

Webinar Programme

Seminar W20 - 01

On Terrorism - Terrorism in times of a pandemic



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Content:

The pandemic that holds most parts of the world in its claws has created its own form of terror. It has upended daily life in almost every European country, paralyzed the economy and divided people one from another. Air travel has stopped, and borders are closed. People are suspicious of the stranger next to them, in fear of the unknown they cannot see. This is the terror of a pandemic to which the common measures of anti-terror action do not apply.

In the last decade European countries have experienced waves of terrorism that created at least for some time similar effects in terms of increasing state-controlled measures to public life, growing mistrust towards certain groups and communities. With a threat that does not distinguish between faithful and non-Muslims the situation has changed and we are still learning about the outcome. Has the pandemic upended terrorism? How do Hamas, Hizballah, al-Shabab and other terror groups react to the threat of the pandemic? What happens to those IS fighters in Kurdish prison and detention camps? Do terror groups take advantage of the disease by seeing it as a punishment for the immorality of Western countries and distributing all sorts of goods to those who are in need?

In this webinar experts cover several aspects of terrorism. They take a broader look at radicalism, extremism and terrorism, considering the impact of the actual situation on the strategies of terror groups, on processes of radicalization and on the living conditions of disadvantaged people that are an easy target for manipulation of all sorts.

There will be lectures of round about 40 minutes, followed by a Q&A and discussion part. After each session, the participants receive a video recording of the webinar.

Participation Fees:

Non IPA Members: 49 €

IPA Members: free of charge

For participation please register here:

<https://www.edudip.com/en/webinar/on-terrorism-terrorism-in-times-of-a-pandemic/240816>

During the registration process we ask IPA members to provide their IPA membership number and the IPA section they belong to.

Webinar lectures:

Lecture 1/6 | Thursday, 14th of May, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, CET

“The purpose of terror is to terrorize”

Thomas WEILER, Lawyer

Lecture 2/6 | Thursday, 21st of May, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, CET

“Environment upon individual; how real-world events can activate the necessary mechanism(s) for violent radicalisation to occur”

Sarah CARTHY, PhD, Irish Research Council (Risky and Extreme Behaviour Research Group), School of Psychology, National University of Ireland, Galway

Lecture 3/6 | Thursday, 28th of May, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, CET

“Unique Pioneer work among the Female Minority Population in times of lockdown – a way to prevent and get people out of extremist ‘careers’ ”

Kim Anne-Marie H. HIORTH, Police Superintendent, Oslo

Lecture 4/6 | Thursday, 4th of June, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, CET

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Thomas MÜLLER, Islam scientist To be confirmed

Lecture 5/6 | Thursday, 11th of June, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, CET

“How and why do women become political and religious extremists? - Results from several criminological research projects on the role of social media”

Elizabeth PEARSON, PhD, Lecturer within the Cyber Threats Research Centre, Swansea University Wales

Lecture 6/6 | Thursday, 18th of June, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, CET

“Terrorism in London and in the UK and police investigation and findings”

Kyle HARDCASTLE, Detective Constable, London Metropolitan Police

Technical requirements

- You do not need any additional software to participate in this webinar. It is a web-based application that does not require installation.
- A good and stable internet connection (optimal would be a minimum 6,000 DSL line and a connection via LAN cable)
- A current browser that supports the ultra-modern technology HTML5 (Web-RTC). Currently, these are the last two versions of Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome and Safari.
- Loudspeaker -> So that you can follow the spoken word of the speaker.