

ICCT Conference: Lessons from the Past, Dilemmas of the Present and Challenges for the Future: What is an 'effective CT strategy'?

16 and 17 May 2019



Starts at	09:30am on both days
Venue	T.M.C. Asser Instituut
Organiser	The International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (ICCT)
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In the aftermath of events such as 9/11 (US), 7/7 (UK), 13/11 (Paris) and similar others, states have sought to adapt their counter-terrorism toolkit to the threat of terrorism. Domestically, certain European states have engaged in what has been described as counter-terrorism 'legislative fever'. Simultaneously, counter-terrorism and security strategies were fervently updated to respond more effectively to the threat of terrorism – both domestically and at regional level. The swiftness in adopting and/or updating counter-terrorism measures and strategies has, however, left limited time to engage in reflection and evaluation of what makes a counter-terrorism measure or strategy effective.

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On 16 and 17 May 2019, the **International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (ICCT – The Hague)** intends to engage in such critical examination in a conference on ‘*Lessons from the Past, Dilemmas of the Present and Challenges for the Future: What is an ‘Effective’ Counter-Terrorism Strategy?*’. Without trying to be all-inclusive, the event and the individual sessions aim at reflecting on various aspects of domestic and regional counter-terrorism policies, what lessons we can learn from them going forward and the bad practices to avoid for the present and future. Each individual session will feature 3 speakers and allow time for interactive discussions. Speakers from multi-disciplinary backgrounds will reflect on the following issues:

- Countering Extremism: Freedom of Speech vs. Incitement to Terrorism (regional ECHR and EU obligations);
- The Use of Immigration Powers such as Deprivation of Nationality in Counter-Terrorism;
- Lessons to be learnt from ‘The Troubles’ in Northern Ireland and the US War on Terror;
- The Importance of Databases and Quantitative Methods in Counter-Terrorism
- Identifying and Distinguishing between Radicalisation and Extremism;
- Countering the Enduring Issues in the Study of Terrorism;
- The Role of Communities and NGOs in CT and CVE;
- Combatting Extreme and Radical Narratives Online;

The Opening Keynote on ‘*What is Terrorism? What is Extremism? – Lessons from the Past*’ will be provided by Professor [Isabelle Duyvesteyn](#) (Leiden University). The Closing Keynote will be provided by [Renske van der Veer](#), Director of the International Centre of Counter-Terrorism (ICCT-The Hague).

Confirmed panel speakers include:

- Professor Emeritus [Tom Hadden](#) (Queen’s University Belfast)
- Professor [Helen Duffy](#) (Leiden University)
- Dr. [Bart Schuurman](#) (Leiden University / ICCT – The Hague)
- Dr. [Devyani Prabhat](#) (Bristol University)
- Dr. [Laura van Waas](#) (Tilburg University / Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion)
- Dr. [Marloes van Noorloos](#) (Tilburg University)
- Dr. [Rumyana van Ark](#) (Asser Institute / ICCT – The Hague)
- [Annemarie van de Weert](#) (Hogeschool Utrecht)
- [Liesbeth van der Heide](#) (Leiden University / ICCT – The Hague)
- Claire van Dyck (De Limberger / co-author of “Sultan en De Lokroep van de Jihad”)

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- [Tehmina Kazi](#) (Restorative Justice Officer, Why me? Charity)
- [Tanya Mehra](#), LLM (ICCT – The Hague)
- [Faisal Khan](#), LLM (ICCT – The Hague)
- [Reinier Bergema](#), LLM (ICCT – The Hague)

Attending the conference is free but availability is limited.

If you are a PhD candidate, a student, a national and international expert, a member of the security services, a policy maker or a practitioner currently working in the field of counter-terrorism or aiming to, this conference is an excellent opportunity to engage comprehensively and interactively with the evolving field of counter-terrorism and counter-extremism.

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