

# “Countering Violent Extremism in the United States and the European Union”

April 9 – 10, 2015

Twentieth Century Club

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Thursday, April 9, 2015

8:00 – 8:30 AM	Registration
8:30 – 9:00 AM	<b><i>Welcome and Opening Remarks</i></b>
	<b>Ronald Linden, PhD</b> Director, European Union Center of Excellence / European Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh
	<b>Ariel Armony, PhD</b> Director, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh
	<b>Michael Kenney, PhD</b> Conference Organizer Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh
9:00 – 10:30 AM	<b><i>Panel 1</i></b> <b><i>Violent Extremism in Europe</i></b>
	<b><i>Black Flags over Europe: How Jihadist Media Operatives Target German and French Audiences</i></b> Nico Prucha, PhD, International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation, King's College London (United Kingdom)

***Violent Jihad: Comparing the Experiences of the US and UK***

Sam Mullins, PhD, Professor, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies (Germany)

***From 'Jihad of the Tongue' to 'Jihad of the Sword': Understanding the 'Emigrants' and the Potential for 'Bleedback' in Europe***

Michael Kenney, PhD

Moderator: Frank Hofmann, PhD Visiting Senior Lecturer, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh

10:30 – 11:00 AM

Break

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

**Panel 2**

***Violent Extremism in the United States***

***Anatomy of a Terrorist Attack in the U.S: A Case Study of the Boston Marathon Bombers***

Colin P. Clarke, PhD, RAND Corporation

***Al-Qaeda and the Islamic State: Similarities and Distinctions***

Barak Mendelsohn, PhD, Associate Professor, Haverford College; Research Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center

***Levels of al-Qaeda Inspired Extremism in the United States***

David Schanzer, J.D., Associate Professor, Duke University

Moderator: Andy Conte, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

12:30 – 2:00 PM

Break

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

**Panel 3**

***CVE: Community Perspectives***

***Countering Violent Extremism at the Local Level in Pittsburgh: Insights from Malcolm X***

Hamza Perez, Community Activist and star of New Muslim Cool

***Islam and Extremism***

Sheikh Atef Mahgoub, Religious Director, Islamic Center of Pittsburgh

***Countering Violent Extremism at a Local Level***

Ghaffar Hussain, Community Resilience Manager, London Borough of Newham (United Kingdom)

Moderator: Elaine Linn, Global Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh

3:30 – 3:45 PM

Break

3:45 – 5:15 PM

**Panel 4**

***Junior Scholars***

***CVE in in the UK: An Analysis of British Counter-Radicalization Efforts***

Christina Unger, GSPIA, MPIA - Security and Intelligence

***Recruitment for the Islamic State: Romanticizing Warfare***

Joseph K. Sobek, GSPIA, MPIA - Security and Intelligence

***Islamic Terrorism in the Balkans***

Filip Stojkovski, GSPIA, GSPIA, MPIA - Security and Intelligence

Moderator: Burcu Savun, PhD, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

5:15 PM

End of Day 1

**Friday, April 10, 2015**

9:00 – 10:30 AM

**Panel 5**

***Countering Violent Extremism in the US and Europe***

***Countering Violent Extremism in France and Britain***

Frank Foley, PhD, Department of War Studies, King's College London (United Kingdom)

***CVE in America: a Timid Approach***

Lorenzo Vidino, PhD, Istituto Per Gli Studi Di Politica Internazionale (ISPI) (Italy)

***Jihadist Radicalization in Germany: The Case for Prevention and De-Radicalization***

Stefan Malthaner, PhD, Aarhus University (Denmark)

Moderator: Jennifer Murtazashvili, PhD, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh

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**Panel 6**

***Legal and Strategic Implications of Countering Violent Extremism***

***De-radicalisation? Good Practice in Rehabilitation from Violent Extremism - Narrativity, Gender, Media***

Harald Weilnboeck, PhD, Radicalisation Awareness Network' (Belgium); Cultures Interactive (Germany)

***Understanding the Caliphate in Historical Context***

Haider Ala Hamoudi, J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law

***The United States and the Middle East: Seeking Coherence in U.S. Policy***

Dan Simpson, Editorialist, columnist and retired U.S. Ambassador, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

Moderator: Luke Peterson, PhD, Visiting Professor in Contemporary International Issues, University of Pittsburgh

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2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

**Panel 7**

***Counter-Radicalization: Views from the Field***

Omar Mulbocus, West London Initiative (United Kingdom)

Usama Hasan, Senior Researcher, Quilliam Foundation (United Kingdom)

Moderator: Michael Kenney

3:30 – 4:30 PM

### ***Wrap-up***

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