



Advanced Summer Programme: Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism and the Rule of Law

PROGRAMME

Monday 25 August 2025 – Mapping the Issues

09:30 – 10:00 **Registration**

10:00 – 10:45 **Opening Ceremony**

Dr. Christophe Paulussen (Senior Researcher, T.M.C. Asser Instituut)

Dr. Niki Siampakou (Researcher and Project Coordinator, T.M.C. Asser Instituut)

10:45 – 12:00 **Opening Keynote: Definitional Debates and Current Challenges**

Prof. Ben Saul (UN Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while Countering Terrorism) (Online)

Moderator: Dr. Niki Siampakou

12:00 – 12:45 **Presentation of the Participants and Practical Information about the Week**

12:45 – 13:45 **Lunch**

13:45 – 15:00 **Pathways to Extremism and Terrorism**

Mr. Fulco van Deventer (Deputy Director, Human Security Collective)

Moderator: Dr. Tarik Gherbaoui

15:00 – 15:15 **Coffee/Tea Break**

15:15 – 16:30 **Terrorist Group Proscription and Listing in the Digital Era**

Ms. Tanya Mehra (International Centre for Counter-Terrorism)

Moderator: Dr. Niki Siampakou

19:00 **Opening Dinner: [Dock 28](#) (Dr. Lelykade 28b)**

Tuesday 26 August 2025 – (Countering) Radicalisation and Extremism Online

09:45 – 11:00 **Freedom of Expression, Online Platforms and Countering (Violent) Extremism**
Prof. Marloes van Noorloos (Leiden University)

Moderator: Dr. Niki Siampakou

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee/Tea Break

11:15 – 12:30 **EU Regulation of Online Spaces**
Dr. Tarik Gherbaoui (T.M.C. Asser Instituut)

Moderator: Ms. Zsófia Baumann

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:45 **Online Radicalisation**
Dr. Eviane Leidig

Moderator: Dr. Niki Siampakou

15:30 – 16:30 **Europol**
In person study visit

Wednesday 27 August 2025 - Existing and Emerging Security Challenges and Actors

09:45 – 11:00 **Emerging Technologies and Politically Motivated Terrorism**
Dr. Matteo Cantarello (Europol)

Moderator: Dr. Niki Siampakou

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee/Tea Break

11:15 – 12:30 **Conflict Zones or Terrorism 'Hot Spots': The Evolution of (Violent) Extremist Actors and Geographies**
Dr. Romyana van Ark (T.M.C. Asser Instituut)

Moderator: Dr. Tarik Gherbaoui

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:45 **UN and Regional Strategies to Combat Terrorism in MENA: Gaps and Successes in an Evolving Security Landscape**
Dr. Nidal Nabil Jurdi (International Criminal Court)

Moderator: Dr. Niki Siampakou

14:45 – 15:00 Coffee/Tea Break

15:00 – 16:15 **Use of Artificial Intelligence for (Violent) Extremist and Terrorist Purposes**
Dr. Els De Busser (University of Amsterdam)

Moderator: Dr. Tarik Gherbaoui

17:30 – 19:30 Networking Drinks: [Bar Bea](#) (Veenkade 7, 2513 EE Den Haag)

Thursday 28 August 2025 – Countering, Disrupting and Preventing (Emerging) Security Threats

09:45 – 11:00 **Countering Terrorism in the 21st Century: International Law, Conflict Zones and Digital Security Infrastructure**
Ms. Jessica Dorsey (Utrecht University)

Moderator: Dr. Niki Siampakou

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee/Tea Break

11:15 – 12:30 **Building Resilience to Prevent (Violent) Extremism: An example from Southeastern Europe**
Dr. Arlinda Rhustemi (Peace Analytics)

Moderator: Ms. Zsófia Baumann

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:45 **Responding to Anti-institutionalism Extremism**
Dr. Bibi van Ginkel (International Centre for Counter-Terrorism)

Moderator: Dr. Niki Siampakou

15:30 – 16:30 **Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons**
In-person study visit

Friday 29 August 2025 – Reflections on the Future

09:45 – 11:00 **The Role of Eurojust Encountering Counter-Terrorism Cases**

Mr. Alexander van Dam (Eurojust)

Moderator: Dr. Niki Siampakou

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee/Tea Break

11:15 – 12:30 **Closing Keynote: Future Trends in Countering (Violent) Extremism and Terrorism**

Prof. Richard English (Queen's University Belfast)

Moderator: Dr. Niki Siampakou

12:30 – 13:00 **Review Questionnaire**

13:00 – 14:00 **Closing Ceremony**

Dr. Thomas Renard (Director, International Centre for Counter-Terrorism)

Dr. Niki Siampakou (Researcher and Project Coordinator, T.M.C. Asser Instituut)