Agenda

Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism:
Assessing Canada’s Domestic and International Strategies

January 18-20, 2017

Wednesday, January 18 – University Club at Queen’s

6:00 PM  Cocktails
7:00 PM  Dinner

Day 1: Thursday, January 19 – Delta Waterfront Hotel

9:30 AM  Check In/Registration, Lakeview Room

10:15 AM  Welcome
Dr. Stéfanie von Hlatky, Centre for International and Defence Policy

10:30 AM  Setting the Stage: Threats, Responses, Evaluation, and International Experiences

Presenters on the panel will discuss recent developments in CVE and CT as they relate to the workshop objectives, focusing on both research and its practical applications. Presenters will also comment on national perspectives (Canada, the US, Australia) pertaining to three core areas: empirically validated intervention programs, pathways to violent radicalization, and nationally directed programming.

Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant, Institute for Intergovernmental Relations

• Dr. Lorne Dawson, University of Waterloo
• Dr. Ghayda Hassan, Université du Québec à Montréal
• Dr. Michael J. Williams, Georgia State University
• Shandon Harris-Hogan, Radar Solutions

12:00 PM  Lunch
Each working group will consist of scholars and practitioners, grouped together on areas of expertise. Each group will work to address a list of questions specific to their topic, and collaborate to present a position paper/recommendations the next day.

**Working Group 1** will address the link between radicalization and terrorism from the perspective of intervention, enforcement and the positive application of soft power at the international level.

- How do CVE and CT fit into development-related foreign and defence policy? What kinds of relationships should be fostered between governments and various government and non-government stakeholders abroad? (Soft power vs. hard power capacity building and exchange of best practices - where and how?)
- How can we avoid the perception of a “securitized” program both at home and abroad, which would undermine the trust and “buy in” incentive of communities essential for success at the local and international levels?
- Are there gaps between threat assessments and how society perceives the threat of violent extremism and terrorism?

**Working Group 2** will examine the importance of clearly defining violent extremism and terrorism to ensure government programs are properly focused, resourced and balanced to respond to validated (as opposed to perceived) requirements.

- Should greater emphasis be placed on more carefully defining violent extremism and responses to ensure a balanced and appropriate response?
- What lessons can be learned from health and education strategies relative to the structuring and delivery of a national CVE strategy? Can the Public Health Model be applied to better define and structure a national CVE strategy?
- What is the role of civil society, non-governmental organizations, and private sector stakeholders and institutions in CVE and CT programing?
- What are the counter messaging and intervention options at the strategic and case specific levels?
**Working Group 3** Community based policing and crime prevention strategies have been proven to be cost effective alternatives to enforcement. Can policing partnerships with civil society with established community based networks be applied to CVE and national security requirements? Should this model also be part of our engagement internationally?

- What is the role of intelligence gathering, law enforcement and community policing in CVE?
- Does the community hub model offer an effective intervention process applicable to CVE?
- Can traditional and evidence based crime prevention strategies and intervention tactics be applied to all forms of violent extremism and is this a valuable model to promote internationally?
- How should governments deal with returned foreign fighters?

**Working Group 4** will focus on a critical assessment of program evaluation and the machinery of government in the CVE and CT spheres.

- How can we bridge the gap between practitioners and the research community?
- What are some valuable indicators of performance, success, and effectiveness etc.? How can we enhance the sustainability of CVE programs?
- What are the challenges pertinent to measurement and replication of program strategies and outcomes?
- What have been the successes and failures of CVE initiatives/programs over the last 10 years?
Day 2: Friday, January 20 – Delta Waterfront Hotel

9:00 AM  Working Group Discussions

10:15 AM  Break

10:30 AM  Presentations
  Introduced by Keith Banting, Centre for the Study of Democracy and Diversity
  Each working group will have 10 minutes to present their final group findings and recommendations

12:00 PM  Lunch (buffet lunch served)

12:30 PM  Travel and Transportation Security Discussion
  Mr. Alex Mirza, Cachet Hospitality Group

1:30 PM  Closing Remarks
  The closing remarks will highlight key findings and provide the way forward to finalize the policy document.

Working Group 1

Chair: Dr. Christian Leuprecht, Royal Military College of Canada/Centre for International and Defence Policy

- Dr. Ali Dizboni, Royal Military College of Canada
- Dr. Lorne Dawson, University of Waterloo/Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society
- Dr. Michael King, Public Safety Canada
- Ms. Megan Loney, RESOLVE: Researching Solutions to Violent Extremism
- Dr. Keith Banting, Centre for the Study of Democracy and Diversity
- Mr. Eric Rosand, The Prevention Project – Organizing Against Violent Extremism
- Dr. Amarnath Amarasingham, University of Waterloo
- Dr. Tahir Abbas, Royal United Services Institute
- Ms. Kathryn Powers, Global Affairs Canada
Working Group 2

Chair: Dr. Stephanie Carvin, The Norman Patterson School of International Affairs

- Dr. Myrna Lashley, McGill University/Chair Cross Cultural Round Table
- Dr. Alex Wilner, The Norman Patterson School of International Affairs
- Mr. Shandon Harris-Hogan, Radar Solutions
- Dr. David Eisenman, University of California Los Angeles
- Mr. Alex Mirza, Cachet Hospitality Group
- Dr. Ghayda Hassan, Université du Québec à Montréal
- Ms. Christina Nyugen, Public Safety Canada

Working Group 3

Chair: Dr. Sara Thompson, Ryerson University

- Dr. Véronique Laprise, Université de Sherbrooke
- D/Sgt. Tim Trombley, Ontario Provincial Police
- A/Sgt. Jeff Thompson, Kingston Police Force
- Sgt. Paul Dunn, Calgary Police “ReDirect”
- Mr. Larry Brooks, Centre for International and Defence Policy
- S/Sgt. Donovan Locke, Toronto Police

Working Group 4

Chair: Dr. Steve Weine, University of Illinois in Chicago

- Lieutenant Colonel Patrick O’Halloran, Royal Military College of Canada/Centre for International and Defence Policy
- Dr. Peter Romaniuk, the City University of New York/Global Center on Cooperative Security
- Dr. Brett Kubicek, Public Safety Canada
- Dr. Michael Williams, Georgia State University
- Dr. Veronica Kitchen, University of Waterloo
- Dr. Marian Misdrahi, Montreal Centre for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Violence
- Sgt. Kelly Gallant, Toronto Police
- Mr. Rolf Holmboe, Canadian Global Affairs Institute
- Ms. Rebecca Skellett, Strong Cities Network
CVE In Canada: In Theory and in Practice

Lorne L. Dawson,
University of Waterloo

In my brief opening remarks I will quickly survey: (1) the history and nature of CVE in the Canadian context; (2) identify the basic aspects of CVE programming in general, and the problematic aspects of CVE interventions in particular; (3) present a typology of CVE programs; (4) discuss the debate between broad and narrow approaches to CVE; (5) link this debate to consideration of the different types of recruits to extremism; and lastly, (6) delineate four persistent challenges faced by efforts to implement effective CVE programs.

Assessment, Training, Prevention and Intervention Practices to Address Youth Violent Radicalization

Ghayda Hassan
Université du Québec à Montréal

This presentation will present the work of the SHERPA-RAPS team for the prevention of violent radicalization among Canadian youth. Based on an integrated conceptual framework and results of systematic reviews and several ongoing research projects, the team is working on generating evidence based promising practices in terms of training, assessment, prevention and intervention models for violent radicalization. The current state of literature indicated that it is crucial to train the diverse practitioners in the field, educate parents and empower communities, and support multilevel and multidisciplinary communities of practice.

CVE program “Benchmarking” and Empirical Validation of CVE Interventions

Dr. Michael J. Williams
Georgia State University

This presentation provides a brief overview of the commonalities among the three U.S. CVE pilot programs, in addition to the Montgomery County Model, and the Cook County (Chicago) CVE framework. It continues with a discussion of the “why and how” of CVE program “benchmarking,” including an overview of a readily-adaptable means of empirically validating a broad range of CVE interventions.
History and Future Projections of CVE in Australia

Shandon Harris-Hogan
Radar Solutions

This presentation will follow the evolution of countering violent extremism (CVE) as a policy tool, and analyse the work conducted in Australia between 2010 and today. In broad terms, Australia's CVE approach historically relied overwhelmingly on prevention programs, and conflated social cohesion goals with CVE. Unfortunately having a broad CVE message focused on a poorly defined target population caused serious issues, a problem exacerbated by a serious lack of investment in robust evaluation. However, in the past 18 months there has been shift in approach from unfocused preventive CVE programs, to nationally consistent but locally implemented interventions targeted towards individuals on a radicalising trajectory. While funding for CVE in Australia remains very modest, and it is still too early to fully measure the impact of this shift, early indications are that Australian CVE efforts are now beginning to more systematically reach those most in need of assistance. This presentation will unpack the history of Australian CVE summarised above, and will make some tentative projections regarding the future of CVE in Australia.

Countering Violent Extremism: The Role of the Hospitality Industry

Alex Mirza
Cachet Hospitality Group

Terrorism continues to harm the hospitality business and with it world's largest engine of infrastructure and human development. The threat is growing and our sector cannot rely on governments and law enforcement agencies alone. The hospitality industry is data rich and spends $10B a year on technology related investments but minimal investments in human security. Leadership begins with real estate developers implementing a new blueprint for the “hotel of the future,” including new technologies that will greatly enhance security for its guests, employees and local communities. In parallel, hotel brands can begin creating shared commercial platforms to facilitate a free and open marketplace for human travel data with online travel agencies, airlines, car rental agencies and entertainment venues. The marketplace must be supported by an array of services including analytics, predictive modeling, reports, registries and tools for enhanced security.
Tahir Abbas  
*Royal United Services Institute*

Professor Tahir Abbas FRSA is a Senior Research Fellow at the Royal United Services Institute in London. Previously, he was a Professor of Sociology at Faith University in Istanbul, Reader in Sociology at Birmingham University, and Senior Research Officer at the Home Office and Ministry of Justice in London. Before joining RUSI in mid-2016, he lived and worked in Istanbul for six years, during which time he was also a visiting scholar at New York University, Leiden University, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, International Islamic University in Islamabad and the Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University in Jakarta. His recent books are “Contemporary Turkey in Conflict” (Edinburgh and Oxford University Press, 2016) and “Muslim Diasporas in the West” (Routledge, 2017, 4 vols, edited). Abbas has also published numerous journal articles, chapters, encyclopedic entries, review essays and opinion-editorials. He read Economics at Queen Mary University of London. He has a MSocSc in Economic Development and Policy from the University of Birmingham and a PhD in Ethnic Relations from the University of Warwick. He is Associate Editor of the quarterly journal *Critical Muslim*, published by Hurst and Oxford University Press. He tweets @tahirabbas_

Amarnath Amarasingam  
*University of Waterloo*

Amarnath Amarasingam is a Fellow at The George Washington University’s Program on Extremism, and Co-Directs a study of Western foreign fighters based at the University of Waterloo. He is the author of “Pain, Pride, and Politics: Sri Lankan Tamil Activism in Canada” (2015). His research interests are in radicalization, terrorism, diaspora politics, post-war reconstruction, and the sociology of religion.

Keith Banting  
*Centre for the Study of Democracy and Diversity, School of Policy Studies, Queen’s University*

Keith Banting is the Stauffer-Dunning Fellow in the School of Policy Studies and Professor Emeritus in the Department of Political Studies at Queen’s University. He received his doctorate from Oxford University, and taught at the University of British Columbia before coming to Queen’s in 1986. He is the author or editor of twenty books, as well as numerous articles and book chapters, and his publications have been translated in seven languages.
In recent years, Professor Banting has focused on the politics of multiculturalism and social cohesion. He is co-editor, with Will Kymlicka, of The Strains of Commitment: The Political Sources of Solidarity in Diverse Societies (Oxford University Press, forthcoming). Previous co-edited books in this field include Multiculturalism and the Welfare State: Recognition and Redistribution in Contemporary Democracies (Oxford University Press 2007), and Belonging? Diversity, Recognition and Shared Citizenship in Canada (Institute for Research on Public Policy 2007). Recent articles on the subject include “Is There Really a Retreat from Multiculturalism Policies? New Evidence from the Multiculturalism Policy Index”, Comparative European Politics (2013); “Transatlantic Convergence? The Archaeology of Immigrant Integration in Canada and Europe”, International Journal (2014); and “Migration and welfare state spending” European Political Science Review (2015).

Larry Brooks
Centre for International and Defence Policy,
Queen’s University

A graduate of Queen’s University, Mr. Brooks began his career with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in 1976, joining the newly formed Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) in 1985. Throughout his career, he specialized in counter-terrorism operations, working extensively with domestic and international security organizations. After representing CSIS as Station Chief in London England, Mr. Brooks returned to Canada in 2010 to serve as CSIS’ Director General of Middle East and Africa Operations. Retiring from the Service in November 2014, Mr. Brooks served as Special Advisor to Public Safety Canada and the RCMP assisting with the development of a national program to prevent violent radicalization.

Mr. Brooks was the recipient of the CSIS Exemplary Service Award and the RCMP Commissioners Commendation for Outstanding Service, for his work in the “Toronto 18” (T-18) counter terrorism investigation. This investigation was also chosen by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to receive the ‘Booz Allen Hamilton Outstanding Achievement in the Prevention of Terrorism Award.’ Mr. Brooks accepted this award on behalf of CSIS in Colorado Springs, Colorado in May 2011.

Prior to leaving the Service, Mr. Brooks received the CSIS, Director’s Award, for his work in the development of inter-agency policy coordinating to the collection of intelligence and evidence. These guidelines, under the title “One Vision,” are now central to all national security investigations involving CSIS and the RCMP, thus establishing a common strategy which has been recognized by the Courts as an effective approach to balancing intelligence and evidence collection in the Canadian judicial context. Mr. Brooks now resides in the Ottawa area. He and his wife Denise are frequent visitors to their home town Kingston.

Stephanie Carvin
The Norman Paterson School of International Affairs,
Carleton University

Stephanie Carvin is an Assistant Professor of International Relations at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs. Her research interests are in the area of international law, security, terrorism and technology. Currently, she is teaching in the areas of critical infrastructure protection, technology and warfare and foreign policy.
Stephanie holds a PhD from the London School of Economics and published her thesis as Prisoners of America’s Wars: From the Early Republic to Guantanamo (Columbia/Hurst, 2010). Her most recent book is Science, Law, Liberalism and the American Way of Warfare: The Quest for Humanity in Conflict” (Cambridge, 2015) co-authored with Michael J. Williams. In 2009 Carvin was a Visiting Scholar at George Washington University Law School and worked as a consultant to the US Department of Defense Law of War Working Group. From 2012-2015, she was an analyst with the Government of Canada focusing on national security issues.

**Lorne L. Dawson**  
*University of Waterloo/Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society*

Dr. Lorne L. Dawson is a Full Professor in the Department of Sociology and Legal Studies and the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Waterloo. He has written three books, edited four books, and published sixty-five academic articles and book chapters. Most of his research was in the sociology of religion, particularly the study of new religious movements. His work on why some new religions become violent led to research on the process of radicalization in homegrown terrorist groups; since 2008, this has been the primary focus of his research. He is the Project Director of the Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society (www.tsas.ca), he co-edited “Religious Radicalization and Securitization in Canada and Beyond,” (University of Toronto Press, 2014), and he has articles published in Terrorism and Political Violence and Studies in Conflict and Terrorism. One of his current projects is a qualitative study of foreign fighters in Syria and Iraq. He has made numerous invited presentations on the radicalization of terrorists to academic and government groups, and he is frequently interviewed in the media about terrorism.

**Ali G. Dizboni**  
*Royal Military College of Canada*

Current position: Associate Professor  
Area of specialization: International Relations, Comparative Politics  
Dr. Dizboni has completed his M.Sc. (1997) and Ph.D. (2000) degrees at the Université de Montréal in the fields of Political Science and International Relations. He defended his Ph.D. thesis on Islam and War with the mention Excellent. He knows 4 languages: Persian, Arabic, French and English. He is Acting Head of the Department of Political Science at the Royal Military College of Canada and Associate Researcher at the McGill University (ICAMES) and UQAM (Chair Raoul-Dandurand). His areas of teaching include Middle East politics, International Relations (theories and institutions), Security Studies and Canadian politics.

Dr. Dizboni is current collaborator and Co-applicant to SSHRC and Public Safety grants. He has published numerous book chapters and articles in the fields of Middle East and International Politics. Some of his works include the section on Afghanistan in Encyclopedia of the World Legal Systems (ABC-CLIO, 2002); “Une Deuxième révolution? La réforme iranienne et la révolution du paradigme de l’islam politique”, in Mouvements sociaux et changements institutionnels (PUQ, 2005); “Le martyre en Islam” in Revue Théologiques (2006); ‘Education System in Iran’ in “Encyclopedia of Iran today” (Greenwood Press, 2008); “Muslim Discourses in Canada and Quebec” in Australian Religion Studies Review (2008), “Islam and war” (Edwin Mellen Press 2011), ‘Internal dynamics of Civilizational dialogue’ in “Towards Dignity of
Difference” (Ashgate Press 2012); “May Peace be Upon US,” in Canadian Military Journal, (2014); “Comprehensive Approach and Canadian Operation in Afghanistan” in Les systèmes de sécurité occidentaux (Bruylant. 2015); “Does Canada have Strategic Subaltern” in Collaboration, Infinity Journal, Feb. 2016, and Policy Report with TSAS (June 2016). He has work in press with Palgrave on Hermeneutic Approaches and Military Operations in failed states. Dr. Dizboni works presently on different research projects which include a SSHRC grant in partnership on religious extremism and pluralism and a book chapter with Oxford University Press on Muslim presence in Canada. He is a frequent commentator for the media on different aspects of Middle East politics and Canadian Foreign policy in the Middle East.

Paul Dunn
Calgary Police “ReDirect”

Sergeant Paul Dunn has been a member of the Calgary Police Service since 2001. Originally from the United Kingdom he formerly served in the British Army with operational tours in Northern Ireland and Kosovo. Since joining the Calgary Police Service Sergeant Dunn has worked in a diverse range of roles including patrol duties, general investigations, covert operations, and central arrest and processing managing Judicial Interim Release Hearings. In 2014 Sergeant Dunn moved to the Community and Youth Services Section, initially supervising the Youth Mentorship Team, before taking on the role of project developer and coordinator of the ReDirect program in January 2015. ReDirect is an early intervention and prevention program aimed at youth and young adults vulnerable to becoming radicalized. ReDirect uses long established professional and community relationships to establish multi-disciplinary solutions to assist people vulnerable to radicalization. It involves working with sectors such as schools, health care, social services, and the community to develop individualized support plans for clients and their families.” Sergeant Dunn holds a PhD from the University of Life and is currently a Masters student at the University of St. Andrews studying Terrorism and Political Violence.

David Eisenman
University of California Los Angeles

David Eisenman is an internationally recognized expert in disasters and public health, resilience and violence prevention. He is a professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine and the Fielding School of Public Health at UCLA, where he directs the Center for Public Health and Disasters. The UCLA Center for Public Health and Disasters is home to the National Education Safety and Security Institute (NESSI), which he also co-directs. Dr. Eisenman’s research has been funded by the U.S. National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Homeland Security. In 2012, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health appointed Dr. Eisenman as the Preparedness Science Officer for the Emergency Preparedness and Response Program. Dr. Eisenman is also an Associate Natural Scientist at RAND. Further details on his research and publications are available online at www.cphd.ucla.edu. He holds a board certification in Internal Medicine and he cares for patients at the University of California, Los Angeles Medical Center.
Kelly Gallant
Toronto Police

Kelly Gallant was a Police Officer for 30 years with Toronto Police Service and is currently a Detective Sergeant at Intelligence. She has worked in many areas including uniform, investigative, Tactical, firearms and Professional Standards. Kelly was in Afghanistan for 1 year on a Police Mission, teaching and mentoring Afghan Police Officers, and was also assigned as the Toronto Police Service, CVE Project Lead in February 2014.

Kelly has travelled to the UK, the United States and worked with academics and other practitioners to form the TPS CVE Initiative that is currently in place. Kelly also sit on a sub-committee for the CVE National Strategy.

Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant
Institute of Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Political Studies, Queen’s University

Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant is Director of the Queen's Institute of Intergovernmental Relations, Director of the Canadian Opinion Research Archive, and an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Studies at Queen’s University. Her research focuses on elections; political behaviour; political communication; methods of measuring gender in survey research; and the political representation of women. She is the author of Gendered News: Media Coverage and Electoral Politics in Canada (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2013), which won the 2015 Pierre Savard Award from the International Council for Canadian Studies and was shortlisted for the Canadian Political Science Association’s 2014 Donald Smiley Prize. Her current research projects include two collaborative projects, one on the measurement of gender in survey research, the other on the behavioural foundations of fiscal federalism, as well as solo work on women’s representation in advanced democracies.

Shandon Harris-Hogan
Radar Solutions

Shandon Harris-Hogan is the Director of RADAR Solutions, a company specialising in research, training and evaluation related to Countering Violent Extremism. Before founding Radar Solutions, Shandon was a graduate of Monash University’s Masters of International Relations program, worked as a researcher at the Global Terrorism Research Centre (Monash University), and was an analyst for the Australian government. He is currently a Visiting Research Fellow at the College of Asia and the Pacific (Australian National University).

Shandon’s work focuses on understanding radicalisation and analysing the structure of terrorist networks. Such work has been published in a number of leading academic journals including Studies in Conflict and Terrorism, and Terrorism and Political Violence and Behavioural Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression. In 2014, he was named the Future Strategic Writer of the year by the Institute for Regional Security.
Shandon’s applied research focuses on helping to facilitate disengagement from violent extremism through the design, implementation and evaluation of CVE programs and policy. Since 2010 he has been involved a dozen successful CT and CVE applied research grants (more than half as lead or co-lead researcher) with partner agencies including the Australian Federal Police, the Federal Attorney-General’s Department, the Australia New Zealand Counter-Terrorism Committee and the US Department of Defence. Shandon has also delivered presentations at a range of international and domestic academic conferences, lectured in post-graduate university courses and briefed high level government and police officials on issues relating to terrorism, security, international relations and religion.

Ghayda Hassan  
*Université du Québec à Montréal*

Dr. Ghayda Hassan is a clinical psychologist and professor of clinical psychology at UQAM university in Montreal and has several research, clinical and community-based national and international affiliations. She is a researcher at the SHERPA-RAPS team of the CIUSSS Center-West of the island of Montreal. Her systematic reviews, research and clinical activities are centred around four main areas of clinical cultural psychology: 1) Social suffering, intercommunity relations and violent extremism; 2) Intervention in family violence & cultural diversity; 3) Identity, belonging and mental health of children and adolescents from ethnic/religious minorities, and 4) working with vulnerable immigrants and refugees. She is currently co-leading the research, training and prevention/intervention activities of the FRQSC funded RAPS team (SHERAP subteam for Research and Action on Radicalisation and Social Suffering).

Her clinical and research activities focus on the interplay of culture, identity, mental health and violence among the specific studied groups. Often what determines working with a given group stems from the social realities at hand and particularly, the needs of clinical and community milieux with whom she works closely.

Stéfanie von Hlatky  
*Centre for International and Defence Policy, Queen’s University*

Stéfanie von Hlatky is an assistant professor of political studies at Queen’s University and the Director of the Queen’s Centre for International and Defence Policy (CIDP). She received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Université de Montréal in 2010, where she was also Executive Director for the Centre for International Peace and Security Studies. She’s held positions at Georgetown University’s Center for Peace and Security Studies, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Dartmouth College’s Dickey Center for International Understanding, the Centre for Security Studies at ETH Zurich and was a Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at the University of Southern California’s Centre for Public Diplomacy.

**Interventions** (co-edited with H. Christian Breede) with McGill-Queen’s University Press (2016). Stéfanie von Hlatky is the founder of Women in International Security-Canada and current Chair of the Board. She has received grants and awards from NATO, the Canadian Department of National Defence, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the Government of Ontario’s Ministry of Research and Innovation and Fulbright Canada.

**Rolf Holmboe**  
*Canadian Global Affairs Institute*

Rolf M.H.P. Holmboe is on temporary leave from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, living in Ottawa, Canada. He served as Ambassador of Denmark to Lebanon (2013-2015), and to Syria and Jordan (2012-2015). Previously, he was Director of Strategy and Policy Planning and Head of Department for Stabilisation at the Danish MFA. He has also served as Denmark’s Representative to the Palestinian Authority responsible for political relations and development interventions in the West Bank and Gaza. He has dealt extensively with political and development interventions in fragile states, including comprehensive work with military, political and developmental aspects of Denmark’s engagement in Afghanistan; this work included building a new Danish civil-military comprehensive approach and for guiding policies for Danish interventions in fragile states. He has managed stabilisation programmes under Denmark’s Neighbourhood Programme in Russia, the Balkans and in Caucasus, as well as Danish programmes on the Horn of Africa and in West Africa (Sahel) respectively. As an army reserve officer, he has participated in both longer and short missions in conflict zones and as an arms control inspector under the CFE Treaty. Until 2016, he served as commander of a reserve specialist corps providing linguistic and mission area expertise to Danish military missions abroad and is currently attached to the Royal Danish Defence Academy. As an external lecturer, he has taught conflict studies in fragile states at Copenhagen University.

He holds a Master’s Degree in Political Science and a Supplementary Degree in Arabic Studies from Aarhus University.

**Mike King**  
*Public Safety Canada*

As an analyst at Public Safety Canada, Mike works on counter-terrorism issues including: foreign fighters, radicalization, and counter-radicalization. He completed a Ph.D. in the psychology department at McGill University where his research focused on the psychological processes underlying an individual’s justification and motivation for terrorism.

His research is published in top-tier academic journals, and has co-authored several book chapters on the psychological factors leading to violent conflict. Mike previously did contract work for community-based NGOs, think-tanks, and the Department of National Defence.
Veronica Kitchen  
*University of Waterloo*

Veronica M. Kitchen is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Waterloo and the Balsillie School of International Affairs. She researches security governance across the global/local divide with a commitment to translating critical perspective into policy relevant analysis. She researches cooperation in national security policing, integration in counter-terrorism bureaucracies, and North American security governance. Other research projects include heroism in global politics (with Jenny Mathers), gender and popular culture in world politics, and the use of simulation in teaching world politics.

Kitchen provides frequent media commentary on subjects related to counter-terrorism and international security. She is an executive member of the Canadian Network on Terrorism, Security, and Society (TSAS), and has recently been Associate Chair (Undergraduate Studies) for the Department of Political Science, Chair of the Professional Development Committee of the ISA-Canada, and co-lead of the conflict and security research cluster at the Balsillie School of International Affairs. Veronica Kitchen completed her PhD in political science at Brown University, where she was a Fulbright Scholar, in 2006.

Brett Kubicek  
*Public Safety Canada*

Brett Kubicek joined the Canadian public service in 2005 after completing his PhD in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a post-doctoral fellowship at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies at Ohio State University, as well as a BA from the University of British Columbia. He currently manages research and academic relations for the National and Cyber Security Branch, specifically for the Office for community engagement and countering radicalization to violence. From 2007 to 2016 he served as Public Safety’s liaison for the National Justice Statistics Initiative, as well as the lead on the Psycho-social and community resilience community of practice for the Canadian Safety and Security Program. He was also the manager responsible for Public Safety's Kanishka Project, a five-year $10M Government of Canada initiative investing in research on terrorism and counter-terrorism.

Véronique Laprise  
*Centre d’Étude du religieux contemporain, Université de Sherbrooke*

As a (former) Canadian Forces Officer, Véronique worked in finances and security within governmental organisations concerned with security intelligence and emergency management, both in Canada and international. Through her military service, Véronique had the chance to work in unique environments and develop a network of highly qualified professionals working in the front-lines to defend Canada.

Earlier, as a young officer at the Royal Military College of Canada, Véronique studied issues related to counter-terrorism and radicalism (public safety policies, prevention, intelligence, etc.); however, she felt
that her geopolitical and MBA perspectives were missing a religious perspective; for example, questions such as “what is a 'spiritual war' for certain?” or, “what is an international crisis for others?” Thus, Véronique’s background in security and defence has inspired her to elevate her knowledge to a further level, by completing a PhD in Contemporary Religious Studies.

Véronique is currently a PhD student in a research centre for religious studies with the University of Sherbrooke, Quebec. This program is unique in its kind, where interdisciplinary affiliation becomes the key to understanding complex issues. Véronique’s PhD thesis is focusing on transnational violent religious groups and the management of security operations when the Canadian Government faces this type of threat. After Véronique completes her PhD, she is considering returning to work for the Canadian Government or as university researcher. In both cases, she hopes to offer to security professionals a religious comprehensive approach and to facilitate their operations when facing cultural and religious diversity or extremist threats.

Myrna Lashley

*McGill – (Chair Cross Cultural Round Table)*

Dr. Myrna Lashley holds a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from McGill University. She was an Associate Dean at John Abbott College and is an assistant professor in the department of psychiatry of McGill University, as well as a researcher and project leader at the Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research of the Jewish General Hospital. She is an internationally recognized clinical, teaching and research authority in cultural psychology, and serves as an expert psychological consultant to institutions, including the juvenile justice system. She has worked both as a consultant to First Nations, and Jewish communities, and as the Cross Cultural Trainer for the Grievance Committee office of the secretariat for McGill University. She has also conducted training workshops locally, nationally, and internationally and has acted as a consultant to the Brazilian health care system. She was a director of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation and has also served on the Comité consultatif sur les relations Interculturelles et Interraciales de la Communauté Urbaine de Montréal.

Currently, she is the Chair of the Cross Cultural Roundtable on Security, as well as Vice-chair of the board of the École Nationale de Police du Québec. In addition to conducting research on police matters, she has also been appointed to the Comité expert en matière de profilage racial of the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal. In addition, she has also authored two training manuals on intercultural issues in the workplace and co-authored a chapter in the book “Encountering the Other.” She has received several awards including, the 2015 Woman of Merit Award from the Playmas Montreal Cultural Association; the Queen Elizabeth II 2012 Diamond Jubilee award; 2006 Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Award for Holocaust studies; the 2004 Martin Luther King legacy award; as well as the 1995 Merit Award for the Kanawake Native survival school. Her current research focuses on the intersections of culture, terrorism and national security.

She is currently Barbados’s Honorary Consul to Montreal
Christian Leuprecht  
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As of 2015, Marian Misdrahi is the program coordinator for the Center for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to violence (CPRLV). Aside of her various duties at the Center, she has also participated in the CVE focused International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) – sponsored by the U.S. State Department. In addition, she has also taken part in various conferences and workshops, both at the national and international level, pertaining to the topic of violent radicalization and its prevention.

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Jeff Thompson
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Jeff Thompson is a police officer with the Kingston Police, in Kingston Ontario and has been so since 2003. Having started his career as a patrol officer, he later became a Detective in the Criminal Investigations Division, in the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Unit. While there Jeff became passionate about conducting successful and admissible interviews of victims and accused persons. Upon leaving CID, Jeff moved to the Special Services Division where his team was responsible for conducting surveillance and investigations into firearms, street level drugs and fugitives. While in this role Jeff was seconded to a position within the federal government as a Liaison Officer for approximately 15 months before returning to Special Services. During this time he was also the lead investigator for the Kingston Police in human trafficking investigations where he participated in a provincial network dedicated to combating human trafficking. As of January 2017, he is supervising frontline patrol officers as an acting Sergeant.

Jeff completed his undergraduate degree at Queen’s University in Kingston, and while there served as a research assistant under Dr. George Perlin at the Centre for the Study of Democracy. While at the CSD he assisted in the democratic education project for the development of a democracy studies course at the partner university in Ukraine. Jeff is currently assisting Dr. Christian Leuprecht of Queen’s University/RMC with a follow up piece to Dr. Leuprecht’s publication The Smoking Gun. The focus will be on the global implications of contraband and its links to the funding of organized crime groups and terrorist networks.

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