



## Summer Programme (draft)

# Countering Terrorism in the Post-9/11 World

27-31 August 2012

### Monday 27 August (Day 1): Terrorism and its root causes

**09.15 – 09.30**      **Registration**

**09.30 – 09.45**      **Opening Summer Programme**

**09.45 – 10.15**      **Introduction of the programme, Assersersity Learning Platform and (internet) facilities TMCAI**

**10.15 – 10.30**      **Introduction round participants**

**10.30 – 11.00**      **Coffee & tea break**

**11.00 – 12.30**      **Introduction to the Phenomenon of Terrorism**

This presentation focuses on the definition and essence of terrorism. What is terrorism and what not? Who decides who is a terrorist or not, knowing that one man's terrorist is the other man's freedom fighter? And what is the essence of this phenomenon and why is terrorism an interesting instrument to some radical groups?

**12.30 – 13.45**      **Lunch**

**13.45 – 15.15**      **Sociology and Psychology of Violent Radicalisation**

Explores the individual/psychological and social/sociological factors that move people to utilise violent action to achieve their political aims. What drives people to go down this road? What makes terrorists tick?

**15.15 – 15.30**      **Coffee & tea break**

**15.30 – 17.00**      **Defining Terrorism under International and Domestic Laws**

Examines the various existing definitions of terrorism under international and domestic laws, exploring the reasons for the lack of a universally accepted definition, the usefulness/needlessness of such a definition and ways in which international organisations/governments/international & domestic courts deal with the lack of a universal definition.

**19.00 – 22.00**      **Welcome Dinner**

## **Tuesday 28 August (Day 2): Countering and preventing terrorism**

- 09.30 – 11.00**      **Countering Terrorism: War Paradigm vs Law Enforcement Paradigm**
- Historically-based introduction to the two major paradigms in counter-terrorism: The war paradigm vs law enforcement paradigm. Historical assessment of the effectiveness of these paradigms, including ways in which they have been deployed post-9/11.
- 11.00 – 11.30**      **Coffee & tea break**
- 11.30 – 13.00**      **Balancing Soft vs Hard Counter-Terrorism Measures in Practice**
- How do and how should governments balance soft and hard counter-terrorism measures? What is the right equilibrium between prevention and repression? What tools/programmes do governments have available?
- 13.00 – 14.15**      **Lunch**
- 14.15 – 15.45**      **Negotiating with terrorists**
- The session will focus mainly on tactical negotiations (e.g. in hostage- and kidnapping-situations) but also cover, to a lesser extent, strategic (end-game) peace-negotiations with terrorists and their front organizations.

## **Wednesday 29 August (Day 3): Counter-Terrorism Actors**

- 09.00- 12.00**      **Visit to Eurojust and a substantive talk on the European Union in Countering Terrorism**
- Discussion of the role of the European Union in Countering Terrorism? How are Member States supported in this regard? What legal framework is in place?
- 12.00 – 13.15**      **Lunch**
- 13.15-14.15**      **Domestic Co-ordination of Counter-Terrorism Efforts**
- Introduction to the domestic coordination of counter-terrorism efforts. What actors are involved in countering terrorism domestically? Who has what task? How is the overall effort coordinated?
- 14.30 – 16.00**      **Role of the United Nations in Countering Terrorism**
- Discussion of the role of the United Nations in countering terrorism. What powers, if any, does the UN have in this regard?
- 16.00 – 16.15**      **Coffee & tea break**
- 16.15 – 17.45**      **The Engagement of NGOs and Civil Society in Countering Violent Extremism**
- Examines how non-governmental actors such as peace building or poverty alleviation NGOs and Civil society actors can be engaged in countering violent extremism. What are opportunities, obstacles, best practices?

## **Thursday 30 August (Day 4): Trying terrorists**

- 09.30 – 11.00**      **Trying Terrorists Domestically: A Dutch Perspective**
- 11.00 – 11.15**      **Coffee & tea break**
- 11.15 – 12.45**      **Trying Terrorism Internationally: Litigation and Special Tribunals**
- Examines how terrorists are brought to justice internationally? What kind of court procedures exist to try them?
- 12.45 – 14.00**      **Lunch**
- 14.30 - 16.30**      **Visit to the Special Tribunal for Lebanon**

## **Friday 31 August (Day 5): Challenges ahead**

- 09.30 – 11.00**      **Key Human Rights Challenges**
- Exploration of the key current and future human rights challenges in counter-terrorism.
- 11.00 – 11.15**      **Coffee & tea break**
- 11.15 – 12.45**      **Targeted Killings and Counter Insurgency Operations**
- Discussion of the legality of targeted killings and counter insurgency operations in third countries.
- 12.45 – 14.00**      **Lunch**
- 14.00 – 15.30**      **Al Qaeda and its Affiliates: Current Strengths and Weaknesses**
- Presentation on the role of Al Qaeda a decade after the 9/11 attacks.
- 15.30 – 16.00**      **Evaluation, certificate ceremony and closure**
- 16.00 – 18:00**      **Reception**

**\*Please note that the Programme may be subject to change**

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