

PARTNERING IN PRACTICE : PREVENTING SOCIAL POLARIZATIONS

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FOREWORD: PARTNERING IN PRACTICE...

WELCOME TO PARTNERING IN PRACTICE: PREVENTING SOCIAL POLARIZATIONS. WE VERY MUCH VALUE YOUR PRESENCE HERE AND APPRECIATE THE LONG DISTANCES THAT MANY OF YOU HAVE TRAVELLED TO JOIN US. THE NEXT FOUR DAYS WILL AFFORD YOU A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR IDEAS AND OPINIONS THAT MAY BE NEW TO YOU, THAT MAY EVEN CHALLENGE YOU, AND PERHAPS THAT IS THE REAL VALUE OF THE CONFERENCE.

WE HAVE GATHERED HERE, IN OUR PROVINCIAL CAPITAL, A HIGHLY VARIED AND ECLECTIC MIX OF PARTICIPANTS: YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS; ACADEMICS AND ANALYSTS; PRACTITIONERS AND POLICE; COMMUNITY LEADERS AND POLICY MAKERS; THE ORGANIZERS AT THE CANADIAN PRACTITIONERS' NETWORK FOR THE PREVENTION OF RADICALIZATION AND EXTREMIST VIOLENCE (CPN-PREV); THE STUDENTS' COMMISSION OF CANADA (SCC); THE CANADIAN NETWORK FOR THE STUDY OF TERRORISM, SECURITY AND SOCIETY (TSAS); AND THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE (OPV).

ALL OF US HAVE A STAKE IN ISSUES RELATED TO SOCIAL POLARIZATION AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM, AND NOW, MORE THAN EVER, WE NEED TO HARNESS OUR COLLECTIVE WISDOM AND HEAR IDEAS THAT COME FROM OUTSIDE OF OUR PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL DAY-TO-DAY LIVES. YOUNG PEOPLE, IN PARTICULAR, UNDERSTAND HOW POLARIZATION, EXPLOITATION AND VICTIMIZATION OCCURS – IN THEIR SCHOOLS, AMONG THEIR PEERS AND IN THE ONLINE SPACE. IT IS CRITICAL THAT THEIR PERSPECTIVES AND IDEAS ON PREVENTION ARE HEARD AND ACTED UPON BY THOSE WHO HAVE THE POWER TO ACT. WE HOPE THAT SOME OF THE KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS TO WHICH YOU ARE EXPOSED WILL ENRICH AND EMPOWER YOU AS STUDENTS, LEADERS, PRACTITIONERS, ACADEMICS AND MORE IMPORTANTLY AS CITIZENS.

IF OUR COLLECTIVE GOAL IS TO BUILD A MORE COHESIVE SOCIETY AND PREVENT VIOLENT EXTREMISM FROM OCCURRING, WE NEED A WHOLE SOCIETY APPROACH AND MULTIPLE STAKEHOLDERS TO ENGAGE IN STUDYING, UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING IT. WE HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED, PERHAPS NUMB, TO THE DIVISIVE RHETORIC, GROWING SOCIAL POLARIZATIONS AND ENSUING HATE-BASED VIOLENCE TO WHICH WE ARE EXPOSED ON A DAILY BASIS. THE ECHO CHAMBERS WE EXPERIENCE ONLINE OBSTRUCT AND CONCEAL CONTENDING VIEWS AND CRITICAL THOUGHT.

IN TODAY'S GLOBALIZED WORLD, THERE ARE INCREASING DIVISIVE FORCES BUT SO THERE ARE INCREASING VOICES FOR COHESIVENESS AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. PREVENTING VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN OUR HOMES, NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITIES MEANS HARNESSING OUR EFFORTS IN SUSTAINED PARTNERSHIPS.

IT IS WITH THESE HOPES, AND IN THIS SPIRIT, THAT WE HAVE INVITED YOU TO JOIN US IN THE FIRST EVENT OF ITS KIND IN WESTERN CANADA. YOUR GENEROSITY, YOUR INVESTMENT OF TIME AND EFFORT, IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. WE HOPE YOU FIND THE NEXT FOUR DAYS GRATIFYING AND OFFER YOU, IN OUR COLD CLIMATE, THE WARMEST OF PRAIRIE WELCOMES.



GHAYDA HASSAN, PHD
DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER, CPN-PREV
CO-CHAIR, UNESCO-PREV
PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY, UQAM



JOHN MCCOY, PHD
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THE CONFERENCE IS HOSTED BY THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS



THE **ORGANIZATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE (OPV)** IS A COMMUNITY AND EXPERT-LED NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION. THEY ARE ENGAGED IN RESEARCH AND PREVENTION-BASED ACTIVITIES THAT AIM TO MITIGATE VIOLENT EXTREMISM. IN PURSUIT OF THIS GOAL, THEY WORK CLOSELY WITH COMMUNITIES, HUMAN SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT.



THE **CANADIAN PRACTITIONERS NETWORK FOR THE PREVENTION OF RADICALIZATION AND EXTREMIST VIOLENCE (CPN-PREV)** SUPPORTS COORDINATED COLLABORATION, CAPACITY BUILDING AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER AMONG KEY SECTORS AND STAKEHOLDERS THROUGH A NATIONWIDE MULTIDISCIPLINARY AND MULTISECTORAL APPROACH IN PREVENTING RADICALIZATION AND EXTREMIST VIOLENCE. OUR GOAL IS TO BRING FORWARD CANADIAN LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOP EXCELLENCE IN COUNTERING VIOLENT RADICALIZATION BY SUPPORTING BEST PRACTICES AND COLLABORATIONS AMONG INTERVENTION TEAMS, THROUGH SUSTAINED KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION BETWEEN THE RESEARCH, PRACTICE, POLICY AND COMMUNITY SECTORS.



ON BEHALF OF THE **CANADIAN NETWORK FOR TERRORISM, SECURITY, AND SOCIETY (TSAS)** I AM PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU TO THE PARTNERING IN PRACTICE: PREVENTING SOCIAL POLARIZATION CONFERENCE. WE ARE EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONFERENCE THAT BRINGS TOGETHER EXPERTS—SCHOLARS, PRACTITIONERS, POLICY-MAKERS, AND CITIZEN—FROM SO MANY DIFFERENT PLACES AND WITH SO MANY DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES, AND TO WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE ON AN ISSUE SO FUNDAMENTAL TO THE STRENGTH OF CANADIAN SECURITY AND SOCIETY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEW RESEARCH, IDEAS, AND COLLABORATIONS THAT WILL COME OUT OF THE CONFERENCE. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONSIDER TSAS'S NEW RESEARCH REPORTS SERIES AS A VENUE FOR PUBLICATION FOR YOUR RESEARCH. — VERONICA KITCHEN, ACTIVE DIRECTOR



THE **STUDENTS COMMISSION OF CANADA**, LEAD OF THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT, IS THRILLED TO SUPPORT THIS CONFERENCE TO MEANINGFULLY ENGAGE THE VOICES OF YOUTH IN A JOINT MOVEMENT OF ADULTS AND YOUTH TO PREVENT SOCIAL POLARIZATION AND VIOLENCE. OUR FOUR PILLARS – RESPECT, LISTEN, UNDERSTAND AND COMMUNICATE™ – ARE THE VALUES AND PROCESS THAT GUIDE OUR WORK. RESPECT IS GRANTED, ACKNOWLEDGING STRENGTHS THAT EACH OF US HAS TO GIVE, WHICH LETS US LISTEN DEEPLY WITH ALL OUR SENSES; WE THEN MOVE FROM LISTENING TO UNDERSTANDING, THE BASIS FOR THE FIRST ACTION, WHICH IS EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MOVING INTO ACTION WITH ALL OF YOU.

ORGANIZATION TEAM

THE EVENT COORDINATORS/THE MAGICIANS

MARIE-ÈVE GOSSELIN, KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR, CPN-PREV

DAVID JONES, SENIOR RESEARCHER, ORGANIZATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE

THE ESSENTIALS/ THE SUPERHEROINES

DANIELA ARANIBAR, KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION ASSISTANT, CPN-PREV

ELIZABETH FORD, PROJECT MANAGER, TSAS

ZOE HASTINGS, INTERN, ORGANIZATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE

TEODORA VIGU, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, CPN-PREV

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE/ THE IDEALISTS

LORNE DAWSON, TSAS

MATT DRABENSTOTT, STUDENTS COMMISSION OF CANADA

GHAYDA HASSAN, CPN-PREV

HEATHER LAWFORD, BISHOP UNIVERSITY AND STUDENTS COMMISSION OF CANADA

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MADDY ROSS, STUDENTS COMMISSION OF CANADA

ÉMILIE VERRET, BISHOP UNIVERSITY AND STUDENTS COMMISSION OF CANADA

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KWAKU AGYEMANG, STUDENTS COMMISSION OF CANADA

JEAN PERRAULT, CPN-PREV

DAVE SHANKS, STUDENTS COMMISSION OF CANADA

REECE YOUNG, STUDENTS COMMISSION OF CANADA

THE “ONE AND ONLY” EVALUATOR

FLORENCE BERGERON, BISHOP UNIVERSITY

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THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE COMPRISED OF TWO INTERRELATED SECTIONS - THE FIRST SECTION, **PREVENTION IN PRACTICE**, WILL RESEMBLE A MORE TRADITIONAL ACADEMIC CONFERENCE. THE SECOND SECTION, **MIND THE GAP! YOUTH AND PRACTITIONERS SUMMIT**, WILL BRING TOGETHER PRACTITIONERS FROM DIVERSE SECTORS AND YOUTH LEADERS TO ENGAGE IN AN INTERACTIVE TWO-DAY EXERCISE TO FACILITATE CONNECTIONS AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING BETWEEN THEM. THE ACTIVITIES ARE DESIGNED TO CREATE BRIDGES BY BUILDING TRUST BETWEEN PRACTITIONERS AND YOUTH AS WELL AS REFLECT ON HOW OUR REALITIES INFLUENCE OUR PERSONAL TRAJECTORIES BY SHAPING OUR SOCIAL IDENTITIES.

PREVENT IN PRACTICE NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL APPROACHES TO P/CVE 30 NOV | 1 DEC

THE FIRST SECTION OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BRING TOGETHER LEADING SCHOLARS, PRACTITIONERS AND POLICYMAKERS ENGAGED WITH VIOLENT EXTREMISM. THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THIS CONFERENCE IS EXCHANGING THEORETICAL UNDERSTANDINGS FROM MULTIPLE DISCIPLINES AND GOOD PRACTICES RELATED TO THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM ACROSS DIFFERENT DISCIPLINARY AND GEOGRAPHIC CONTEXTS.

A UNIQUE FEATURE OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE ITS ABILITY TO COMBINE PERSPECTIVES FROM ACADEMIA, LAW ENFORCEMENT, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. FURTHERMORE, THE EXAMINATION OF GLOBALIZED AND LOCALIZED APPROACHES TO VIOLENT EXTREMISM, AND OTHER SIMILAR FORMS OF CRIME AND RISK PREVENTION, WILL DRAW OUT GOOD PRACTICES FROM DIFFERENT NATIONAL CONTEXTS AND AREAS OF POLICY. RECOGNIZING THE NOTED PREFERENCE FOR MULTI-SECTORAL APPROACHES TO PREVENTION OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM AMONG POLICY MAKERS, AND THE UNIQUE IMPACTS OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN PARTICULAR LOCALITIES – THIS APPROACH WILL HELP TO FURTHER SCHOLARLY AND PRACTITIONER KNOWLEDGE.

DAY ONE

0830 – 0900

COFFEE AND REGISTRATION (ECHA L1-190)

0900 – 1015

WELCOME & DR. CECILE ROUSSEAU'S KEYNOTE Q&A

1015 – 1030

COFFEE BREAK (ECHA L1-190)

1030 – 1200

TWO PANELS (SIMULTANEOUS)

PANEL 1: ENCOURAGING NATIONAL & TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION IN CVE – THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND NGOS

PANEL 2: UNDERSTANDING RADICALIZATION AND MOBILIZATION – THE STATE OF THE ART

1200 – 1315

LUNCH (ECHA 2-140)

1315 – 1430

TWO PANELS (SIMULTANEOUS)

PANEL 3: WHAT OTHER DISCIPLINES HAVE TO SAY ABOUT CVE: CRIME PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

PANEL 4: GENDERED DYNAMICS OF MOBILIZATION, RECRUITMENT AND PREVENTION: A COMPARATIVE APPROACH

1430 – 1445

COFFEE BREAK (ECHA 2-140)

1445 – 1600

TWO PANELS (SIMULTANEOUS)

PANEL 5: LOCAL UNDERSTANDINGS OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN ALBERTA AND CANADA

PANEL 6: THE RISE OF THE RIGHT



WELCOME & DR. CECILE ROUSSEAU'S KEYNOTE

ROOM: ECHA L1-190

DR. ROUSSEAU WILL GIVE A TALK REGARDING THE QUEBEC MODEL OF INTERVENTION (PRINCIPLES AND PRELIMINARY EVALUATION OBSERVATIONS).



CÉCILE ROUSSEAU IS A RESEARCH AND CLINICAL PSYCHIATRIST AT THE MONTREAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WHERE SHE DIRECTS THE TRANSCULTURAL CHILD PSYCHIATRY CLINIC. SHE FURTHER WORKS AS A CLINICIAN IN SHARED CARE WITH IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE CHILDREN IN MULTI-ETHNIC NEIGHBOURHOODS IN MONTREAL, WHILE CONTINUING RESEARCH ON MODELS OF SHARED CARE IN MENTAL HEALTH, MULTI-ETHNIC SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND THE IMPACT OF MIGRATION POLICIES. SHE RECEIVED HER TRAINING IN MEDICINE AND PSYCHIATRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SHERBROOKE, UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL, AND MCGILL UNIVERSITY. HER RESEARCH AREAS INCLUDE TRAUMA SECONDARY TO WAR AND ORGANIZED VIOLENCE, MENTAL HEALTH OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES, SHARED CARE IN YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH, AND MIGRATION POLICIES AND REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT HEALTH.

PANEL 1: ENCOURAGING NATIONAL & TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION IN CVE – THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND NGOS

ROOM: ECHA 2-140

THE PANEL WILL INVOLVE PRESENTATIONS ON THE ROLE OF TRANSNATIONAL NETWORKS AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN PREVENTING AND COUNTERING VIOLENT CRIME AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM. IT FEATURES SPEAKERS FROM ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE CANADIAN PRACTITIONERS' NETWORK, THE GLOBAL CENTRE FOR COOPERATIVE SECURITY, THE STRONG CITIES NETWORK AND REACH EDMONTON. THE PRESENTERS WILL SPEAK TO THE UNIQUE AND IMPORTANT ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND NGOS IN FURTHERING PREVENTION AND EMPLOYING GOOD PRACTICES RELATED TO CVE.

CHAIR: BRETT KUBICEK

- FRANZISKA PRAXL
- MICHAEL DUFFIN
- JAN FOX
- GHAYDA HASSAN

PANEL 2: UNDERSTANDING RADICALIZATION AND MOBILIZATION – THE STATE OF THE ART

LISTER CENTRE – PRAIRIE ROOM

UNDERSTANDINGS OF RADICALIZATION TO VIOLENCE HAVE EVOLVED CONSIDERABLY OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS. TODAY, RESEARCH IN THIS AREA HAS MOVED ON FROM ITS MODEST BEGINNINGS AND FOCUS ON EXPLAINING RADICALIZATION TO VIOLENCE AS A LINEAR AND PREDICTIVE PROCESS, TO FAR MORE NUANCED AND EVIDENCE-DRIVEN ANALYSES. LEADING CANADIAN AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS WILL OUTLINE INNOVATIVE AND INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO CONCEPTUALIZING AND UNDERSTANDING THE PHENOMENON OF RADICALIZATION TO VIOLENCE.

CHAIR: JOHN MCCOY

- LORNE DAWSON
- SANDRA BUCERIUS
- BART SCHUURMAN
- BRUCE WHITE

PANEL 3: WHAT OTHER DISCIPLINES HAVE TO SAY ABOUT CVE: CRIME PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Room: ECHA 2-140

AS INTERNATIONAL COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO MATURE, PRACTITIONERS AND ANALYSTS ARE INCREASINGLY LOOKING TO GOOD PRACTICES IN OTHER DISCIPLINES AND AREAS OF CRIME PREVENTION. PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, SOCIAL WORKERS, PSYCHOLOGISTS AND YOUTH WORKERS ALL BRING UNIQUE AND POTENTIALLY REWARDING INPUTS ON HOW CVE PROGRAMS CAN ADOPT PRACTICES THAT ENHANCE THEIR OUTCOMES. AS INTERVENTION-BASED CVE PROGRAMMING BECOMES INCREASINGLY POPULAR THE CONTRIBUTION OF THESE PROFESSIONALS IS CRITICAL. DRAWING ON THEIR UNIQUE SKILL SETS, AND CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE, PANELISTS WILL OUTLINE LESSONS LEARNED AND INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO PREVENTION IN CVE.

CHAIR: FARZAD BARWANE

- ALISA MILLER
- DAVID EISENMAN
- PETER SMYTH
- ÉLISE BOURGEOIS-GUÉRIN
- ÉTIENNE DUCLOS-MURPHY

PANEL 4: GENDERED DYNAMICS OF MOBILIZATION, RECRUITMENT AND PREVENTION: A COMPARATIVE APPROACH

LISTER CENTRE – PRAIRIE ROOM

UNTIL RECENTLY, GENDER HAS PRIMARILY BEEN TREATED AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT IN THE STUDY OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND RADICALIZATION TO VIOLENCE. CRITICAL QUESTIONS RELATED TO GENDER DYNAMICS HAVE BEEN IGNORED; FOR EXAMPLE, HOW ARE GENDER NORMS AND IDENTITIES MOBILIZED BY VIOLENT EXTREMISTS TO FURTHER RECRUITMENT AND MOBILIZATION TO VIOLENCE. THE PANELISTS WILL LOOK AT HOW IDEAS AND NORMS OF MASCULINITY AND FEMININITY SHAPE THE ROLE OF MEN AND WOMEN IN GROUPS AND MOVEMENTS - AS BOTH VICTIMS AND ACTIVE AGENTS.

CHAIR: VERONICA KITCHEN

- JOANA COOK
- JESSICA MARIN DAVIS
- TANYA NEROZHNA
- W. ANDY KNIGHT

PANEL 5: LOCAL UNDERSTANDINGS OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN ALBERTA AND CANADA

Room ECHA 2-140

AN ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP IN THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM IS GAINING A COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING OF A MULTI-FACETED PROBLEM. ALBERTA AND CANADA ARE IMPACTED BY GLOBAL TRENDS RELATED TO VIOLENT EXTREMISM, BUT ALSO EXPERIENCE UNIQUE PATTERNS THAT ARE SHAPED BY OUR HISTORY AND THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LANDSCAPE OF THE PROVINCE AND THE COUNTRY. GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FORMER INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS ALL BRING UNIQUE LENSES TO THE ISSUE THAT SHAPE AND FILTER OUR UNDERSTANDING. THE PANELISTS WILL OFFER THEIR PERSPECTIVES ON VIOLENT EXTREMISM LOCALLY.

CHAIR: VERONICA KITCHEN

- PHIL GURSKI
- JOHN MCCOY
- BRETT KUBICEK
- INSP. STACEY TALBOT

PANEL 6: THE RISE OF THE RIGHT

LISTER CENTRE – PRAIRIE ROOM

AS SHOWN BY RECENT TRENDS AND EVENTS “RIGHT WING EXTREMISM” (RWE) IS OF INCREASING CONCERN IN WESTERN STATES. THE RISE OF POPULISM AND ANTI-MIGRANT DISCOURSE, TOGETHER WITH AN ONLINE SPACE THAT CAN BE HIGHLY POLARIZING, HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE GROWTH OF GROUPS AND MOVEMENTS PROMOTING NEO-NAZI, WHITE NATIONALIST, AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT BELIEFS. THESE GROUPS CAN FOMENT SOCIAL POLARIZATION AND GENERATE THREATS TO THE SAFETY OF TARGETED MINORITY COMMUNITIES AND THE PUBLIC. RESEARCHERS AND ANALYSTS HAVE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO CONCEPTUALIZE AND CAPTURE THE RAPID RISE OF RWE. THE PANELISTS WILL SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE RISE OF THE RIGHT, WHAT ATTRACTS SOME TO A NEW A GROWING AREA OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND HOW PRACTITIONERS CAN RESPOND TO THESE THREATS.

CHAIR: BRAD GALLOWAY

- RYAN SCRIVENS
- YANNICK VEILLEUX-LEPAGE
- LAUREN MANNING
- FABIAN WICHMANN



DAY TWO

0845 – 0945
0945 – 1100

1100 – 1115
1115 – 1230

1230 – 1330
1330 – 1445
1445 – 1500
1500 – 1530
1530 – 1545

WELCOME, HOUSEKEEPING AND DR. SCHURMAN’S KEYNOTE

TWO PANELS (SIMULTANEOUS)

PANEL 7: GLOBAL P/CVE: INSIGHTS FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES

PANEL 8: EXTREMISM: SOCIAL MEDIA, RECRUITMENT, RADICALIZATION AND COUNTERNARRATIVES

COFFEE BREAK (ECHA 2-190)

SESSION BY IMAM NAVAI AZIZ, ISLAMIC INFORMATION SOCIETY OF CALGARY (ECHA 2-490)

LUNCH (ECHA 2-190)

SESSION ON ENGAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES

COFFEE BREAK (ECHA 2-190)

YOUTH REFLECTION

WRAP UP



WELCOME, HOUSEKEEPING AND DR. SCHUURMAN'S KEYNOTE

ECHA 2-190

DR. SHUURMAN WILL PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF THE FIELD OF TERRORISM RESEARCH, LISTING KEY OBSTACLES (E.G. LIMITED FOCUS ON RWEX) AS WELL AS PROGRESS MADE, AND TYING THAT A CRITICAL DISCUSSION OF WHAT 'RADICALIZATION' IS AND HOW IT CAN(NOT) HELP US.

BART SCHUURMAN IS A RESEARCH FELLOW AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR COUNTER-TERRORISM AND HAS WORKED AS A RESEARCHER AT LEIDEN UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTE OF SECURITY AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS HIS PAST PROJECTS INCLUDE A STUDY ON POTENTIAL "INDICATORS" OF TERRORIST INTENT AND CAPABILITY CONDUCTED IN COOPERATION WITH THE DUTCH NATIONAL POLICE, AND A YEARLONG EVALUATION OF A DUTCH REINTEGRATION PROGRAMME FOR (VIOLENT) EXTREMISTS. HIS PHD THESIS FOCUSED ON UNDERSTANDING INVOLVEMENT IN TERRORIST GROUPS BY STUDYING PRIMARY-SOURCES BASED DATA USING STRUCTURAL, GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL LEVEL PERSPECTIVES. CURRENTLY, BART IS ENGAGED IN A THREE YEAR LONG EUROPEAN UNION-FUNDED COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECT THAT FOCUSES ON GAINING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF LONE ACTOR TERRORISTS' PRE-ATTACK BEHAVIOUR. IN ADDITION, HIS RESEARCH FOCUSES ON STRATEGIC NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND NON-STATE ACTORS, THE INFLUENCE OF PUBLIC SUPPORT ON THE COURSE OF TERRORISM-RELATED CONFLICTS, THE MILITARY THEORETICIAN CARL VON CLAUSEWITZ AND OBSTACLES TO WESTERN SUCCESS IN SO-CALLED 'ASYMMETRIC CONFLICTS'.



PANEL 7: COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM – INSIGHTS FROM AUSTRALIA, KENYA, THE UNITED STATES AND TUNISIA

ROOM ECHA 2-150

VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND RADICALIZATION TO VIOLENCE ARE GLOBAL PHENOMENA THAT HAVE IMPACTED A DIVERSE ARRAY OF COUNTRIES AND SOCIETIES. IN RESPONSE PREVENTING AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM PROGRAMS HAVE EMERGED IN BOTH THE GLOBAL NORTH AND GLOBAL SOUTH. THE PANELISTS WILL PROVIDE THEIR INSIGHTS INTO CHALLENGES WITHIN SPECIFIC STATES AND SOCIETIES AND FOCUS ON PROMISING AND GOOD PRACTICE IN A VARIETY OF CONTEXTS.

CHAIR: PIERRE SANE

- SHANDON HARRIS-HOGAN
- BO-JOE BRANS
- MICHAEL OPONDO
- CAITLIN AMBROZIK

PANEL 8: #EXTREMISM: SOCIAL MEDIA, RECRUITMENT, RADICALIZATION AND COUNTERNARRATIVES

ROOM ECHA 2-190

EXTREMIST GROUPS HAVE MADE EXTENSIVE USE OF THE INTERNET TO DISSEMINATE PROPAGANDA, IDENTIFY RECRUITS AND ENGAGE IN OPERATIONAL PLANNING. THIS PANEL WILL DISCUSS HOW THESE GROUPS INNOVATE ONLINE, AND PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO COUNTER THEIR ONLINE PROLIFERATION.

CHAIR: MICAH CLARK & DAVID JONES

- DAVEED GARTENSTEIN-ROSS
- AMARNATH AMARASINGAM
- BENJAMIN DUCOL
- JIHAN RABAH



SESSION BY IMAM NAVAID AZIZ, ISLAMIC INFORMATION SOCIETY OF CALGARY

ROOM ECHA 2-190



NAVAID AZIZ IS A CANADIAN MUSLIM PUBLIC FIGURE WITH A DIVERSE ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL BACKGROUND. HE IS CURRENTLY FOCUSED ON THE EDUCATION AND INTEGRATION OF MUSLIM YOUTH, WITH THE HOPES OF ERADICATING RADICALIZATION. HE WAS RAISED IN MONTREAL, QUEBEC WHERE HE COMPLETED A DIPLOMA OF COLLEGIAL STUDIES IN COMMERCE AND SOCIAL SCIENCES FROM CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE (2000) BEFORE HEADING TO THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF MADINAH WHERE HE COMPLETED AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE IN ARABIC LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (2003) AND A BACHELORS IN ISLAMIC LAW (2008).

IN 2012, NAVAID MOVED TO CALGARY, ALBERTA TO BECOME THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE ISLAMIC INFORMATION SOCIETY OF CALGARY, A POSITION HE CURRENTLY HOLDS. HE ALSO BEGAN VOLUNTEERING AS A CHAPLAIN AT SAIT (2012-2015). IN CALGARY HIS YOUTH COUNSELLING WORK EXTENDED FURTHER TO INCLUDE HELPING IN THE MITIGATION OF CRIMINAL RADICALIZATION. THIS INCLUDED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSLIM YOUTH. AMONG THE PROGRAMS STARTED WERE YOUTH GROUPS, VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS AT THE LOCAL SHELTERS, COMMUNITY CLEANUPS, AND TREE PLANTING DAYS. IN 2015, NAVAID BECAME THE FIRST EVER MUSLIM CHAPLAIN WITH THE CALGARY POLICE SERVICES.

SESSION ON ENGAGEMENT BY HEATHER LAWFORD & ÉMILIE VERRET

ROOM ECHA 2-190

HEATHER LAWFORD IS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT AT BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY, PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF THE KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION GRADUATE CERTIFICATE AT BISHOP'S, AS WELL AS A CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. HER RESEARCH INTERESTS INCLUDE INVESTIGATING WHETHER AND HOW YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP GENERATIVITY, DEFINED AS CONCERN FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS AS A LEGACY OF THE SELF. SHE HAS BEEN WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE STUDENTS COMMISSION (CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT) FOR ALMOST 10 YEARS, AND NOW SERVES AS CO-DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, ALONG WITH HER COLLEAGUE, DR. HEATHER RAMEY.



ÉMILIE VERRET IS A FOURTH-YEAR PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT AT BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY. SHE IS A DATA ANALYST FOR THE STUDENT'S COMMISSION AND A RESEARCH ASSISTANT FOR DR. HEATHER LAWFORD. HER INTEREST RANGES FROM YOUTH ENGAGEMENT TO SEXUAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND REFORMS. SHE HOPES TO MOVE ON TO GRADUATE SCHOOL IN THE FALL OF 2019.



YOUTH REFLECTION BY THE SOCIAL IDENTITY FORMATION PROJECT (SIF GROUP)

ROOM ECHA 2-190

THE SOCIAL IDENTITY FORMATION (SIF) PROJECT IS A YOUTH-LED INITIATIVE CENTERED AROUND PROMOTING POSITIVE IDENTITY FORMATION AMONG CANADIAN YOUTH. THE SIF TEAM IS COMPOSED OF YOUTH FROM ALL OVER CANADA AND IS GUIDED BY THE STUDENTS COMMISSION OF CANADA. THE SIF PROJECT SEEKS TO PREVENT MALADAPTIVE SOCIAL IDENTITIES THAT CAN LEAD TO VIOLENT RADICALIZATION AND RELATIONAL ABUSES, AND TO CURB THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF SOCIAL MEDIA. THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED THREE OBJECTIVES TO MEET THIS GOAL: 1) ESTABLISHING AUTHENTIC MEANS OF EXPRESSION, 2) BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS IN 'ON/OFFLINE' SPACES, AND 3) CREATING A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG YOUTH IN ON/OFFLINE SPACES. IN CULTIVATING THESE THREE GOALS. SINCE FIRST CONVENING AT THE 2018 CANADA WE WANT CONFERENCE, THE SIF TEAM HAS MADE INDIVIDUAL STRIDES IN CREATING A POSITIVE SOCIAL IDENTITY. SIF IS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO BRIDGE THE GAP FROM KNOWLEDGE TO ACTION. THE SIF TEAM EAGERLY LOOKS FORWARD TO SHARING THEIR INSIGHTS AND OPENING A CONVERSATION WITH PRACTITIONERS TO BRAINSTORM HOW WE MIGHT CREATE COMMUNITIES WHERE YOUTH CAN THRIVE, AND WHERE YOUTH CAN DEVELOP POSITIVE IDENTITIES.

MEMBERS



LAUREN HANDLEY
Essa, ON

FUTURE CAREER : SOMETHING
IN THE SOCIAL SERVICES

*" THROUGH SIF, I'VE LEARNED
THAT STANDING UP FOR WHAT
YOU BELIEVE IS THE BEST WAY
TO MAKE A CHANGE. "*



ERICA TAYLOR

**DAWSON CITY, YUKON
TERRITORY**

FUTURE CAREER: ELECTRICAL
TRADE

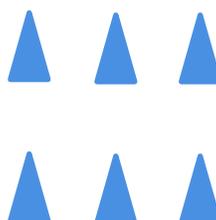
*" ONE OF THE MANY THINGS I
LEARNED AT A SIF WORKSHOP
IS THAT WHEN ONLINE,
WHETHER IT WAS ON SOCIAL
MEDIA OR GAMING, THAT SOME
PEOPLE HAVE A SENSE OF
BELONGING WITH CERTAIN
GROUPS OF PEOPLE WHO THEY
NEVER MET. "*



LINDA XIA
SURREY, BC

FUTURE CAREER:
TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEUR

*" YOUR IDENTITY IS A CHOICE -
IT IS WHAT YOU CHOOSE TO DO
THAT DEFINES YOU FAR MORE
THAN WHAT OTHER PEOPLE
MIGHT THINK OF YOU OR WHO
YOU THINK YOU SHOULD BE.
CHOOSE TO BE AUTHENTIC
BECAUSE YOU CAN'T LIVE YOUR
LIFE IF YOU'RE PRETENDING TO
BE SOMEONE ELSE. "*



ISAAC GRASS
BORDEN, ON

FUTURE CAREER : LAYWER

*" THE SIF PROJECT HAS GIVEN
ME A GREAT INSIGHT ON THE
CHALLENGES FACING YOUTH
TODAY, AND THE STEPS WE
CAN TAKE TO BUILD HEALTHIER
RELATIONSHIPS FOR POSITIVE
ONLINE/OFFLINE
INTERACTIONS. "*



ALI LAMARCHE
BARRIE, ON

FUTURE CAREER : MENTAL
HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS

*" THROUGH SIF, I LEARNED
THAT I CARED WAY TOO MUCH
WHAT PEOPLE THOUGHT
ABOUT ME. SINCE THE SIF
PROJECT, I'VE BEEN REMOVING
A LOT OF PEOPLE FROM MY
SOCIAL MEDIA TO HELP BE
MORE AUTHENTIC. "*

MIND THE GAP!
YOUTH AND PRACTITIONERS SUMMIT
2 DEC - VOICES & PLACES | 3 DEC - TRUST & POWER

YOUTH ARE HEAVILY TARGETED BY ALL FORMS OF EXTREMISM AND HATE SPEECH. MANY HAVE PROFOUND AND AT TIMES LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCES OF DISCRIMINATION AND EXCLUSION AND HAVE, IN THIS SENSE, A DEEP, EXISTENTIAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE DYNAMICS OF HATE AND EXTREMISM. OPENING UP THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN YOUTH AND PRACTITIONERS OFFERS PRECIOUS OPPORTUNITIES TO:

- 1) THINK ABOUT COMMON ISSUES AND EXPLORE IDEAS;
- 2) BUILD CAPACITIES BY IMPROVING PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (E.G., UPDATE KNOWLEDGE IN THE FIELD, LEARN NEW TECHNIQUES AND NEW TOOLS);
- 3) IMPROVE COLLABORATION BETWEEN EXISTING PARTNERS WITHIN PRACTICE ENVIRONMENTS (E.G., BREAK DOWN PROFESSIONAL, GEOGRAPHICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL BARRIER; ADDRESS THE PERSONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL RESISTANCE AGAINST CHANGE);
- 4) IMPROVE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PRACTICE (E.G. IMPLEMENT NEW PROCESSES; DEVELOP PROJECTS IN A CO-CONSTRUCTION APPROACH);

THE LAST TWO DAYS WILL FOCUS ON OPENING UP THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN YOUTH AND PRACTITIONERS, IN A WAY THAT BREAKS SYSTEMIC BARRIERS AND EXISTING FRAMEWORKS. THIS SUMMIT AIMS TO BRIDGE THE EXISTING GAPS BETWEEN YOUTH AND PRACTITIONERS IN THE FIELD. THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM WILL OPEN A SAFE SPACE FOR HONEST DISCUSSIONS WHERE EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO USE THEIR VOICE, WHERE TRUST IS FOSTERED AND WHERE THE DIVERSITY OF EXPERTISE IS KEY.

DAY 3

MAPLE LEAF ROOM

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| 0800 – 0930 | REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING BREAKFAST |
| 0930 – 1015 | OPENING AND WELCOME BY CPN-PREV AND STUDENTS COMMISSION |
| 1015 – 1035 | BREAK |
| 1035 – 1200 | ACTIVITY 1 WHAT ARE THE ROOT CAUSES OF VIOLENT RADICALIZATION? (WHAT WE HEARD, WHAT WE LEARNED DURING THE TWO FIRST DAYS OF THE CONFERENCE) |
| 1200 – 1330 | LUNCH |
| 1330 – 1500 | ACTIVITY 2A MODELING OF VOICE, PLACE & POWER; DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES OF PRIVILEGE. |
| 1500 – 1520 | BREAK |
| 1520 – 1645 | ACTIVITY 2B COMPARE THE WORK WITH OTHERS/ FINALIZING WITH SOLUTIONS |
| 1645 – 1700 | CLOSING OF THE DAY BY CPN-PREV AND STUDENTS COMMISSION |



0900 – 0915

OPENING AND WELCOME BY CPN-PREV AND STUDENTS COMMISION

0915 – 1030

ACTIVITY 3AREFLECT ON SOLUTIONS TO ROOT CAUSES OF VIOLENT
RADICALIZATION

1030 – 1050

BREAK

1050 – 1200

ACTIVITY 3BGENERATE IDEAS ON ACTIONS/PROJECTS TO PREVENTION OR
INTERVENTIONS

1200 – 1330

LUNCH

1330 – 1500

ACTIVITY 4PRESENT TO EACH OTHER IN A LOOSER MORE INFORMAL WAY AS
TO CLOSE UP THE CONFERENCE AND EXPERIENCE

1500 – 1520

BREAK

1520 – 1600

ACTIVITY 5

RETURN ON THE TWO-DAYS BY CPN-PREV AND SCC

1600 – 1630

CLOSING OF THE DAY BY CPN-PREV

SPEAKERS

AMARNATH AMARASINGAM IS A SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW AT THE INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC DIALOGUE, 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. HE IS THE EDITOR OF SRI LANKA: THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE IN THE AFTERMATH OF WAR (2016), THE STEWART/COLBERT EFFECT: ESSAYS ON THE REAL IMPACTS OF FAKE NEWS (2011) AND RELIGION AND THE NEW ATHEISM: A CRITICAL APPRAISAL (2010).

CAITLIN AMBROZIK RECEIVED HER PH.D. FROM CORNELL UNIVERSITY IN THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT IN MAY 2018. HER CURRENT BOOK PROJECT FOCUSES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CVE PROGRAMS AND PUBLIC OPINION SURROUNDING THESE PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM. HER BROADER RESEARCH INTERESTS INCLUDE A FOCUS ON TERRORISM STUDIES, MIDDLE EAST STUDIES, AND RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES. HER RESEARCH HAS BEEN FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR THE STUDY OF TERRORISM AND RESPONSES TO TERRORISM, THE TOBIN PROJECT, MARIO EINAUDI CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY, AND THE CORNELL UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT. SHE IS ALSO A JUNIOR RESEARCH AFFILIATE WITH THE CANADIAN NETWORK FOR TERRORISM SECURITY AND SOCIETY. STARTING IN THE SPRING 2019, SHE WILL BE AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR FOR THE SECURITY POLICY STUDIES PROGRAM, ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

ÉLISE BOURGEOIS-GUÉRIN IS A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST. HER RESEARCH INTERESTS ARE ON VIOLENCE (GENOCIDE, WAR, TERRORISM), MARGINALITY (PSYCHOSIS, HOMELESSNESS) AND INTERCULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY (ASYLUM SEEKERS, REFUGEES). HER WORK AS A POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW (SHERPA/MCGILL UNIVERSITY) FOCUSES ON THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENT RADICALIZATION THOUGHT ART-BASED PROJECTS.

BO-JOE BRANS IS PRESENTLY THE COORDINATOR FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM (PVE) AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN TUNISIA. HE COORDINATES - FROM THE OFFICE OF THE UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR - THE DEVELOPMENT OF A UN JOINT PROGRAMME FOR PVE FOR 7 UN AGENCIES (UNDP, OHCHR, UNODC, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNWOMEN AND UNICEF). HE HOLDS THIS POSITION SINCE THE SUMMER. THE PAST THREE YEARS HE HAS WORKED FOR THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF COUNTER-TERRORISM OF THE NETHERLANDS, FOR WHICH HE MANAGED TWO NATIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR P/CVE, FOR EDUCATION AND STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION. BEFORE THIS, BO-JOE HAS WORKED AS POLICY ADVISOR FOR EDUCATION AND YOUTH RELATED PROGRAMMES FOR UNICEF, THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION (DEVCO-EUROPEAid) AND THE DUTCH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE. HE HOLDS A MSc IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (CUM LAUDE) FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM.

SANDRA BUCERIUS IS AN URBAN ETHNOGRAPHER AND AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA. SANDRA IS INTERESTED IN INVESTIGATING ISSUES PERTAINING TO PRISONS; IMMIGRATION, INTEGRATION, AND CRIME; RESILIENCE AND RISK TO RADICALIZATION AND TERRORISM; NEIGHBOURHOOD RE-DEVELOPMENT AND ITS CONSEQUENCES ON CRIMINAL NETWORKS AND CRIME; QUESTIONS OF IDENTITY; AND THE EFFICACY OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN THE CONTEXT OF COUNTER-TERRORISM AND CRIME PREVENTION. HER WORK IS ATTUNED TO HOW MICRO-LEVEL INTERACTIONS ARE INFLUENCED, SHAPED, AND OFTEN HINDERED BY MACRO-LEVEL FORCES. IN ADDITION TO CONTRIBUTING TO SCHOLARLY DEBATES, SHE IS ALSO DRIVEN BY A DESIRE TO INFORM EFFECTIVE, LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE, AND SOCIALLY ENGAGED CRIME-PREVENTION AND COUNTER-TERRORISM POLICIES AND PROGRAMS.

JOANA COOK IS A TEACHING FELLOW IN THE DEPARTMENT OF WAR STUDIES, AND A SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW AT ICSR. HER PHD EXAMINED WOMEN IN RELATION TO POST-9/11 U.S. COUNTERTERRORISM RESPONSES IN YEMEN AND THE WIDER MENA REGION. HER RESEARCH MORE BROADLY FOCUSES ON WOMEN IN VIOLENT EXTREMISM, COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM, AND COUNTER-TERRORISM PRACTICES IN YEMEN AND THE WIDER MENA REGION. JOANA IS ALSO A RESEARCH AFFILIATE WITH THE CANADIAN NETWORK FOR RESEARCH ON TERRORISM, SECURITY AND SOCIETY (TSAS). SHE HAS PREVIOUSLY WORKED WITH PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA'S RESEARCH AFFILIATE PROGRAM (KANISHKA); AS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF STRIFE BASED OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT; AND AS A JOURNALIST IN CANADA AND SOUTHERN AFRICA.

LORNE DAWSON IS A PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIOLOGY AND LEGAL STUDIES, AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO. MOST OF HIS RESEARCH WAS IN THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION, BUT WORK ON WHY SOME RELIGIONS BECOME VIOLENT LED TO RESEARCH ON THE PROCESS OF RADICALIZATION LEADING TO TERRORISM. HE IS THE PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE CANADIAN NETWORK FOR RESEARCH ON TERRORISM, SECURITY AND SOCIETY (TSAS). IN RECENT YEARS HIS RESEARCH HAS FOCUSED ON WESTERN FOREIGN FIGHTERS IN SYRIA AND IRAQ, THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SOCIAL ECOLOGY MODEL OF THE PROCESS OF RADICALIZATION LEADING TO VIOLENCE, AND A CRITIQUE OF HOW SCHOLARS HAVE ANALYSED THE ROLE OF RELIGIOSITY IN MOTIVATING JIHADIST TERRORISM.

ÉTIENNE DUCLOS-MURPHY IS AN INDEPENDENT VISUAL ARTIST FROM MONTREAL. HE IS MAINLY WORKING IN THE LOCAL MUSIC COMMUNITY, IN ASSOCIATION WITH MAKEWAY STUDIOS. ETIENNE HAS DIFFERENT SOCIAL AND ARTISTIC INTERESTS THAT LED HIM TO STUDY PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY AND SCRIPT WRITING AT UQAM.

BENJAMIN DUCOL IS CURRENTLY RESEARCH MANAGER AT THE CENTRE FOR THE PREVENTION OF RADICALIZATION LEADING TO VIOLENCE (CPRLV). HE HOLDS A PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM LAVAL UNIVERSITY AND IS A RESEARCH ASSOCIATE AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR COMPARATIVE CRIMINOLOGY (CICC) AT THE UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTREAL. HIS SCHOLARLY INTERESTS FOCUS ON THE STUDY OF TERRORISM AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE PHENOMENA AS WELL AS PREVENTION POLICIES. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE SOCIOLOGY OF TERRORISM AND THE INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN VIOLENT RADICALIZATION, RADICAL SUBCULTURES AND THE CONTEMPORARY NEW MEDIA ECOLOGY. HIS FIELDS OF EXPERTISE INCLUDE MILITANT JIHADIST RADICALISM, RADICALIZATION PROCESSES IN THE DIGITAL AGE, AND PVE/CVE POLICY AND PRACTICES.

MICHAEL DUFFIN IS A POLICY ADVISOR IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF COUNTERTERRORISM. HE IS A 2013 GRADUATE OF USC'S MASTER OF PUBLIC DIPLOMACY PROGRAM, AND HE HOLDS ADVANCED DEGREES IN JOURNALISM FROM NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY AND IN INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY FROM JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY.

DAVID EISENMAN IS A PROFESSOR IN THE DAVID GEFFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT UCLA AND IN THE UCLA FIELDING SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH WHERE HE DIRECTS THE CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND DISASTERS. EISENMAN'S RESEARCH FOCUSES ON IMPROVING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TO DISASTERS, UNDERSTANDING THE CORRELATES AND SOCIAL DISTRIBUTION OF RESILIENCE AMONG DIFFERENT GROUPS, AND THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF DISASTERS AND TRAUMA. RECENT STUDIES INCLUDE A RANDOMIZED CONTROL TRIAL OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING, SOCIAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FACTORS INFLUENCING HEAT WAVE MORTALITY, AND IMPLEMENTING EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES FOR DISASTER PLANNING IN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. HIS RESEARCH IS FUNDED BY THE NIH, NSF, CDC, NIJ AND DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

JAN FOX IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF REACH EDMONTON COUNCIL FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES WHERE SHE LEADS A TEAM OF PROFESSIONALS DEDICATED TO MAKING EDMONTON A SAFER COMMUNITY. REACH IS A COORDINATING COUNCIL THAT WORKS CLOSELY WITH SOCIAL AGENCIES, BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS TO INVEST IN THE COMMUNITY OF EDMONTON TO MAKE THE CITY AN EVEN SAFER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY. SHE ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN AND EARNED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE HONOURS WITH A MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY AND ENGLISH.

DAVEED GARTENSTEIN-ROSS IS AN AMERICAN COUNTER-TERRORISM SCHOLAR AND ANALYST. IN 2014 HE BECAME THE CEO OF VALENS GLOBAL, A PRIVATE COMPANY THAT CONSULTS ON COUNTER-TERRORISM, AL-QAEDA, ISIS, ISIL, OTHER INSURGENT GROUPS AND VIOLENT NON-STATE ACTORS. IN ADDITION TO HIS ROLE AT VALENS GLOBAL, MR. GARTENSTEIN-ROSS IS THE SENIOR FELLOW AT THE FOUNDATION FOR DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACIES, A WASHINGTON-BASED THINK TANK. HE FREQUENTLY CONSULTS ON COUNTER-TERRORISM FOR VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AS WELL AS THE PRIVATE SECTOR. AS A PRACTITIONER, SOME OF GARTENSTEIN-ROSS'S RECENT PROJECTS HAVE INCLUDED SERVING AS AN EU-APPOINTED STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION EXPERT WORKING TO COUNTER BOKO HARAM'S MESSAGING IN NIGERIA; WORKING ON LIVE HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS AS AN ADVISOR TO THE LEAD NEGOTIATION TEAM ON THE MILITANT GROUP THAT WAS HOLDING CAPTIVES; MAPPING THE ONLINE COUNTER-ISIS NARRATIVE SPACE FOR GOOGLE AS IT DESIGNED A PILOT PROJECT TO DIVERT USERS WHO MAY BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE GROUP'S PROPAGANDA; AND LEADING STRATEGIC SIMULATIONS FOR BOTH U.S. GOVERNMENT AND ACADEMIC CLIENTS EXPLORING THE COMPETITION BETWEEN VNSAs AND STATE ACTORS.

PHIL GURSKI IS PRESIDENT OF BOREALIS THREAT AND RISK CONSULTING. HE WAS A SENIOR STRATEGIC ANALYST AT CSIS FROM 2001 TO 2013, SPECIALIZING IN VIOLENT EXTREMISM INSPIRED BY AL-QAEDA / ISLAMIC STATE AND RADICALIZATION. FROM 1983 TO 2001, HE WORKED AS A SENIOR MULTILINGUAL ANALYST AT THE COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY ESTABLISHMENT (CST), SPECIALIZING IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE WAS ALSO A SENIOR SPECIAL ADVISOR IN THE NATIONAL SECURITY BRANCH AT THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY FROM 2013 UNTIL HE LEFT THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN MAY 2015, AND WORKED AS A CONSULTANT WITH THE PROVINCIAL POLICE ANTI-TERRORIST SECTION, ONTARIO (PATS) IN 2015. HE IS A VISITING PROFESSOR AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR COUNTER TERRORISM (ICCT) IN THE NETHERLANDS AND A FELLOW AT THE NORMAN PATERSON SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (NPSIA), CARLETON UNIVERSITY.

SHANDON HARRIS-HOGAN IS AN AUSTRALIAN CVE CONSULTANT WITH EXPERIENCE WORKING FOR BOTH UNIVERSITY AND GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS. FORMERLY A RESEARCHER AT THE GLOBAL TERRORISM RESEARCH CENTRE (MONASH UNIVERSITY) AND A GRADUATE OF MONASH UNIVERSITY'S MASTERS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAM, SHANDON IS CURRENTLY AN ADJUNCT FELLOW AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY. SHANDON'S RESEARCH FOCUSES ON UNDERSTANDING VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND ANALYSING THE STRUCTURE OF TERRORIST NETWORKS. THIS WORK HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN A NUMBER OF LEADING ACADEMIC JOURNALS INCLUDING STUDIES IN CONFLICT AND TERRORISM, TERRORISM AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES OF TERRORISM AND POLITICAL AGGRESSION. 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 WITH A DOZEN COUNTER-TERRORISM AND CVE APPLIED RESEARCH GRANTS WITH PARTNER AGENCIES INCLUDING THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE, VICTORIA POLICE, THE FEDERAL ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT AND THE AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND COUNTER-TERRORISM COMMITTEE.

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. HER SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS, RESEARCH AND CLINICAL ACTIVITIES ARE CENTRED AROUND FOUR MAIN AREAS OF CLINICAL CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY : 1) INTERVENTION IN FAMILY VIOLENCE & CULTURAL DIVERSITY; 2) IDENTITY, BELONGING AND MENTAL HEALTH OF CHILDREN

AND ADOLESCENTS FROM ETHNIC/RELIGIOUS MINORITIES; 3) COHABITATION, INTERCOMMUNITY RELATIONS AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM; 4) WORKING WITH VULNERABLE IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES. SHE IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE CANADA PRACTITIONERS NETWORK FOR THE PREVENTION OF RADICALIZATION AND EXTREMIST VIOLENCE (CPN-PREV, FUNDED BY PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA). SHE ALSO IS A UNESCO CO-CHAIR ON PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE RADICALIZATION, AS WELL AS A RESEARCHER AND CLINICAL CONSULTANT AT SHERPA-RAPS TEAM AND THE CIUSSS-CODIM. SHE IS A RESEARCHER, CLINICIAN, AS WELL AS A POLICY CONSULTANT IN MATTERS OF INTERVENTIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF VIOLENCE (RADICALIZATION, FAMILY VIOLENCE, AND WAR).

W. ANDY KNIGHT IS A PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA AND FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST INDIES. HE IS ALSO FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & THE DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY OF THE CARIBBEAN.

BRETT KUBICEK JOINED THE CANADIAN PUBLIC SERVICE IN 2005 AFTER COMPLETING HIS PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, AND 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. CURRENTLY HE IS MANAGER OF RESEARCH FOR THE CANADA CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE, AT PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA. 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.

LAUREN MANNING IS 28 YEARS OLD, FORMER MEMBER OF THE FAR-RIGHT, NOW A VOLUNTEER WITH LIFE AND HATE. I BEGAN DISENGAGING FROM HATE AFTER 5 YEARS OF INVOLVEMENT. I BEGAN TO HATE THE PERSON I HAD BECOME AND REALIZED I WAS WRONG.

JESSICA MARIN DAVIS IS A FORMER SENIOR STRATEGIC CSIS ANALYST AND IS FOUNDER OF ILLICIT FINANCING, A RESOURCE PROVIDING INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS ON SANCTIONS EVASION, TERRORIST AND ESPIONAGE FINANCING, PROLIFERATION FINANCING, AND OTHER FORMS OF ILLICIT FINANCING.

JOHN MCCOY IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AND A LECTURER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA. DR. MCCOY IS AN EXPERT IN HOMEGROWN VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND NEWCOMER INTEGRATION. HE HOLDS A MASTER OF STRATEGIC STUDIES FROM THE CENTRE FOR MILITARY AND STRATEGIC STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY AND A DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA. JOHN IS THE DIRECTOR OF APPLIED RESEARCH WITH THE ORGANIZATION FOR IDENTITY AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (OICD). HE ALSO LECTURES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE WHERE HE LEADS UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE COURSES ON TERRORISM STUDIES AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. JOHN HAS WORKED AS AN INTERNATIONAL POLICY CONSULTANT FOR A NUMBER OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE HAS PUBLISHED NUMEROUS ACADEMIC AND GOVERNMENT RESEARCH PAPERS, JOURNAL ARTICLES AND OP-EDS ON THE SUBJECTS OF HOMEGROWN VIOLENT EXTREMISM, NEWCOMER INTEGRATION AND MULTICULTURALISM. HE ACTS AS AN AREA EXPERT IN LOCAL MEDIA INTERVIEWS AND HAS PRESENTED HIS RESEARCH FINDINGS AT LEADING INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC AND POLICY CONFERENCES.

ALISA MILLER IS A STAFF PSYCHOLOGIST AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATE AT THE REFUGEE TRAUMA AND RESILIENCE CENTER AT BOSTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (BCH), AN ASSISTANT IN PSYCHOLOGY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AT BCH AND AN INSTRUCTOR IN PSYCHOLOGY AT HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL. DR. MILLER RECEIVED HER PHD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BOSTON UNDER THE MENTORSHIP OF DRs. B. HEIDI ELLIS AND LESLIE BRODY. SHE COMPLETED POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING AT THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR PTSD'S BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE DIVISION AT VA BOSTON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. HER RESEARCH INTERESTS INCLUDE THE EFFECTS OF TRAUMATIC EVENTS, IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT, AND FAMILY COHESION/CONFLICT ON REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT FUNCTIONING IN FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SETTINGS. DR. MILLER IS ALSO INTERESTED IN HEALTH EQUITY AMONG REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT GROUPS THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES AS WELL AS THE OVERALL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ALL YOUTH IN OUR SOCIETY.

TANYA NAROZHNA IS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF GLOBAL POLITICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG. HER KEY RESEARCH AREAS INCLUDE CRITICAL SECURITY STUDIES, GENDER AND TERRORISM. PROF. SHE WAS THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (TOGETHER WITH W. ANDY KNIGHT) OF THE SSHRC-FUNDED PROJECT ENTITLED 'FEMALE SUICIDE BOMBERS: TRANSCENDING OCCIDENTALISM'. IN 2013, PROF. NAROZHNA ORGANIZED AN INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP "FEMALE SUICIDE BOMBINGS: CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES," FEATURING SOME OF THE LEAD ACADEMICS SPECIALIZING IN THE ISSUE OF FEMALE TERRORISM. SHE IS THE AUTHOR OF FEMALE SUICIDE BOMBINGS: A CRITICAL GENDER APPROACH (WITH W. ANDY KNIGHT) PUBLISHED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO PRESS IN 2016.

MICHAEL OPONDO HAS FIVE YEARS OF HIGHLY SPECIALIZED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELDS OF CT/PVE GRASSROOTS-FOCUSED PROGRAMMING AND OUTREACH. HE HAS OCCUPIED MULTIPLE LEADERSHIP ROLES THAT HAVE ADVANCED BOTTOM-UP CT/PVE STRATEGIES IN SEVERAL SOUTHERN GEOGRAPHICAL CONTEXTS. MUCH OF THIS WORK HAS INVOLVED PROVIDING SUPPORT AND EXPERTISE FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MISSION-CRITICAL CT/PVE PROJECTS TARGETING THE GLOBAL SOUTH, RESEARCH AND MAPPING EXERCISES TO IDENTIFY AND/OR REVIEW CT/PVE BEST PRACTICES FOR THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, REGIONAL BODIES, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENT MISSIONS. HE HAS CO-LED AND/OR CO-AUTHORED REPORTS, ANALYTICAL PAPERS AND BACKGROUND NOTES TOWARDS THE 'CIVIC SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT WITH THE UN OFFICE OF COUNTER-TERRORISM', THE UNSC 2250 PROGRESS STUDY, THE NATIONAL CVE STRATEGY (KENYA), THE GLOBAL COUNTER TERRORISM STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION (THROUGH THE GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM FORUM), AND TOWARDS THE SET-UP OF THE IGAD CENTER OF EXCELLENCE ON P/CVE.

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JIHAN RABAH IS CURRENTLY CHAIR FOR THE DOCTORAL STUDENT COMMITTEE ON THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA (SSHRC) PARTNERSHIP PROJECT AT THE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF LEARNING AND PERFORMANCE AND A RESEARCHER AND ANALYST AT ECONCORDIA/KNOWLEDGEONE INC. SHE HAS COMPLETED HER PHD IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY. HER POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP CONSISTS OF AN INTERDISCIPLINARY, MULTI-METHOD PROGRAM OF RESEARCH TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, AND EVALUATE INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES OFFERED BY CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY AND KNOWLEDGEONE INC., AN

INTERNATIONAL ONLINE LEARNING PROVIDER FOR POST-SECONDARY AND CORPORATE INSTITUTIONS. IT HELPS DEVELOP ENHANCED CURRICULA AND RIGOROUSLY TESTED PROCEDURES FOR EVALUATING, ANALYZING, AND BENCHMARKING THEIR INNOVATIVE ONLINE AND BLENDED INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS AGAINST EMPIRICALLY VALIDATED STANDARDS. DR. RABAH IS INTERESTED IN THE THEORETICAL AS WELL AS THE PRACTICAL PROCESSES IMPACTING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL CURRICULA, SPECIFICALLY GENDERED CITIZENSHIPS AND THE INTEGRATION OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES THEREIN. OVER THE YEARS, SHE HAS ACCUMULATED CONSIDERABLE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE WORKING IN THE EDUCATIONAL FIELD IN LEBANON, DUBAI AND CANADA, WHICH GIVES HER AN INSIGHT INTO THE WORKINGS OF THE LEARNING SYSTEM ACROSS VARIOUS CONTEXTS.

RYAN SCRIVENS IS A HORIZON POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, WORKING WITH PROJECT SOMEONE TO BUILD RESILIENCE AGAINST HATRED AND RADICALIZATION LEADING TO VIOLENT EXTREMISM, BOTH ON- AND OFFLINE. RYAN IS ALSO A RESEARCH ASSOCIATE AT THE INTERNATIONAL CYBERCRIME RESEARCH CENTRE AT SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY, VISITING RESEARCHER AT THE VOX-POL NETWORK OF EXCELLENCE, AND THE ASSOCIATE THESES RESEARCH EDITOR OF PERSPECTIVES ON TERRORISM. HIS PRIMARY RESEARCH INTERESTS INCLUDE: RIGHT-WING EXTREMISM, HATE/BIAS CRIME, COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM, AND RESEARCH METHODS AND METHODOLOGY. RYAN HAS BEEN STUDYING RIGHT-WING EXTREMISM FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS AND WAS CO-AUTHOR OF A THREE-YEAR STUDY - FUNDED BY PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA - ON THE RIGHT-WING EXTREMIST MOVEMENT IN CANADA, WHICH INVOLVED INTERVIEWS WITH CANADIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT, COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS, AND RIGHT-WING ACTIVISTS.

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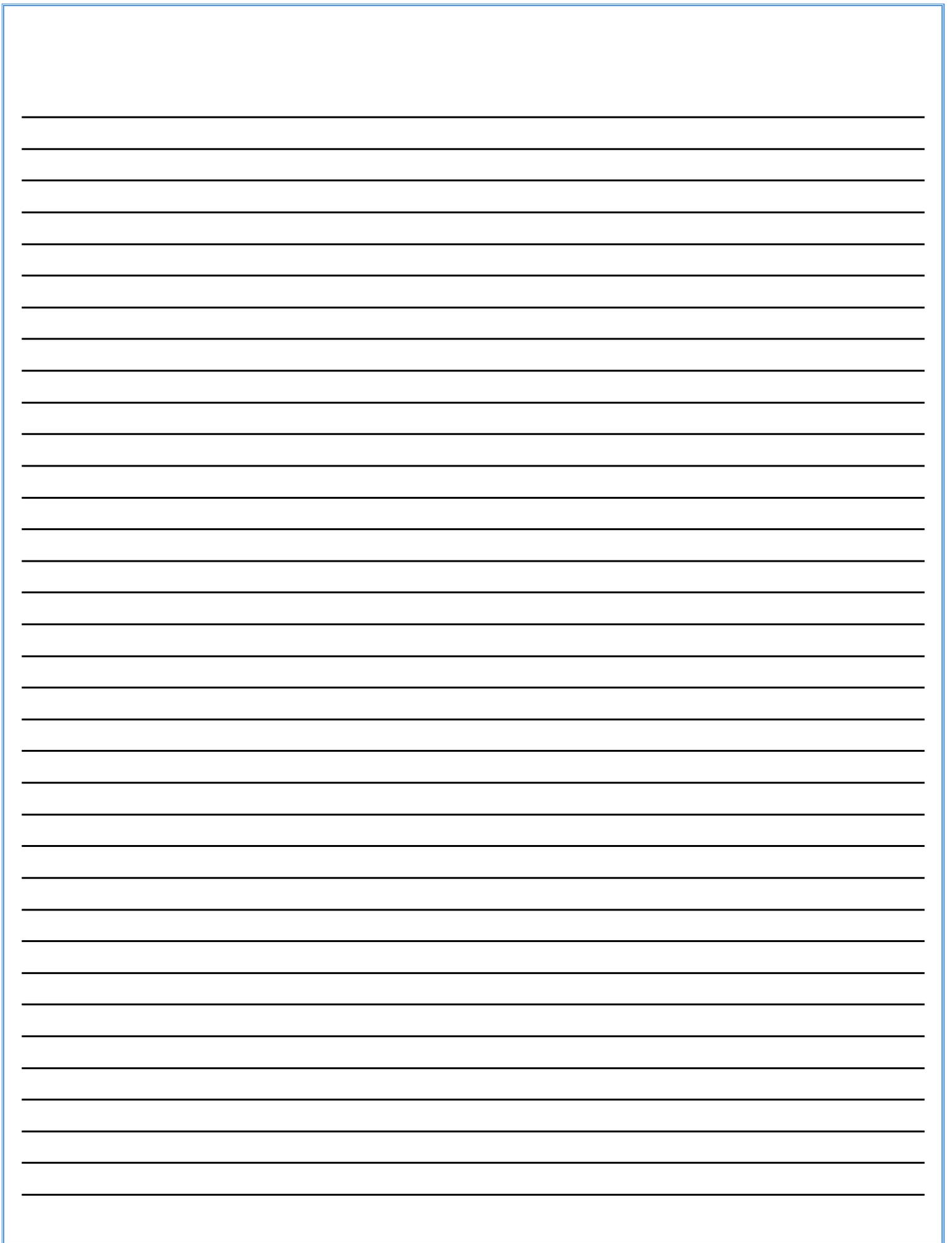
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