



Preventing and tackling violent extremism – what works best?

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Conference Programme

Morning session

Time	Topic	Duration
08:30	Arrival and registration	30 min
09:00	Welcome address - Hans Pung, RAND Europe	10 min
09:10	Opening keynote speech - Alexandra Antoniadis, Head of sector Prevention and radicalization, DG Home	20 min
09:30	Panel 1 - EU and national responses to current security context, including terrorism and violent radicalization - Geoffrey Van Orden MEP - Eva Joly MEP - Simon Smith, IMPACT Europe Advisory Board - Theo Muskee, Dutch National Police - Hans Pung, RAND Europe (Chair)	75 min
10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	15 min
11:00	Panel 2 - IMPACT Europe presentation - Joanna Hofman, RAND Europe - Dianne van Hemert, TNO - Ron van Wonderen, Verwey-Jonker Instituut - Hans Pung, RAND Europe (Chair)	60 min
12:00	<i>Buffet lunch</i>	45 min

Afternoon session

Time	Topic	Duration
12:45	Panel 3 - Ongoing measures to support countering violent extremism and their effectiveness and the contribution of IMPACT Europe - Merel Molenkamp, Radicalisation Awareness Network - Ivan Calabuig-Williams, IMPACT Europe Advisory Board - Steffen Saigusa Nielsen, Aarhus Municipality - Ana Gomes MEP - Jean-Luc Marret, Fondation pour la recherche stratégique (Chair)	90 min
14:15	Panel 4 - Emerging measures and approaches to preventing and countering violent extremism - Rebecca Skellett, Strong Cities Network - Institute for Strategic Dialogue - Anissa Akhandaf, Antwerp Municipality - Prof. Hilary Pilkington, University of Manchester - Harald Weilnböck, Cultures Interactive (Chair)	70 min
15:25	<i>Coffee break</i>	20 min
15:45	Panel 5 - Good practices and possible future initiatives for better understanding and tackling violent radicalization - Cristina Mattei, Hedayah - Prof. Tom Sorell, University of Warwick - Brett Kubicek, Public Safety Canada - Jacopo Bellasio, RAND Europe - Abdul-Rehman Malik, Radical Middle Way (Chair)	90 min
17:15	Concluding remarks - Hans Pung, RAND Europe	15 min
17:30	<i>End of conference and networking drinks</i>	-

Speakers Biographies

Hans Pung

Hans Pung is president of RAND Europe, a not-for-profit public policy research organisation that helps improve policy and decision-making through research and analysis. With offices in Cambridge (UK), and Brussels (BE), RAND's staff undertakes empirical studies for public, private, and third sector clients on a diverse range of policy issues including innovation, science, health, social policy, defence, home affairs, and infrastructure. Hans joined RAND as a policy analyst in 2002 and continues to lead and deliver research projects, particularly around industrial economics and security policy issues. Hans is the project and consortium leader of IMPACT Europe. Hans has held a range of senior leadership positions in RAND Europe, including directing RAND's European defence and security research portfolio as well as heading RAND Europe's efforts to grow and diversify into new research areas.

Prior to joining RAND, Hans served as an engineer officer in the United States Army with responsibility for logistics, personnel, and operations and overseas service in the United Kingdom, South Korea, and Germany. He also led the emergency power response team at the Pentagon in the aftermath of 9/11.



Alexandra Antoniadis

Since July 2013, Alexandra Antoniadis has worked at the European Commission's DG HOME, D.2 Terrorism and Radicalisation. As Head of Sector, Alexandra's work focusses on Preventing Radicalisation and supporting the Radicalisation Awareness Network and EU Internet Forum. Prior to this, between February 2008 and July 2013, Ms Antoniadis worked for the Commission Legal Service, specifically in Competition Law. Between October 2003 and January 2008, Ms Antoniadis was part of the DG COMP State Aid Control team responsible for the telecom and media sector.

Before joining the European Commission, Ms Antoniadis worked for the law firms "Bruckhaus Westrick Stegemann" and "Deringer Tessin Herrmann Sedemund" in Brussels.



Panel 1 - EU and national responses to current security context, including terrorism and violent radicalization

Geoffrey Van Orden

Geoffrey Van Orden spent thirty years as a British Army military intelligence officer and counter terrorist specialist before entering politics. Since his election to the European Parliament in 1999, in addition to his work in trying to reform the EU, on immigration, and his wider defence policy interests, he has continued to engage on terrorism through his membership of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Defence & Security sub-Committee, Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee and visits to the Middle East, Sri Lanka and other affected areas. He speaks and writes on these issues.



Eva Joly

Eva Joly has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2009, representing the French Greens, "Europe Ecologie". She is member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), and Vice-President of the Committee of Inquiry into Money Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion (PANA). She was shadow rapporteur on the recently adopted directive on combatting terrorism. Having studied law, Eva Joly specialized in financial affairs and took office as examining magistrate at the High Court in Paris. After her career as a judge in France, Eva Joly worked as a special adviser on anti-corruption policies in Norway, in Iceland, and also in Afghanistan as an expert in the MEC activities (Independent Joint Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee). In 2012, she was the Europe Ecologie - Les Verts candidate at the French presidential elections.



Simon Smith

Chief Inspector Simon Smith is a Metropolitan Police Officer currently working in the UK National CT Policing HQ. He has 30 years policing experience across a wide range of operational contexts and has been working on countering violent extremism for over 10 years. Simon is currently responsible for Prevent Delivery at NCTPHQ, including operational case management, the Channel program and associated national policy development. He also has oversight of UK police performance in this area of business and compliance with relevant legal and policy frameworks. Prior to joining NCTPHQ in June 2013, Simon was in charge of the implementation and delivery of the UK Prevent strategy across London for the Metropolitan Police Counter Terrorism Command.





Theo Muskee

Theo Muskee is Executive Operational Specialist at the Dutch National Police. As part of this work, Theo leads the CTER (Counter Terrorism, Extremism, Radicalism) project in Noord-Holland, and contributes to the Dutch National Police's international cooperation efforts concerning the preventing and countering of violent extremism and radicalisation.

Theo is a liaison and advisor for the IMPACT Europe project, in which role he has contributed to the development of the IMPACT Europe evaluation toolkit and its piloting with end-users.



Panel 2 - IMPACT Europe presentation

Joanna Hofman

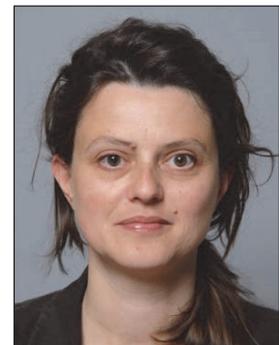
Joanna Hofman is Research Leader at RAND Europe. She received masters' degrees in European Economics and Public Affairs from the University College Dublin and in International Relations from Warsaw University. Joanna has been at RAND for over four years, and has contributed to and led numerous studies commissioned by EU institutions and agencies, including various evaluations. Among many others, she is leading the development of the IMPACT Europe evaluation toolkit. Before joining RAND, Joanna held consultant positions at Coffey International Development and The Evaluation Partnership. Previously, Joanna worked at the Ministry of Regional Development in Poland, where she was responsible for evaluating programmes financed from the European Social Fund.

Joanna is a long-standing member of national and regional evaluation and research associations, such as the Polish Evaluation Society, European Evaluation Society and Social Research Association. She has given several training courses on evaluation approaches, research design, methods and techniques for public sector clients, including the European Institute for Public Administration and Cambridge University.



Dianne van Hemert

Dr. Dianne van Hemert is a senior research scientist at TNO, the Netherlands. She has extensive experience in conducting cultural and social psychology studies for the Netherlands MoD, the UK MoD and the European Union. She participated in research on radicalisation (e.g., FP7 project SAFIRE) and led the work on the state-of-the-art in IMPACT Europe. In addition, she focusses on behavioral influence, deviant behaviour, cultural differences and similarities, team behaviour, and modelling of behaviour. Dianne is a member of the editorial board of the Dutch Journal for Security.



Drs. Ron van Wonderen

Drs. Ron van Wonderen is a social psychologist and senior researcher at the Verwey-Jonker Institute (<http://www.verwey-jonker.nl/english>). Ron's research interests and expertise focus on the following fields:

Evaluation studies concerning interventions and policies that aim to prevent polarisation and radicalisation. Studies on a) processes of polarisation between populations of different cultural backgrounds in urban areas, and corresponding risk- and protective factors; b) studies on processes of radicalisation and corresponding risk- and protective factors; and c) evaluation of policies which aim to address polarisation and radicalisation. These studies aim to assess policies of local government and local actors (e.g. police, youth workers) to prevent societal polarisation. In 2015 and 2017 Ron led national survey studies on trigger factors concerning anti-Semitism and discrimination against Muslims in the Netherlands.



Panel 3 - Ongoing measures to support countering violent extremism and their effectiveness and the contribution of IMPACT Europe

Merel Molenkamp

Mrs. Molenkamp has been working as a consultant at Radar Consultancy since 2013, participating in a number of projects in the social domain and focussed on general prevention. Prior to this, Mrs. Molenkamp coordinated dozens of prevention-oriented projects for an NGO in Amsterdam, beginning in 2009.

In 2013, Mrs. Molenkamp became part of the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) team. Her main areas of expertise within the context of prevention of radicalisation are: the prison and probation sector; working with youth, families and communities; and the online domain. Within the RAN Centre of Excellence Mrs. Molenkamp also coordinates and in some cases executes support to Member States and is involved in the general management of the project. In the context of support to Member States, Mrs. Molenkamp has cooperated with the IMPACT Europe team to connect the RAN network to the development of the IMPACT Europe toolkit and to promote evaluation as best practice in the field of preventing radicalisation.



Steffen Saigusa Nielsen

Steffen Saigusa Nielsen is a crime prevention advisor for the East Jutland Police and City of Aarhus in Denmark and has worked on multi-agency solutions in crime prevention since the 90's. Among many other things related to the prevention of crime, Steffen is one of the fathers of the Aarhus-model, a method for preventing radicalization and violent extremism in collaboration with the police, municipal authorities and local communities.

Ana Gomes

Ana Gomes has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2004, and was re-elected in June 2009 and in May 2014 for a third term. She is a member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, and of the Subcommittee for Security and Defence, as well as full member of the Delegation for the relations with the United-States and the Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean. She is a substitute member on the Foreign Affairs Committee and on the Subcommittee on Human Rights. Her main area of work focuses on justice and home affairs, security and defence, tax justice and transparency, human rights and the rule of law.

Ana Gomes was a career diplomat from 1980 until she suspended this involvement in order to enter party politics in 2003. She joined the Portuguese Foreign Service in 1980 and served in the Portuguese Missions at the UN in New York and Geneva and also in the Embassies in Tokyo and London. Between 1999 and 2003 she was Head of the Portuguese Interests Section and then Ambassador in Jakarta, where she played a role in the process leading up to the independence of East Timor and in the reestablishment of diplomatic relations between Portugal and Indonesia.



Jean-Luc Marret

Jean-Luc Marret, PhD, is senior fellow at the Foundation for Strategic Research (Fondation pour la recherche stratégique), Paris, France, where he is in charge of work relating to political violence, terrorism and prevention. He is a well-seasoned expert who has worked for more than 20 years on terrorism, political violence and P/CVE. Before joining FRS, he worked for four years as social worker at the French unemployment office with youth beneficiaries.



Panel 4 - Emerging measures and approaches to preventing and countering violent extremism

Rebecca Skellett

Rebecca Skellett is a Senior Programme Manager at the Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD) managing the Strong Cities Network (SCN). The SCN is the first ever global network formed of 64 cities from across 35 countries including mayors, municipal-level policy makers and practitioners united in building social cohesion and community resilience to counter violent extremism in all its forms. Previously, Rebecca worked on the front-line of the UK's countering violent extremism (CVE) efforts across several London boroughs. She has extensive experience in developing local CVE programming and policy frameworks. Rebecca is also a member of the UK Department for Education's Expert Advisory Panel for Extremism.



Anissa Akhandaf

Anissa Akhandaf has been program leader of the Antwerp prevention of VE since 2013. This local program is centred around bottom up practice. Previously, Anissa worked as head of social cohesion, which included diversity management due to the diverse population of Antwerp. She graduated in Political and Social Sciences and has a separate degree in languages. After studying Arabic in Morocco, she has also taught Arabic in community college once or twice a week (evening classes) since 2000. Anissa is also involved in local volunteer work with vulnerable youth and vulnerable neighbourhoods.



Hilary Pilkington

Hilary Pilkington is Professor of Sociology at the University of Manchester and Fellow of the UK Academy of Social Sciences. She has been coordinator or principal investigator of over a dozen large research grants involving multiple international partners including, most recently, the FP7 MYPLACE (Memory, Youth, Political Legacy and Civic Engagement) project which studied young people's political engagement and activism in 14 countries of Europe. She is currently coordinator of the H2020 DARE (Dialogue about Radicalisation and Equality) project (2017-2021, which considers the social origins and effects of radicalisation, focusing on young people and on both Islamist and anti-Islam(ist) (extreme right) radicalisations.

Hilary's own research focuses on youth and youth subculture, youth political participation, activism and extremism and her recent empirical research has included ethnographic studies of youth activism in the anti-Islamist English Defence League and of racist skinhead and punk subcultures in Russia.



Harald Weilnböck

Harald Weilnböck (Ph.D; PD/Asso.Prof.) works both as practitioner and academic researcher. As a trained psychotherapist (mostly in group settings) he practices deradicalisation interventions with young people in prison and community settings. Harald has studied and worked in New Haven, Los Angeles, Paris, Zurich and Berlin and received his Ph.D. at UCLA (Los Angeles) where he also completed training as a research psychoanalyst at the Southern California Psychoanalytic Institute. His focus in studying violent extremism is on “intervention research” which examines how successful methods of prevention and deradicalisation work and what their principle impact factors and necessary conditions are. Harald’s general areas of scientific expertise are culture/media studies, social/ biographical and psychotherapy research and interdisciplinary narratology. From 2011 Harald consulted on the European Commission’s development of the ‘Radicalisation Awareness Network’ (RAN), after which he co-chaired the working-group on ‘Deradicalisation’ and joined the RAN Centre of Excellence in 2016. Harald regularly collaborates with the OSCE, Global Counter Terrorism Forum (GCTF), the European Forum for Urban Security (EFUS) and US State Dept., among others.



Panel 5 - Good practices and possible future initiatives for better understanding and tackling violent radicalization

Cristina Mattei

Cristina Mattei is Senior Program Associate within the Capacity Building Programs Department at Hedayah, the International Center of Excellence for Countering Violent Extremism (CVE), based in Abu Dhabi (UAE). In her capacity, Cristina contributes to developing and managing major programs focused on preventive and reintegration efforts, with regard to the global challenge of violent extremism.



Tom Sorell

Professor Tom Sorell is Professor of Politics and Philosophy and Head of the Interdisciplinary Ethics Research Group in the department of Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick. He was an RCUK Global Uncertainties Leadership Fellow (2013-2016). Previously, he was John Ferguson Professor of Global Ethics and Director of the Centre for the Study of Global Ethics, University of Birmingham. Before that he was Co-Director of the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex. In 1996-7 he was Fellow in Ethics at Harvard. He was also the Tang Chun-I Visiting Professor in Philosophy at the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2013.

He has published extensively in moral and political philosophy, including four books, and dozens of journal articles. His most recent published work takes up (i) moral and political issues raised by emergencies, including terrorist emergencies; (ii) microfinance and human rights; (iii) human rights and activism; and (iv) the defensibility of preventive justice.

He has worked on many European and RCUK funded research projects. He has also served as a consultant on security-sensitive material in UK universities and on the committee advising the AHRC on the Internet of Things.



Brett Kubicek

Brett Kubicek joined the Canadian public service in 2005 after completing his PhD in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a post-doctoral fellowship at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies at Ohio State University, as well as a BA from the University of British Columbia. He currently manages research for the Office for community outreach and countering radicalization to violence, at Public Safety Canada. From 2007 to 2016 he served as Public Safety's liaison for the National Justice Statistics Initiative, as well as the lead on the Psycho-social and community resilience community of practice for the Canadian Safety and Security Program. He was also the manager responsible for Public Safety's Kanishka Project, a five-year \$10M Government of Canada initiative investing in research on terrorism and counter-terrorism.



Jacopo Bellasio

Jacopo Bellasio is an analyst at RAND Europe where he focuses on defence and security issues. Bellasio currently manages IMPACT Europe, a three-year pan-European counter violent radicalisation and extremism research effort for the European Commission. Prior to joining RAND, Bellasio worked with a human rights non-governmental organisation in Lebanon and as a research assistant at the University of St Andrews. Bellasio holds an M.Litt. in Middle East and Central Asian Security Studies from the University of St Andrews and an undergraduate degree in Linguistic and Cultural Mediation from the University of Milan, Italy.

Abdul-Rehman Malik

Abdul-Rehman Malik is an award winning London-based journalist, educator and organiser. He is Programmes Manager for the Radical Middle Way. Since 2005, Radical Middle Way has worked alongside grassroots partners – in the UK and around the world – to provide powerful, faith-inspired guidance that gives tools to enable change, promote social justice for all and combat exclusion and violence. His work has spanned the UK, Indonesia, Pakistan, Sudan, Mali, Morocco, Singapore, Canada and Malaysia. Abdul-Rehman was recently named a 2017 Yale Greenberg World Fellow and will begin a five-month stint at Yale University in New Haven, CT in August.

Abdul-Rehman is a regular contributor to BBC Radio, as well as a trustee of the Sandford St Martins Trust, a UK based trust which promotes media excellence in religious programming.





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