



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

16th Edition 2026

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Monday 24 August – Welcome and Mapping the Issues

- 09:45 – 10:15 **Registration**
- 10:15 – 10:30 **Opening Ceremony**
Prof. Machiko Kanetake (Academic Director, Asser Institute)
Dr Niki Siampakou (Researcher and Project Coordinator, Asser Institute)
- 10:30 – 11:45 **Opening Keynote: Current Challenges in Counter-terrorism**
- 11:45 – 12:45 **Welcome Session: Meet the Participants, Practical Information, and Group Photo**
- 12:45 – 13:45 Lunch (Mancini Room)
- 13:45 – 15:00 **The Definitional Debates: How Do We Define Terrorism?**
- 15:00 – 15:15 Coffee/Tea Break
- 15:15 – 16:30 **Pathways to Extremism and Terrorism**
Fulco van Deventer (Human Security Collective)
- 19:00 Opening Dinner

Tuesday 25 August – Radicalisation and Terrorism: Challenges and Trends

- 09:45 – 11:00 **Youth Radicalisation**
Dr Thomas Renard (ICCT)
- 11:00 – 11:15 Coffee/Tea Break
- 11:15 – 12:30 **Far-right Terrorism and (Violent) Extremism**
Dr Barbara Molas (RAND)
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch (Mancini Room)
- 13:30 – 14:45 **The Investigation and Prosecution of Terrorism Financing**
Dr Tasniem Anwar (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

15:30 – 16:30 **Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)**
In-person study visit.

Wednesday 26 August – Regional Security Landscapes

09:45 – 11:00 **Terrorism Trends in Europe**
Gunnar Weimann (Europol)

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee/Tea Break

11:15 – 12:30 **Cyber-Terrorism in South-East Asia**

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 **Terrorism landscape in Africa**

17:30 – 19:30 Networking Drinks

Thursday 27 August – Countering, Disrupting and Preventing Security Threats

09:00 – 10:15 **Alternative Ways to Counter-terrorism: The Role of Transitional Justice**
Dr Niki Siampakou (Asser Institute)

10:15 – 10:30 Coffee/Tea Break

10:30 – 11:45 **Foreign Fighters in Syria & Iraq: International Law and Security Concerns**
Dr Christophe Paulussen (Asser Institute)

11:45 – 12:45 Lunch (Mancini Room)

12:45 – 14:00 **Do (Violent) Extremism and Terrorism Work? Lessons from the Past and Dilemmas in the Present (Part 1)**
Prof. Richard English (Queen's University Belfast)

14:30 – 17:00 **European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust)**
In-person study visit.

Friday 28 August – Reflections on the Future

09:45 – 11:00 **Do (Violent) Extremism and Terrorism Work? Dilemmas in the Present and Challenges for the Future (Part 2)**
Prof. Richard English (Queen's University Belfast)

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee/Tea Break

- 11:15 – 12:30 **Closing Keynote: Future Trends in Countering (Violent) Extremism and Terrorism (online session)**
Prof. Ben Saul (UN Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while Countering Terrorism)
- 12:30 – 13:00 **Programme Evaluation and Review Questionnaire**
- 13:00 – 13:45 **Closing Ceremony**
Dr Niki Siampakou (Researcher and Project Coordinator, Asser Institute)
- 13:45 **Closing Reception and Farewell**

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