

Beyond 'Radicalization:' Notes from the Field and New Vocabularies

Symposium Program

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Thursday 27 June

56 rue Jacob, 75006 Paris; Salle Jean Monnet

10:00-10:30

Coffee and pastries.

10:30-10:45

Welcome. Alain Dieckhoff, Director of CERI Sciences Po

10:45-11:00

Introductory remarks
Nadia Marzouki and Elizabeth Shakman Hurd

11:00-13:00

PANEL I: The state of the art in the critical study of 'extremism'

- What is going on under the heading of 'countering violent extremism' (CVE) and related programs in the jurisdictions in which project participants live and work?
- What programs and policies does this discourse enable that might not exist otherwise?
- To what extent is counter-extremism policy being operationalized as a means of crafting and controlling specific political narratives and forms of subjectivity, and if so, which ones?

Chair: Elizabeth Shakman Hurd

Presenters: Nadia Fadil, Wael Garnaoui, Roland Marchal, Zekeria Ahmed Salem, Marie Kortam

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-16:00

PANEL II: Life under surveillance

- What is the impact of anti-terror legislation and policy on individual lives and liberties from a comparative perspective?
- How do these programs shape the lives of individuals and communities that are subjected to intervention and reform?
- How do Muslim and other impacted leaders, intellectuals, academics, and social workers respond to CVE discourse and policy?
- To what extent is anti-extremism programming being used to tame dissent?
- What alternative modes of action can grassroots organizers and Muslim communities promote to counter extremist violence while contesting the violence exerted on them in the name of CVE?

Chair: Nadia Marzouki

Presenters: Juliette Galonnier, Ibrahim Bechrouri, Francesco Ragazzi et Sarah Perret, Charlotte Thomas

19:00

Dinner

Friday 28 June

10:00-10:30

Coffee and pastries.

10:30-12:30

PANEL III: Counter-radicalization as governmentality, domestic and international perspectives

- Which interests (in terms, for example, of military spending, national image, or international aid) are at stake in the political economy of counter-extremism?
- How do NGOs and foreign governments profit from CVE arrangements insofar as they position themselves as security entrepreneurs able to provide “Imam training,” “intelligence services” and “CVE/religious freedom consulting”?
- To what extent does policy framed in terms of CVE contribute to the weakening of states from the South and to increasing their dependency on the North?
- What are the advantages of a whole of government approach that locates CVE within a more systematic approach that cuts across all sectors of government and international cooperation?

Chair: Philippe Bonditti
Presenters: Nadia Fadil, Gina Giliberti, Elizabeth Shakman Hurd,
Anver Emon

12:30-13:30

Lunch

13:30-15:30

Panel IV: New vocabularies and next steps

- Which alternative vocabularies may we develop for responding to forms of violence that are typically described as extremist while also making visible forms of violence that tend to slip below the radar?
- Given the embeddedness of race in contemporary discourses about religion and religious difference, how can we confront racial hierarchies and racialized state practice in the project?
- Is the lexicon of “peace reinforcement” more valuable than the language of CVE? What other vocabularies are useful and who is using them?
- How to articulate a critique of CVE discourse and policy while going beyond facile critiques of the state that merely caricature the state?

Chair: Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Nadia Marzouki
Presenters: Sarah Perret, Nicolas Dot-Pouillard, Mariem Guellouz,
Brannon Ingram, Olivier Roy, Anver Emon, Sarah Perret

15:30-16:00

Concluding discussion.

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