
Conference Announcement and Call for Proposals

Radicalisation and Violent Extremism: Society, Identity and Security' Workshop

22-23rd July, 2016

University of Leeds

The Terrorism and Political Violence Association (TAPVA) invite you to participate in its workshop to engage with societal approaches to understanding and engaging with radicalisation and violent extremism. While counter-radicalisation and violent extremist policies reflect a general societal shift in responding to terrorism, its manifestation academically and at the policy level has been marked by contestation, controversy and counter-productive outcomes. The workshop will bring together expertise and experience to reflect on the key debates on radicalisation and extremism. The call for papers is aimed at both *academic and practitioners*, therefore paper proposals from policy makers/public sector, community groups and others with relevant experience are particularly encouraged.

The workshop invites papers on three themes:

The first area focuses on **social movement theories and social movement approaches**, such as network analysis and framing analysis.

- Such approaches provide insight into such debates on the causal role of non-violent radical ideology (conveyor belt or firewall)
- How violent extremist movements become de-radicalised?
- How can community groups and other social networks produce counter-narratives/framings to challenge violent extremism which resonate successfully?
- Reflecting on those who have travelled to join Daesh, what insight can social movement theories provide on 'why British Muslims rebel'?

The second area engages with **public opinion, attitudes and (counter) narratives**, also potentially drawing on survey and opinion poll data to ascertain public attitudes.

- How can we identify violent extremism and what relationship does it have, or not have, with attitudes within what has been referred to as the 'radical milieu'?
- What are the narratives of radicalisation and counter-radicalisation?

The third area of research focuses on the local, such as **policy and community experiences**.

- What impact have counter-radicalisation and violent-extremism policies had at the community level and how have communities responded?
- How have sectors such as in education and family law been impacted by and adapted to the expansion of the statutory responsibility to engage in Prevent?
- To what extent does Prevent and counter-extremism construct 'suspect communities'?
- Is 'muscular liberalism' counter-extremism effective or counter-productive; how do people perceive the 'British values' underpinning it?

We are looking for academics and non-academics to present papers related to these themes or to participate in discussions. Abstracts of 300 words outlining the proposed talk and short bio are invited, **to be submitted by 15th April**. Paper proposals should be submitted to ipitapva@leeds.ac.uk. Accepted participants will be required to pay a registration fee of £40.

Confirmed Participants

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