to enable investigators, researchers, and intelligence personnel to *find better online information, in less time, at less cost, with less risk™*.

For a fraction of the cost of classroom-based training, our flexible and interactive virtual classroom environment allows candidates to progress at their own pace and competency level, with a qualified personal instructor on hand at all times to ensure success. Initially launched in 1998, this highly-acclaimed and continually updated online course has been successfully completed by well over six thousand

investigators and knowledge workers around the world.

Enrollment takes only a few moments; online credit card payments are accepted, group discounts and licensing options are available for five or more registrants. Visit the [course page](#) to find out more and instantly register, or [contact us](#) directly with any questions.

Bonus: Tuition fee includes a one-year subscription to the newly revised and updated TII Premium Resource Knowledge Base, a premium resource of some 4,000 deep web resources and sites (an additional \$299 value)!

As a HRSDC certified educational institution, TII provides Canadian students with a T2202A Tuition Tax Receipt.

More Online Training

Introduction to Intelligence Analysis 40-Hour E-Learning Program

This program provides a rich and interesting opportunity to explore the key concepts and intellectual foundations which inform intelligence analysis activity. Students will develop awareness of, and experience in, using common tools and methodologies to conduct analysis assignments, as well as learn how to fashion one's insights and ideas in a way that communicates effectively to clients and other intelligence consumers. **Sign up or learn more [here](#).**

Criminal Intelligence Analysis 40-Hour E-Learning Program

This program is designed to equip aspiring and inexperienced analysts, as well as other interested law enforcement and investigative professionals, with the knowledge and skills required to undertake criminal intelligence analysis work, and to understand criminal intelligence analysis products when encountered. **Sign up or learn more [here](#).**

Strategic Intelligence Analysis

40-Hour E-Learning Program

This program is intended for professionals working in public sector enforcement, intelligence, national security, and regulatory compliance roles, or those aspiring to do so. Students will be equipped with the skills and knowledge required to effectively conceive, plan, and implement strategic analysis projects, and deliver impactful strategic advice to clients and other end users. **Sign up or learn more [here](#).**

Also of Interest to the OSINT Professional

[WhatsApp vs. Signal: Which secure messaging app is best?](#)

[Must-know tools for archiving/saving pages for later viewing](#)

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[Detecting deception: New process of active questioning that yields the successful detection of 97.8% of liars](#)

[Are we living in a Golden Age of Ignorance? Facts are important but not enough to win many arguments it would seem](#)

[Google allows users to share their locations in mapping app](#)

[Google Alerts 'how-to' and 12 alternative tools](#)

[2017 Social media demographics](#)

[Important online privacy debate taking place in the US: Should your ISP be allowed to sell your browsing history?](#)

[Should 'digital literacy' be mandatory in schools \(similar to reading, writing, and math\)?](#)

['Snoop proofing' your phone or tablet](#)

[World's first P2P bitcoin marketplace that no government could control finally adds the last ingredient: Anonymity](#)

[Which VPN should you use in 2017?](#)

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