Terrorism Research in a Polarized World

15th Annual Society for Terrorism Research
International Conference

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Welcome!

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We are delighted to welcome you to ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon for the 15th Annual Society for Terrorism Research Conference focusing on 'Terrorism Research in a Polarized World'.

As we hope you will see from our programme, STR23 provides the foundation for what we hope will be an exceptional event that is full of engagement and developmental perspectives. We have almost 100 people registered for the conference with speakers from across the globe.

They will cover a broad range of issues across 22 panel sessions.

This is the second STR annual conference since the beginning of the pandemic and therefore offers a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and colleagues, have meaningful conversations with fellow terrorism researchers, and find future collaborators.

Thanks for making STR2023 a tremendous success.

Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon Organising Committee
Raquel Beleza da Silva, Rachel Monaghan and Centre for International Studies - Iscte

Keynotes

Keynote 1: Sílvia Ramos

Sílvia Ramos is a senior detective inspector at the Judiciary Police (PJ), serving for 17 years at its National Counter Terrorism Unit (UNCT). PJ-UNCT is the main law enforcement agency in Portugal responsible for the prevention and investigation in countering terrorism, violent extremism and any other criminal offences directed against National Security. Highly educated at the University of Coimbra and its Faculty of Law, Sílvia has acquired extensive experience, for over than 15 years, as a Portuguese delegate – currently, during the ongoing Swedish Presidency as head of the national delegation – at the Terrorism Working Party (TWP) towards the EU Council in Brussels.

Alongside with the activities of the EU in preventing and countering radicalization, recruitment and ideological extremism, Sílvia gained considerable background and expertise, dealing with the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) and its Centre of Excellence – launched by the European Commission in September 2011 - both through the participation in policy-making meetings and training activities. Additionally, she performed some role as a Portuguese delegate at the EU Internet Forum's Civil Society Empowerment Programme (CSEP), to encourage online campaigns on countering extremist propaganda. Sílvia is nowadays engaged in other EU working groups regarding the impact of terrorism on victims' rights, in particularly victims of terrorism and hate crimes, in a joint and multidisciplinary framework bringing together civil society partners, law enforcement agencies and judiciary authorities.

Keynote 2: Daniel Pinéu

Daniel Pinéu is a Lecturer and Tutor at Amsterdam University College, where he teaches the courses Violence & Conflict, International Crimes, and International Relations in Theory & Practice. Previously he was an assistant professor at the University of Coimbra (Portugal). He holds a Master's degree in International Politics from Aberystwyth University (UK). He earned his PhD in Critical Security Studies, also from Aberystwyth, with a thesis on the reform of police forces as a tool of US foreign policy in the context of post-conflict state building. In 2006, he was a Research Fellow at the Center for Global Studies, George Mason University, in Washington D.C.

Daniel has lectured at Hildesheim University (2009-2010), and at the Institut of Political Studies at Philipps University, in Marburg (2010-2012), both in Germany. He also lectured, as Guest Foreign Faculty, at Quaid-i-Azam University in Islamabad, Pakistan (2012-2013). His research interests focus on international security (with a particular focus on terrorism and political violence, and the interplay between security and technology), foreign policy analysis, and global political sociology (issues of global governmentality, the globalization of policing and the interface of religion and politics).

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Thursday July 20, 2023

9.00am - 10.00am	Registration + Coffee	Reception Atrium
10.00am - 10.15am	Welcome Address	Aud. B2.04
10.15am - 11:15am	Keynote Speaker 1	Aud. B2.04
11.20am - 12.50pm	**Panel 1a: Perspectives on Extreme Right Violence and Terrorism** **Chair: Elizabeth Pearson, Royal Holloway, University of London** • **Tore Bjørgo, University of Oslo -** Dimensions of anti-government extremism • **Shandon Harris-Hogan, University of Oslo -** Far-right violence in New Zealand: Was Brenton Tarrant a black swan? • **Connor Rees, Swansea University -** Models and tools for extreme right imagery detection • **Kacper Rekawek, Center for Research on Extremism (C-REX), University of Oslo -** Barking Up the Wrong Tree? Russia and Not Ukraine as the Next Boogaloo of the Extreme Right	Room C2.01
	Panel 1b: Prevent **Chair: Matthew Francis, Coventry University** • **Natalie James, University of Leeds -** The Prevent duty: Prevent-ing "threat" within the vernacular • **Lizzie Mansell, University of York -** 'Spotting Risks': Researching Incels, the PREVENT duty, and the experiences of secondary school teachers • **Joshua Skoczylis, University of Lincoln -** How not to create PVE/CVE policy: Lessons from the Shawcross Prevent Review, another spin at the policy spiral	Room B2.01
	Panel 1c: Radicalization **Chair: Gordon Clubb, University of Leeds** • **Arie Perliger and Hope LaFreniere, University of Massachusetts Lowell -** Exploring facilitators of radicalization within military organizations • **Michael Moncrieff, University of Geneva -** Unmasking Envy's Functional Structure in Radicalization • **Nurul Miza Rashid, International Islamic University of Malaysia, Noor Aqsa Isa, University of Malaya and Ahmad El-Muhammady, International Islamic University of Malaysia -** Awe as an Emotive Process of Radicalization among Malaysian Extremists • **Areej Alkhathlan, University of St. Andrews -** The Use of Virtual Environments in Rehabilitation of Violent Extremists	Room B2.02
12:50pm - 2:00pm	Lunch	Cantine

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2:00pm - 3:30pm

Panel 2a: Information and conspiracy theories **Chair: Joshua Skoczylis, University of Lincoln** • **Scott Vlachos, New York University -** The link between mis-, dis-, and malinformation and domestic extremism: A comparative analysis of the US and Germany • **Amarnath Amarasingam, Queen's University -** Conspiracy theories and their impacts on intentions to engage in violent extremism • **Jack Springett-Gilling, Swansea University -** Digital literacy approaches to countering misinformation: Lessons for P/CVE	**Aud. C1.03**
Panel 2b: Misogyny and extremism **Chair: Shandon Harris-Hogan, University of Oslo** • **Alexandra Phelan, Monash University -** Gendered narratives and misogyny as motivators towards violent extremism: the case of far-right extremism in the UK and Australia • **Ana Cristina Bedoya, University of Massachusetts Lowell -** Did porn make them do it? Adopting a behavioral science approach to study terroristic misogyny • **Arie Perliger, University of Massachusetts Lowell -** Exploring the facilitators, structure, operations and discourse of misogynist ideological violence • **Joe Whittaker, Swansea University -** Understanding the Needs; Narrative; and Network of Involuntary Celibates	**Room B2.02**
Panel 2c: Sentencing Extremists **Chair: Tina Billington-Hughes, University of Northampton** • **Rachel Monaghan and Bianca Slocombe, Coventry University -** Prosecuting Extremists in the United Kingdom: An Exploration of Charging, Prosecution and Sentencing Outcomes • **Michael Krona, Malmö University and Olivia Caskey, University of Portsmouth -** Exploring gender differences in sentencing length: A UK case study of male and female jihadist terrorists • **Sarah M. Lynch, American University -** The ideology of enhancements: How sentencing enhancements differ between left- and right-winged U.S. domestic extremists	**Room C2.01**
Panel 2d: P/CVE, radicalisation and rehabilitation **Chair: Jolyon Mitchell, Cranfield University** • **Lana De Pelecijn, Ghent University -** "It's not always what it seems, is it?" Understanding the process toward (violent) extremism from an insider perspective • **Heidi Maiberg, Royal Holloway, University of London -** In between policies, recommendations, and clients: practitioners' perspectives on (not) measuring participants' progress in deradicalisation and disengagement • **Pedro Liberado and Sara Afonso, IPS_Innovative Prison Systems -** Towards evidence-based evaluation of P/CVE initiatives: An exploration of current existing capacity-building approaches in the design and evaluation of P/CVE initiatives • **Brad Galloway, Ontario Tech University -** What's Helping the Helper? Methods and Mechanisms That Assist Practitioners in P/CVE Manage Their Work	**Room B2.01**

3:30pm - 3:45pm	Coffee Break	Atrium

	Panel 3a: The paradigms of the prevention of radicalisation Chair: Inmaculada Marrero Rocha, University of Granada Discussant: Antonio Sanchez Ortega, Joint Centre of the University of Granada and the Spanish Army Training and Doctrine Command (UGR-MADOC) • **Manuel Moyano, University of Córdoba -** Preventing violent extremism from the 3N model of radicalization • **Javier Ruiperez, The Euro-Arab Foundation for Higher Studies and the University of Granada -** Bridging the gap: The research on radicalistation and the problems of prevention • **Salvador Berdún, Association of Prison Administration Corps and University of Granada -** Radicalisation and deradicalization in prison: moving towards a future paradigm • **Josep Garcia Coll, The Euro-Arab Foundation for Higher Studies .** The challenges of risk assessment to improve the prevention of radicalisation • **Roberto M. Lobato, National University of Distance Education -** Impact of psychological and structural factors on radicalization processes	Aud. B2.04
3:45pm - 5:15pm	**Panel 3b: Memorialization and legacies of political violence** Chair: Cátia Moreira de Carvalho, University of Porto • **Raquel da Silva, Iscte-University Institute of Lisbon -** Memorializing (violent) resistance to authoritarianism: Challenges and tensions at Portugal's Aljube Museum - resistance and freedom • **Laura Fernandez De Mosteyrin, National University of Distance Education -** Memory of terrorism and extremism prevention in Spain • **Anastasia Filippidou, Cranfield University -** Lessons from back channel talks in peace processes: the cases of Northern Ireland, the Basque country, Israel-Palestine, and Colombia	Room B2.01
	Panel 3c: Support for terrorism and predicting its occurence Chair: Mauro Lubrano, University of Bath • **Oscar Palma, Universidad del Rosario -** Self-sustainment dynamics in armed groups systems: understanding the continuation of terrorism and crime in Colombia • **Joshua Regan, Western New England University -** Climate Change in the Horn of Africa: Causations for Violent Extremism • **Jolyon Mitchell, Cranfield University -** Neural Networks in Terrorism Frequency Prediction • **Mark Littler, Liverpool Hope University -** Revisiting democratic valence and political violence: A test in three countries	Room B2.02

5:30pm - 7pm	Wine reception	Atrium

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Friday July 21, 2023

9:00am - 9:30am	Registration	Reception
	Panel 4a: Sociopsychological factors, extremism and terrorism Chair: Tali K. Walters, STR • **Ebad Fardzadeh Haghish, University of Oslo -** Mental health, well-being, and extremism • **Sarah Carthy, Leiden University -** Adverse childhood experiences, education, and involvement in terrorist violence: Examining mediation and moderation effects • **Noor Aqsa Nabila Mat Isa, University of Malaya, Ahmad el-Muhammady and Nurul Miza Mohd Rashid, International Islamic Univerisity of Malaysia -** Understanding the challenges and coping mechanisms of former detainees of violent extremism and their family members: Insights from Malaysia	**Aud. B2.04**
9:30am - 11:00am	**Panel 4b: Terrorism and counterterrorism in Portugal** Chair: Raquel da Silva, Iscte-IUL Discussant: Daniel Pinéu, Amsterdam University College • **Cátia Moreira de Carvalho, University of Porto -** The other side of the coin: contributions for preventing and countering violent extremism based on the Portuguese case • **Carlos Morgado Braz, University of South Wales -** Transnational terrorism threat imaginary and the Portuguese counterterrorism policymaking process • **Marcos Rubén Bordalo Ferreira, University of Coimbra -** Far-right violence in the media: the case of Portugal • **David Ruah, University Institute of Lisbon -** Evaluation of measures to combat terrorism financing in Portugal	**Room B2.01**
	Panel 4c: Ethics and Ethical Considerations Chair: Sandy Schumann, University College London • **Brad Galloway, Ontario Tech University -** The ethical dynamics of engaging former extremists in P/CVE work • **Alastair Reed, Swansea University -** Moderating extremism online: unpacking the ethical challenges of social media's the private governance of content moderation • **Joe Whittaker, Swansea University and Elizabeth Pearson, Royal Holloway, University of London -** Catch 22: Navigating researcher welfare in a world of risk aversion • **Sarah M. Lynch, American University -** The Hidden Costs of Security: Examining the Impacts of Exposure to Violent Material	**Room B2.02**
	Panel 4d: Social movements, protest and terrorism Chair: Rachel Monaghan, Coventry University • **Mauro Lubrano, University of Bath -** Lone leaders of leaderless resistors: A theory of informal leadership in contemporary terrorism and political violence • **João da Silva, UWE Bristol -** The U.S. securitization of the radical environmentalist and animal rights (REAR) movement (1970-2022) • **Gil Guerra, Queen's University Belfast/Niskanen Center -** More than protest, less than insurgency: The logic and impact of physical attacks on substations	**Room C2.01**

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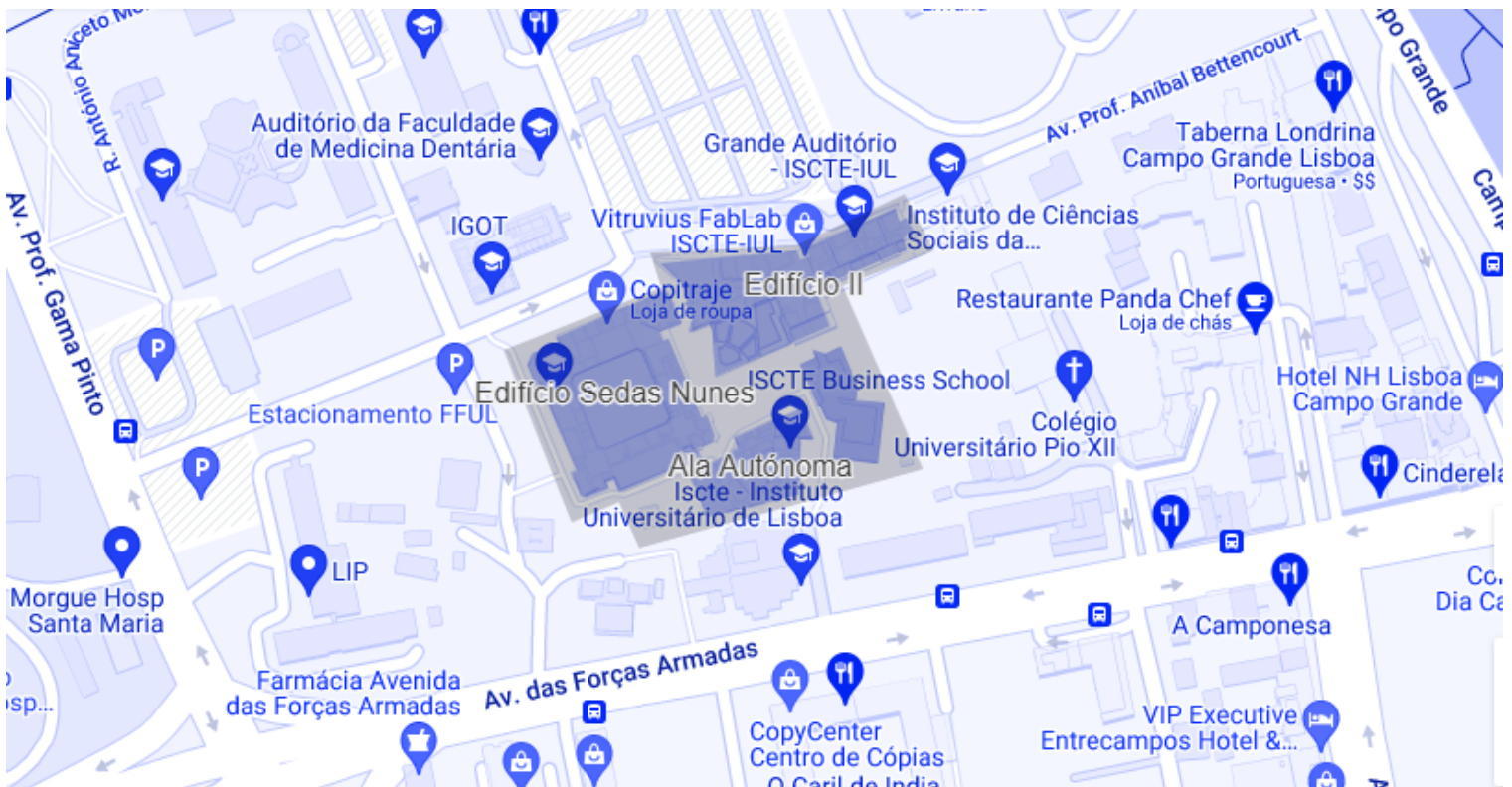| 11:00am - 11:15am	Coffee Break	Atrium
	Panel 5a: Advancing terrorism research **Chair: Violet Cheung, University of San Francisco** • **Tina Billington-Hughes, University of Northampton -** Navigating the challenges of terrorism research and policy in a fragmented world: Insights from epidemiological criminology • **Sandy Schumann, University College London -** Advancing terrorism studies through meta-research: The benefits of direct replications and p-curve analyses • **Eylem Kanol, WZB Berlin Social Science Center -** Assessing the validity of media-based biographical data in terrorism research • **Jeanine de Roy van Zuijdewijn, Leiden University -** The Aftermath: a case study of applying concepts from other disciplines	**Aud. B2.04**
11:15am - 12:45pm	**Panel 5b: Narratives, propaganda and pop culture in terrorism and counterterrorism** **Chair: João da Silva, UWE Bristol** • **Simon Copeland, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) -** 'Inspired by Inspire': Theorising inspiration in terrorist propaganda • **Morgan Hickman, Queen's University Belfast -** Protagonists of terror - The role of Ludic narratives in extremist violence • **Mauro Lubrano, University of Bath and Aristidis Agoglossakis Foley, University of St Andrews -** Netflix and kill: The influence of popular culture on anti-technology extremism • **İlyas Fırat Cengiz, Yalova University and Swansea University -** Countering terrorist-propaganda on ICTs: Advocating international legal framework	**Room B2.01**
	Panel 5c: Gender and Terrorism **Chair: Tali K. Walters, STR** • **Carlotta Sallach, Central European University and Alexander Schiele, University of Essex -** Mapping female ISIS networks in Syria and Iraq • **Atoosa Khatiri, University of York -** What's in a name? Why language matters in the context of the women and children of the Islamic State • **Ninian Frenguelli, Swansea University -** An exploration of #TradWife content on Pinterest and Whisper • **Julia Cañas-Martinez -** The impact of gender on Western women's decision to join the Islamic State	**Room B2.02**
	Panel 5d: Far-right extremism **Chair: Carlos Morgado Brás, University of South Wales** • **Tess Hemmila and Arie Perliger, University of Massachusetts Lowell -** Far-right extremism discourse: A social media analysis of the variations in discourse between far-right ideological streams • **Ariel Koch, Reichman University -** Fused extremism: Concept, online manifestations, threat • **Amarnath Amarasingam, Queen's University and Brad Galloway, Ontario Tech University -** Where are they now?: The costs and benefits of doxxing far-right extremists • **Connor Rees, Swansea University -** Analysing extreme right visual propaganda: Developing a framework	**Room C2.01**

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	Panel 6a: Islamist terrorism **Chair: Arie Perliger, University of Massachusetts Lowell** • **Nima Karimi and Lorne Dawson, University of Waterloo -** Religious redemption as the motivation for the jihadist crime-terrorism nexus: A critical inquiry • **Henrik Gråtrud, Norwegian Defense Research Establishment -** The Islamic State's external operations: The campaign against the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan • **Eylem Kanol, WZB Berlin Social Science Center -** Who supports foreign fighters? Evidence from seven countries	**Aud. C1.03**
	Panel 6b: Experiences of extremism **Chair: Joshua Regan, Western New England University** • **Pieter Nanninga, University of Groningen -** The regional face of extremism: A case study of the northern Netherlands • **Elizabeth Pearson, Royal Holloway, University of London -** Is it ok to talk to extremists? • **Bilal Nasier, University of Auckland -** The March 15th Attacks: Muslim youth's experiences of and responses to white supremacist terrorism • **Assaf Moghadam, Reichman University -** Why terrorists torture: Insights from competing conceptual approaches	**Room B2.02**
	Panel 6c: Countering terrorism **Chair: Christopher Wright, Austin Peay State University** • **Gordon Clubb, University of Leeds -** Transparent communication in counter-terrorism policy: does transparency increase public support and trust in terrorism prevention programmes? • **Erika Brady, Canterbury Christ Church University -** Evaluating counter-terrorism strategies: how do we know what works in a complicated and changing terrorism threat landscape? • **James Olela, Coventry University -** The protection of publicly accesssible locations from terrorism: Towards a strategic framework for Kenya • **Katelyn Smith, University of Massachusetts Lowell -** The Crime-Terror Nexus: Facilitators of Collaboration	**Room B2.01**
	Panel 6d: Conspiracy theories and terrorism **Chair: Violet Cheung, University of San Francisco** • **Michele St-Amant, University of Toronto -** Qollateral: Exploring the Negative Impact of Belief in QAnon Conspiracies on Family and Friends • **Amarnath Amarasingam, Queen's University -** The silence of Q: The role of social media influencers in the evolution of QAnon • **Kevin McDonald, Middlesex University London -** Terrorism, radicalisation and extremism: conspiracies, embodied imaginaries and contemporary antisemitism	**Room C2.01**

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Campus Map

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The event takes place exclusively in Building 2.

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- Get out on Forças Armadas avenue stop on the top of the avenue
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