



**INACH Annual Conference 2018**

**Amsterdam, October 11, 2018**

**Venue: De Burcht, Amsterdam**

## **Hate Speech, Recruitment, Terrorism**

Although these are issues of all times, the 1994 advent of the Internet made the dissemination of hate speech, the recruitment for violent causes (Nazism, Jihadism) and the facilitation and proliferation of terrorism much easier, more efficient and wider-reaching.

We have now arrived in a time where hate invades most of our communications. Fake news is used as a tool to incite hatred and divide our societies. Hate of others and other ideas lays at the basis of any terrorism or extremist movement. Especially youth is increasingly at risk through recruitment and indoctrination.

The violent results of terrorism and the ensuing necessary grand-scale security measures leave their traces on our wellbeing, politics and the way we interact and give shape to our societies.

It is time to all pull together and contribute towards stemming the ugly tide. In order to do this, we need to establish the multi-dimensionality of terror; we need to map the analogies and differences between the most common motivations (religious, political, ethnic). We need to see what we can do to use the internet as a vehicle for prevention instead of letting it be used for dissemination of hate, a tool for recruitment and a facilitation device for command and control of terror.

In order to do so, we need to take a look at counter narratives, exit -and de-radicalization strategies, legal measures, prevention and education, and other ways.

The International Network Against Cyber Hate has been in the forefront of countering hate since 2002, and has been dealing with the ideologies and rhetoric laying at the root of terrorism and extremist movements. In order to become more effective, we will hold an international conference on Hate Speech, Recruitment, and Terrorism on October 11, 2018 in Amsterdam the Netherlands. International experts will discuss the nature, motivations and results of terrorism, and possible countermeasures.



**Program:**

- 08:45 Registration & coffee
- 09:00 Welcome by **Philippe Schmidt**, INACH Chairman
- 09:10 Introduction to the conference & program by **Suzette Bronkhorst**, INACH secretary general, conference chair.
- 09:15 Contextual remarks by **Dr. Selma Muhic Dizdarevic**, Sociologist, Charles University Prague, INACH board member.
- 09:30 Improvements in, and approaches to identifying and removing hate speech and terrorist propaganda on Facebook by **Ms. Kim Malfacini**, Associate Manager of Product Policy, Facebook
- 09:45 Keynote speech: "From protest to terrorism – the mind of the perpetrator" by **Dr. David Suurland**, Expert on law, ideology and religion.
- 10:10 COFFEE BREAK.
- 10:30 Short Introduction to the workshops
- 10:40 Start Workshops

**WS 1. Hate Speech as a precursor to recruitment, radicalization and terrorism**

Does Hate speech always lead to extremism and ultimately terrorism? Or is hate speech 'just' an early warning sign for radicalization? How about hate speech generated by populist movements or mainstream political parties? Or Jihadi or Islamist groups? Is hate speech done out of different motivations comparable? Speakers will address these and other related issues

Moderator: **Mark Gardner**, director of Communications, Community Security Trust (CST), UK.

Speakers: **Alex Amend**, Research Director of the Intelligence Project, Southern Poverty Law Centre, USA.

**Rafal Pankowski**, expert on white nationalist & Populist culture, Never Again Association, Poland.

**Nava Zarabian**, Senior Researcher, department of political extremism, jugendschutz.net, Germany.



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## **WS 2. Recruitment by terrorist groups – assessment, prevention and deprogramming**

How much recruitment is going on? E.g. we see a sharp increase when it comes to European (Neo) Nazi groups, and additionally, IS recruited 30.000 Jihadis from 86 countries. Are lessons learned on recruitment methods and environments and are prevention and deprogramming (Exit-programs) successful? What are the experiences dealing with returning IS-combatants?

Moderator: Superintendent **Paul Giannasi**, head of the UK cross-governmental hate crime programme

Speakers: **Jason Walters**, former islamist and member of the Hofstadgroup, deradicalization expert, analyst for Blue Water Intelligence.

Superintendent **Tamara Carlier**, Internet Investigations-Internet referral Unit, Federal Judicial Police, Belgium.

## **WS 3. The manifold shades of terror – Islamic, left-wing, Neo-Nazi and other terrorism – similarities and differences.**

Terrorism knows a long history, and the Western experience with it goes back almost 90 years. Groups have different ideologies and motivations; political, ethnic, nationalist, religious...the list is long. Apart from the obvious use of violence, are there common denominators? What are the defining differences?

Moderator: **Robert Trestan**, Regional Director, Anti-Defamation League, USA.

Speakers: **Dr. David Hirsh**, lecturer in Sociology at Goldsmiths College, University of London, expert on antisemitism and hate within the left-wing movement.

**Mr. Willem Wagenaar**, MSc., Anne Frank Foundation, expert on right-wing extremism and violence.

12:15 LUNCH

13:45 Summary of the workshop results by rapporteurs.

14:30 Plenary discussion: Can terrorism be effectively countered? Do legal or other measures work?

Introduction by **Ronald Sandee**, CEO of Blue Water Intelligence, former senior analyst with MIVD, the Defense Intelligence and Security Service. Moderation by **Ronald Eissens**, INACH General director.

16:00 Summary & closing words.

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