

JEAN MONNET NETWORK ON EU COUNTER-TERRORISM (EUCTER) CLOSING CONFERENCE PROGRAMME (Time: GMT)

Day 1: Thursday 8th February 2024

09:00 - 09:15 Welcome Remarks

- Prof. Christian Kaunert, Director of the Jean Monnet Network on EU Counter-Terrorism | Director of the International Centre for Policing and Security, University of South Wales | Dublin City University
- Prof. Sarah Léonard, University of South Wales | Dublin City University
- Dr Joana de Deus Pereira, RUSI Europe | International Centre for Policing and Security, University of South Wales

09:15 - 10:15 High-Level Opening Session

- Dr Christiane Hoehn, Principal Adviser to the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator
- Gert Vercauteren, Director of The Coordination Unit for Threat Analysis, Belgium

Discussion and Q&A

10:15 - 11:45 Panel 1: The EU Counter-Terrorism Agenda - Changes and Policy Priorities, 2020-2023

Keynote Speech: Prof. Olivier Roy, European University Institute

<u>Chair: Prof. Christian Kaunert, Director of the Jean Monnet Network on EU Counter-Terrorism | Director of the International Centre for Policing and Security, University of South Wales | Dublin City University</u>

Prof. Sarah Léonard, University of South Wales | Dublin City University

"An overview of EU as a Global Counter-Terrorism Actor"

Dr Julia Burchett, Université Libre de Bruxelles

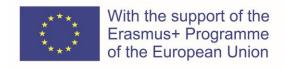
"Overview of 2020–2023 EU counterterrorism policies, measures and tools in the EU"

Dr Joana de Deus Pereira, RUSI Europe | International Centre for Policing and Security, University of South Wales

"Reimagining the Prevent Pillar: Diverse Perspectives and Strategies in Contemporary Counter-Terrorism"

Discussion and Q&A

11:45 - 13:15 Break



13:15 - 14:30 Panel 2: Multidimensional Challenges of EU Counter-Terrorism: CRadicalisation and Extremism in the EU: Right- and Left-wing extremism | Eco-extremism | Lone Actors |

Chair: Annelies Pauwels · Senior researcher at Flemish Peace Institute | ERCOR researcher

Dr Alex Mackenzie, University of Liverpool

"Far-right foreign fighters and Ukraine: A blind spot for the European Union?

Dr Cátia de Carvalho, University of Porto | IPRI, Portugal

"Far-right shifting paradigm in Portugal: from absence to presence"

Dr Inés Bolaños Somoano, European University Institute

"Challenges in Preventive Counter-terrorism: right-wing wing extremism, online radicalisation and "lone actors" in Europe"

Moussa Bourekba, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB)

"Preventing Violent Extremism: What Role for Religious Actors?"

Discussion and Q&A

14:30 - 14:45 Break

14:45 – 15:25 Keynote Lecture: Prof. Maura Conway, Dublin City University | Swansea University

Q&A

15:25 - 17:00 Panel 3: Navigating the Cyber Dimension of Terrorism - EU Challenges

Chair: Dr David Fernandez Rojo, Deusto University

Dr Ethem Ilbiz, International Centre for Policing and Security, University of South Wales

"The EU AI Act in the Age of Hybrid Threats: Aligning National Interests through Supranationalism, Neofunctionalism, or Liberal Intergovernmentalism?"

Linda Schlegel, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF)

"Gaming as a new frontier for counter-extremism"

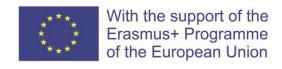
Prof. Arije Antinori, Sapienza University of Rome

"The cyber-social dimension of Terrorism in the overlapping-crisis EU scenario"

Anne Craanen, International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT)

• "From Threat to Response: The EU Framework on Terrorist and Violent Extremist Content Online"

Discussion and Q&A



Day 2: Friday 9th February 2024

09:00 - 10:45 Panel 4: Multidimensional Challenges of EU Counter-Terrorism

Chair: Dr Kenneth McDonagh, Dublin City University

A. Foreign Fighters, Repatriation and Reintegration

Sofia Koller, Counter Extremism Project (CEP)

 "Back from Raqqa — The Challenge of Prosecuting, Rehabilitating, and Reintegrating returned Foreign Fighters in Europe"

Dr Anna Pau, University of Pisa

 "The deprivation of citizenship of foreign terrorist fighters and their family members and the problem of repatriation of these persons through the lens of EU law

Dr Carola Garcia Calvo, Real Instituto Elcano

"The dynamic nature of women's roles in ultraconservative violent extremist groups. The impact of stereotypes and biases on prosecution and rehabilitation"

B. Gender Mainstreaming in EU CT Policies: Bridging Research, Policy and Practices

Dr Elizabeth Pearson, Royal Holloway, University of London

"CVE, Misogyny and Masculinities: Avoiding Gendered Harms"

Prof. Harmonie Toros, University of Reading

"When girls are girls and when boys are threats: Gender and Childhood in Northeast Syria Detention System"

Discussion and Q&A

10:45 - 11:00 Break

11:00 - 12:30 Panel 5: Frontline Insights: Addressing Terrorism in the EU Neighbourhood – The Israel-Hamas Conflict, Terror Proxies and the Impact on EU Counter-Terrorism Efforts

Chair: Dr. Silvia D'Amato, University of Leiden

Prof. Kobi Michael, Institute for National Security Studies, Tel Aviv | International Centre for Policing and Security, University of South Wales

"The impact of a violent semi-state actor on regional and international order - Hamas and October 7 2023 as a critical case study"

Col. (Ret.) Miri Eisin, The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) | Reichman University. Israel

"How a terror narrative becomes mainstream: education which delegitimizes Israel and legitimizes Hamas"



Dr Ori Wertman, International Centre for Policing and Security, University of South Wales

"Palestinian public opinion and its radicalisation process"

Dr Koert Debeuf, Brussels School of Governance, VUB | Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict at Harris Manchester College, Oxford University

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Discussion and Q&A

12:30 - 13:45 Break

13:45 - 15:15 Panel 6: Terrorism Financing - Unravelling the Web: Tackling Terrorism Financing Challenges in the EU and its Neighbourhood

Chair: Dr. Mara Wessling, WES Consulting

Prof. Nicholas Ryder, Cardiff University

"Simplicity and sophistication – is terrorism financing a series of emerging threats and new typologies?"

Dr Hans-Jakob Schindler, Counter Extremism Project (CEP)

"Challenges and opportunities when countering the financing of extremism and terrorism"

Prof. Amparo Fabe, National Police College of the Philippines

"Terrorism Financing in Indonesia and the larger ASEAN region"

Dr Kamila Zarychta-Romanowska, Security Studies and Education Center, University of Wrocław

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Discussion and Q&A

15:15 - 15:30 Break

15:30 - 17:00 Panel 7: Frontline Insights: Addressing Terrorism in the EU Neighbourhood - Challenges in the Southern and Eastern Neighbourhood

Chair: Prof. loannis Nomikos, Research Institute for European and American Studies, Greece

Dr Antonio Giustozzi, Royal United Services Institute

"Challenges of the expansion of IS Khorasan to Turkey and Europe"

Beatriz de León Cobo, RUSI Associate Fellow | Center for International Security Universidad Francisco de Vitoria

"Context and conflict changes in West Africa and their impact in EU response"

Anant Mishra, International Centre for Policing and Security, University of South Wales

"Implications of the Israel-Hamas War on EU Counterterrorism Policy"

Prof. Daniela Irrera, School of Advanced Defence Studies, National Defence University, Rome

Trends in Extremism and Radicalization in the Norther African Countries and Sahel



Discussion and Q&A

17:00 – 17:15 Closing Remarks - Dr Joana de Deus Pereira

PARTNERS

The Jean Monnet Research Network (EUCTER) is a research-led excellence network, comprising fourteen partners, with the aim of advancing cutting-edge blended learning formats with a strong policy relevance in the area of the EU Counter-Terrorism. The project brings together three inter-related teaching and research areas: EU justice and home affairs, EU Counter-Terrorism and EU external relations. The network is led by Prof. Christian Kaunert, the Director of the International Centre for Policing and Security – University of South Wales.

Funded by ERASMUS+ through the European Commission, EUCTER made significant strides in the field of EU studies. Characterised by a commitment to excellence in both teaching and research, the project brought together an outstanding team of academics. Their collective expertise, spanning a range of disciplines and nationalities, substantially enriched the research's depth, breadth, and policy relevance. Beyond fostering academic inquiry, the project bridged the gap between scholarly work and policy-making. This was achieved through a series of workshops held over the project's three-year lifespan, facilitating a dynamic exchange between the two spheres.

Distinctive in its approach, the project was designed to be both cross-sectoral and multi-disciplinary, concentrating on the dual aspects of EU counter-terrorism cooperation and international diplomacy. This dual focus allowed for a holistic exploration of the European Union's evolving roles in the post-Lisbon era. Through its comprehensive approach and commitment to fostering dialogue between academia and policy-making, the project carved out a unique position within the landscape of EU studies.





























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