

# AGENDA

THE INTERNATIONAL  
CENTRE FOR THE STUDY  
OF RADICALISATION AND  
POLITICAL VIOLENCE



## First International Conference on Radicalisation and Political Violence

**Thursday, 17 January**

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**08.00 Registration**

**09.00 Welcome**

**09.05 Working Groups: Session I**

7 roundtables in parallel

- Radicalisation and De-radicalisation
- Negotiations and Peace Processes
- Civil Resistance and Alternatives to Violent Struggle
- The Economics of Radicalisation
- The Use and Abuse of Religion
- Security, Intelligence and Terrorist Financing
- The Role of the Media and the Internet

**10.15 Coffee**

**10.25 Working Groups: Session II**

7 roundtables continued

**11.30 Keynote**

**Rt Hon Jacqui Smith**

Home Secretary, United Kingdom

**12.00 Buffet lunch**

**13.00 Responding to Political Violence:  
How Should States Counter Terrorism?**

Across the world, governments have struggled with the question of how best to contain the threat from terrorism – especially since the attacks of 11 September 2001. What can be learned from recent experiences? What is the correct balance between repression and engagement? Is now the time for a new strategy in the ‘War on Terror’?

- Dan Benjamin, Brookings Institution and former U.S. National Security Council, Washington D.C.
- Sir Richard Dearlove, former head of the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6)
- Frank Gardner, BBC
- Sadig Al Mahdi, former Prime Minister, Sudan
- Moderator: Nick Fielding, Sunday Times, London

**14.30 Coffee**

**15.00 Interventions  
Human Rights and Counterterrorism**

Counter-terrorism and the preservation of human rights are often said to be in conflict. Is the fight against terrorism detrimental to human rights? Have Western governments gone too far in sacrificing civil liberties? Is there a balance to be struck, and if so how? In this session, two prominent participants in this debate make their case.

**Keynote**

**Rt Hon Terry Davis**

Secretary-General, Council of Europe

**Keynote**

**President Mary Robinson**

Former President of Ireland

**16.00 Working Groups: Session III**  
7 roundtables conclude

**17.00 Conference adjourned**

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**08.00 Registration**

**09.00 Launch of ICSR**

**Keynote**

**Vice-President Francisco Santos Calderon**

Vice-President, Colombia

**09.45 Addressing Radicalisation and Political Violence:  
Conclusions of Seven Expert Groups**

On the first day of the conference, the most pressing issues in the debate about radicalisation and political violence were discussed in seven working groups comprising nearly 100 experts, senior practitioners and policymakers. In this session, the moderators of the seven expert groups present their conclusions and say what needs to be done.

- Olivier Roy, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris
- Yezid Sayigh, King's College London
- Jack Duvall, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, Washington D.C.
- Anatol Lieven, King's College London
- Mustafa Ceric, Grand Mufti, Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Dan Benjamin, Brookings Institution and former U.S. National Security Council, Washington D.C.
- Nick Fielding, Sunday Times, London
- Moderator: Harvey Rubin, University of Pennsylvania

Summary papers from each of the working groups will be available shortly after the conference and can be downloaded at [www.icsr.info](http://www.icsr.info).

**11.00 Coffee**

**11.30 Keynote**

**Senator Chuck Hagel**

United States Senate

**12.00 Pathways into Radicalisation:  
Why Do People Become Radicals?**

It will never be feasible for governments to attempt to 'kill or capture' every terrorist or insurgent. Intelligent intervention in the process of radicalisation is more effective and less costly than dealing with its violent consequences. But how and why do people become radicals? And what can be done to stop the process that leads to violence?

- Peter Bergen, CNN
- Shiraz Maher, former member of Hizb-ut Tahrir
- Abdullah Anas, former mujahid
- Olivier Roy, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris
- Moderator: Robert Parsons, France 24

**13.15 Buffet lunch**

#### **14.00 Engaging with Radicals: Do Negotiations Work?**

Throughout history, governments have negotiated with terrorists and insurgents in order to bring violence to an end – some more successfully than others. Under what conditions should governments talk to terrorists? What is the price of negotiations? And how can successful negotiations lead to durable peace?

- Boaz Ganor, Executive Director, Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya
- Kjell Magne Bondevik, former Prime Minister, Norway
- Garret Fitzgerald, former Prime Minister, Ireland
- Andres Pastrana, former President, Colombia
- Moderator: Kim Campbell, former Prime Minister, Canada

#### **15.15 Conference adjourned**

