



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

15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition 2025

## PROGRAMME

### Monday, 25 August – Welcome and Mapping the Issues

- 09:30 – 10:00 **Registration**  
*Main Foyer - We kindly ask that you arrive in time to complete registration before the Opening Ceremony.*
- 10:00 – 10:45 **Opening Ceremony**  
*Dr Christophe Paulussen (Senior Researcher, Asser Institute)*  
*Dr Niki Siampakou (Researcher and Project Coordinator, Asser Institute)*
- 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)*
- 12:00 – 12:45 **Welcome Session: Meet the Participants and Practical Information**
- 12:45 – 13:45 Lunch (Mancini Room)
- 13:45 – 15:00 **Pathways to Extremism and Terrorism**  
*Fulco van Deventer (Human Security Collective)*
- 15:00 – 15:15 Coffee/Tea Break
- 15:15 – 16:30 **Terrorist Group Proscription and Listing in the Digital Era**  
*Tanya Mehra (International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT))*
- 19:00 Opening Dinner: [Dock 28](#) (Dr. Lelykade 28b, 2583 CM Den Haag)

### Tuesday, 26 August – (Countering) Radicalisation and Extremism Online

- 09:45 – 11:00 **Freedom of Expression, Online Platforms and Countering (Violent) Extremism**  
*Prof. Marloes van Noorloos (Leiden University)*
- 11:00 – 11:15 Coffee/Tea Break
- 11:15 – 12:30 **EU Regulation of Online Spaces**  
*Dr Tarik Gherbaoui (Asser Institute)*
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch (Mancini Room)

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

15:30 – 16:30 **European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)**  
*In-person study visit. Please bring a valid passport/national ID card.*

## **Wednesday, 27 August – Existing and Emerging Security Challenges and Actors**

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

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 (Asser Institute)*

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch (Mancini Room)

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)*

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)*

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

## **Thursday, 28 August – 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**  
*Jessica Dorsey (Utrecht University)*

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee/Tea Break

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

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch (Mancini Room)

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

15:30 – 16:30 **Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)**  
*Lecture followed by in-person study visit. Please bring a valid passport/national ID card.*

## Friday, 29 August – Reflections on the Future

- 09:45 – 11:00 **The Role of Eurojust Encountering Counter-Terrorism Cases**  
*Alexander van Dam (Eurojust)*
- 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)*
- 12:30 – 13:00 **Programme Evaluation and Review Questionnaire**
- 13:00 – 14:00 **Closing Ceremony**  
*Dr Thomas Renard (Director, International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT))*  
*Dr Niki Siampakou (Researcher and Project Coordinator, Asser Institute)*
- 14:00 **Closing Reception and Farewell**  
*Join us in the Mancini Room for light snacks and beverages as we say goodbye.*