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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*

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*

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**



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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, Neo-functionalism, 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"*

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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”*



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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*

- *Title TBC*

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*

- *Title TBC*

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. Ioannis 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 Northern African Countries and Sahel*



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Discussion and Q&A

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

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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.



Organised by: *Dr. Joana de Deus Pereira*



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