

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

April 9 – 10, 2015 Twentieth Century Club

Registration is required.
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All sessions will take place in the Dining Room on the 3rd floor of the Twentieth Century Club.

Thursday, April 9, 2015

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

Moderator: Frank Hofmann, 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: Andrew Conte, Investigative Reporter, *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

12:30 – 2:00 PM

Break

2:00 – 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)

Countering Extremism through Community Outreach in the West; Opportunities and Challenges

Saima Sitwat, Freelance writer and Outreach Specialist, Muslim Association of Pittsburgh

Moderator: Elaine Linn, Assistant Director for Academic Affairs, Global Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh

3:30 – 3:45 PM	Break
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3:45 – 5:15 PM	Panel 4
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Junior Scholars

Islamic Terrorism in the Balkans

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

Recruitment for the Islamic State: Romanticizing Warfare

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

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

Christina Unger, GSPIA, MPIA Program - Security and Intelligence Studies

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

5:15 PM	End of Day 1
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Friday, April 10, 2015

9:00 – 10:30 AM	Panel 5
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Countering Violent Extremism in the US and Europe

Countering Violent Extremism in France and Britain

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

CVE in America: a Timid Approach

Lorenzo Vidino, PhD, Director, Program on Extremism, Center for Cyber and Homeland Security, George Washington University

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

Stefan Malthaner, PhD, Assistant Professor, Aarhus University (Denmark)

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

10:30 – 10:45 AM	Break
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10:45 – 12:15 AM	<p>Panel 6</p> <p><i>Legal and Strategic Implications of Countering Violent Extremism</i></p> <p><i>Understanding the Caliphate in Historical Context</i> Haider Ala Hamoudi, J.D., Associate Professor, Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Development, University of Pittsburgh School of Law</p> <p><i>The United States and the Middle East: Seeking Coherence in U.S. Policy</i> Dan Simpson, Editorialist, columnist and retired U.S. Ambassador, <i>Pittsburgh Post-Gazette</i></p> <p><i>De-radicalisation? Good Practice in Rehabilitation from Violent Extremism - Narrativity, Gender, Media</i> Harald Weilnböck, PhD, EU Commission (Belgium); Cultures Interactive (Germany)</p> <p><i>CVE in the U.S.: A Practitioner's Perspective</i> Seamus Hughes, Policy Advisor, National Counterterrorism Center</p> <p>Moderator: Luke Peterson, PhD, Visiting Professor in Contemporary International Issues, University of Pittsburgh</p>
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12:15 – 2:00 PM	Break
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2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	<p>Panel 7</p> <p><i>Counter-Radicalization: Views from the Field</i></p> <p>Omar Mulbocus, West London Initiative (United Kingdom)</p> <p>Usama Hasan, Senior Researcher, Quilliam Foundation (United Kingdom)</p> <p>Moderator: Michael Kenney</p>
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3:30 – 4:30 PM

Wrap-up

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