



NATO SPS Programme Advanced Research Workshop
Countering Violent Extremism among Youth to Prevent Terrorism
Milan, 10 – 13 June 2014

10th June

Participants' arrival

19:00 – 21:30 Ice-breaking dinner

11th June

08:40 Participants' arrival at ASERI (ARW venue) and registration.

09:00 Welcome Address by ASERI Director and NATO Country/Partner Country Co-directors

09:20 *Tour de table*: attendees introduce themselves

Panel 1

Factors enabling youth radicalisation and violent extremism conducive to terrorism, countermeasures for challenging

09:30 Prof. Louise Shelley (US): *Economic Conditions Contributing to Youth Radicalization*

09:50 Prof. Yvon Dandurand (CA): *Social inclusion programmes and their contribution to the prevention of violent extremism*

10:10 Prof. Ana Salinas De Frias (ES): *The role of the promotion and strengthening of economic, social and cultural rights in preventing terrorism*

10:30 Mr. Valerio de Divitiis (IT): *Human dimension as an added value in counter terrorism policies*

10:50 Coffee-break

11:10 Dr. Alex Schmid (NL): *Terrorism Prevention, What is in Our Toolbox? Insights on the causes of radicalisation and Avenues of countering violent extremism.*

11:30 Prof. Emilio Viano (US): *Empowering the Community to Counter Violent Extremism: Balancing the Need for Control and the Need for Free Expression*

11:50 Mr. Munir Zamir (UK): *Approaches to engaging vulnerable and radicalised youth*

12:10 Ms. Vivienne Chin (CA): *The Radicalisation of Youth: Collateral damage of counter-terrorism measures or the inevitable consequence of the social exclusion and marginalisation of vulnerable group*

12:30 Dr. Peter Neumann: (DE) *Prison based de-radicalization programmes*



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13:00 Lunch

14:00 Open discussion Moderated by Simon Saradzhyan (RU)

Panel 2

Mediterranean & Middle East turbulences vis a vis violent extremism growth: threats and development opportunities

14:30 Prof. Marco Lombardi (IT): *Violent radicalisation concerns in the Euro-Mediterranean region*

15:00 Mr. Reuven Paz (IL): *Lessons from radicalization and de-radicalization of youth in Saudi Arabia*

15:30 Dr. Eman Ragab (EG): *Challenges of countering terrorism in the Middle East after the Arab Revolutions.*

16:00 Coffee-break

16 :20 Prof. Mark Sedgwick (DK): *Implications of the Arab Spring: Historical perspectives*

16:40 Dr. Hanna Stuart (UK): *A Guide to Refuting Jihadism: critiquing radical Islamist claims to theological authenticity and the need to provide scripturally sound counter-narrative to al-Qaeda and like-minded groups*

17:00 Dr. Rovshan Ibrahimov (AZ): *Degree of influence of `the Arab Spring` on the Caucasus region and possible radicalization effect because of events in Syria*

17:20 Open Discussion moderated by Mr. Alexandre Schmid (NL)

18:00 Highlights of the 1st day by Prof. Marco Lombardi

18:45 1st day conclusion

19:45 Official Dinner

12th June

Panel 3

Regional and National Perspectives: differences and similarities to effectively reducing radicalisation-driven menaces

09:00 Dr. Sajjan M. Gohel (UK): *The International and Domestic Challenges in Countering the Ideological Narrative in Britain*

09:20 Dr. Siddik Ekici (TR): *Countering Violent Extremism Among Youth: The Turkish Case*

09:40 Dr. Kamil Yilmaz (TR): *Disengaging from Terrorism: Lessons from the Turkish Penitents*



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10:00 Dr. Erlan Karin (KZ): *Countering violent extremism in Kazakhstan and concerns rising from wider Centra Asia region*

10:30 Coffee-break

11:00 Mr. Yani Kozaliev (BG): *Intelligence and counter violent radicalisation in the Balkans*

11:20 Dr. Daniel Köhler (DE): *De-radicalization and Disengagement Programs as Counter-Terrorism and Prevention Tools. Insights Through Field Experiences from Germany regarding Right-Wing Extremism and Jihadism*

11:40 Mr. Cristian Barna (RO): *The road to Jihad in Syria: using SOCMINT in countering the radicalisation of Muslim youths from Romania*

12:00 Dr. Farhad Mehdiyev (AZ): *Young salafi fighters in Syrian opposition: al-Qaeda traces*

12:20 Open Discussion moderated by Dr. Eman Ragab (EG)

13:00 Lunch

14:20 Prof. Alexandre Kukhianidze (GE): *Russians and Persons of Caucasian Nationality: Radicalism and Extremism on Social Media*

14:40 Dr. Alexander Iskandaryan (AM): *Mercenaries in the Caucasus conflicts*

15:00 Dr. Simon Saradzhyan (RU): *Violent Extremism Among Youth of North Caucasus: Sources and Responses*

15:20 Dr. Alper Sozer (TR): *A Multi-faceted Approach to Countering Radicalisation in Terrorist Organizations: A Case Study of PKK*

15:40 Coffee-Break

16:00 Prof. Zafar Jaspal (PK): *Prevention and Deradicalisation of Pakistani youth: Imperative for Counter-terrorism*

16:20 Prof. Alessandro Pepe (IT) *Fundamentalism in the mental health system, children agency and activism in the shadow of PTSD industry: a Palestinian case study*

16:40 Mr. Abdi Ashur Hassan (SO): *From Al-Shabaab to Good and Productive Citizens*

17:10 Open Discussion Moderated by Dr. Kamil Yilmaz (TR)

17:50 Highlights of 2nd Day by Dr. Sajjan M. Gohel (UK)

18:00 Conclusion of 2nd Day

19:30 Dinner



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13th June

Panel 4

International Organisations' Terrorism prevention action through addressing violent extremism: paths for increasing cooperation

09:10 Mayor Pete Airey, NATO Center of Excellence – Defence Against Terrorism

09:30 Mr. Ivo Veenkamp, HEDAYAH

09:50 Representative from the UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch*

10:10 Mr. Mehdi Knani OSCE Secretariat / Action Against Terrorism Unit

10:30 Dr. Micheal Switkes NATO, *Opportunities for International Scientific Cooperation with the NATO Science for Peace and Security Programme*

10:50 Coffee-break

Panel 5

Harvesting

11:10 Working groups session

Elaboration of ARW key findings: actionable recommendations for policy makers and practitioners

12:00 Presentation of ARW Key findings by 3 rapporteurs : E. Viano, K. Yilmaz, S. Saradzyan

12:45 Open discussion, *Strengthening the network to build upon further: ways through the NATO SPS programme and different instruments*. Moderator : Mr. Valerio de Divitiis

13:00 ARW harvesting letter: participants' consensus and deliver of printed harvesting letter to participants

13:20 Conclusion remarks by ARW Co-Directors

13:30 Lunch

14:30 Departure

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