

# HANDBOOK OF TERRORISM PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS

With 40 contributors and 35 chapters, this Handbook offers more than a thousand pages of comprehensive overview of current thinking on alternative approaches to countering terrorism, based on anticipation and the reduction of risk factors. Informed by insights from criminology, counter-insurgency and conflict studies as well as analysis of politicides, factors contributing to radicalization, violent extremism and terrorism are explored.

Three levels of prevention are introduced:

- Upstream prevention: reducing the risk of the formation of a terrorist group or organization;
- Midstream prevention: reducing the risk of such a group or organization being able to prepare a terrorist campaign; and
- Downstream prevention: reducing the risk of execution of individual terrorist operations by foiling and deterring these.

Preparedness is conceptualized as taking proactive and pre-emptive measures to reduce risks and threats and, if that turns out to be insufficient, reduce the negative impact of terrorist attacks through a set of planned precautionary measures aimed at strengthening governmental readiness and societal resilience.

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