

Summer Programme

Countering Terrorism in the Post-9/11 World

26-30 August 2013

PROGRAMME*

Monday 26 August (Day 1): Terrorism: Definitions, Drivers and Triggers

09.15 – 09.30 **Registration**

09.30 – 09.45 **Opening Summer Programme**
Dr. Christophe Paulussen (T.M.C. Asser Instituut/ ICCT) and Mr. Peter Knoope (ICCT)

09.45 – 10.15 **Introduction of the programme, Assersersity Learning Platform and (internet) facilities TMCAI**
Dr. Christophe Paulussen (T.M.C. Asser Instituut/ ICCT)

10.15 – 10.30 **Introduction round participants**

10.30 – 11.00 **Coffee & tea break**

11.00 – 12.30 **Introduction to the Phenomenon of Terrorism**
Prof. Edwin Bakker (Leiden University/ ICCT)

This presentation focuses on the definition and essence of terrorism. What is terrorism and what is it 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? Which are 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?

12.30 – 13.30 **Radicalisation: An Introduction**
Dr. Alex Schmid (TRI/ ICCT)

This presentation, based on an in-depth literature review, explores the concept of radicalisation and the theories and discourses surrounding it.

13.30 – 14.45 **Lunch**

14.45 – 16.15 **Defining Terrorism under International and Domestic Laws**
Guido Acquaviva (Chef de Cabinet, Office of the President, STL)

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.

18.00 – 21.00 **Welcome Dinner**

Tuesday 27 August (Day 2): Countering and preventing terrorism

09.30 – 11.00 **Countering Terrorism: War Paradigm vs Law Enforcement Paradigm**
Prof. Richard English (University of St Andrews)

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**
Mr. Peter Knoope (ICCT)

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 **Preventing terrorism: realistic approaches and unrealistic expectations**
Dr. Alex Schmid (TRI/ICCT)

Which approaches are realistic when it comes to preventing terrorism and what can be said about our expectations in preventing terrorism?

15.45 – 16.00 **Coffee & tea break**

16.00 – 17.30 **Prevention: Empowering moderate voices**
Ms. Soumaya Sahla (Specialist, De-radicalisation, rehabilitation and prevention among young people, the Netherlands and Chair of the Board, Organisation for Reconciliation, Rehabilitation and Reintegration (ORRR))

During this session, a specialist on de-radicalisation, rehabilitation and prevention among young people in the Netherlands will talk about how extremists mislead young generations with their propaganda and how the moderate voices can prevent new acts of terrorism.

Wednesday 28 August (Day 3): Counter-Terrorism Actors

09.00 – 12.00 **Visit to Eurojust**
Alinde Verhaag (Head of Case Analysis Unit Eurojust)

12.00 – 13.15 **Lunch**

13.15 – 14.30 **Domestic Co-ordination of Counter-Terrorism Efforts**
Michael Kowalski (NCTV)

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**
Dr. Bibi van Ginkel (Clingendael Institute/ ICCT)

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**
Mr. Fulco van Deventer (CORDAID)
- 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 29 August (Day 4): Trying terrorists

- 09.30 – 11.00** **Trying Terrorists Domestically: A Dutch Perspective**
Alexander van Dam (Senior Public Prosecutor)
- Examines how terrorists are brought to justice on the national plane. Which kinds of court procedures exist to try them?
- 11.00 – 11.15** **Coffee & tea break**
- 11.15 – 12.45** **Trying Terrorism Internationally: Litigation and Special Tribunals**
Dov Jacobs LLM (Leiden University)
- Examines how terrorists are brought to justice internationally. Which kinds of court procedures exist to try them?
- 12.45 – 14.00** **Lunch**
- 14.30 – 16.30** **Visit to the Special Tribunal for Lebanon**

Friday 30 August (Day 5): Challenges ahead

- 09.30 – 11.00** **Targeted Killings and Counter Insurgency Operations**
Maj. Eric Pouw (Netherlands Defence Academy)
- Discussion of the legality of targeted killings and counter insurgency operations in third countries.
- 11.00 – 11.15** **Coffee & tea break**
- 11.15 – 12.15** **Key Human Rights Challenges**
Quirine Eijkman (Leiden University/ ICCT)
- Exploration of the key current and future human rights challenges in counter-terrorism.
- 12.15 – 13.00** **Lunch**
- 13.00 – 14.30** **Evaluation, certificate ceremony and closure**

SEPARATE (PAID)* EVENT:

***Except for the participants of the Summer Programme**

**Roundtable discussion on the 'exodus' of European Foreign Fighters to Syria
Friday 30 August**

14.30 – 16.30 **Roundtable discussion on the 'exodus' of European Foreign Fighters to Syria**
Sergei Boeke (ICCT), Amy-Jane Gielen (RAN), Maajid Nawaz (Quilliam), Richard Barrett (QIASS) and Mr. Peter Knoope (chair of the roundtable, ICCT)

This session will look at the 'exodus' of European Foreign Fighters to Syria, a truly international problem and the reason why the Netherlands, for example, has increased the national terrorism threat level to 'substantial'. Why do these persons go to Syria to fight, how are they recruited, what is the risk when they return to Europe and how can this risk be countered?

16.30 – 18:00 **Reception**

**Please note that the programme may be subject to change*

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