

Konferanse:

Radikalisering og krig

Konspirasjonsteorier, polarisering og ekstremisme
i kontekst av krigen i Ukraina -
hvordan påvirker det oss som samfunn og individer?

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Keynote: The Role of Conspiracy Theories and Ideology in Mass Radicalization

Keynote Speaker:



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The advent of the Internet, social media, and mobile devices have fundamentally altered radicalization. The modern communication capabilities simplified and amplified the spread of radicalizing narratives, including conspiracy theories, radical ideologies and propaganda. Among consequences of this change are the emergence of online radical groups such as QAnon and Incels, as well as the widespread reach of Russian government propaganda that preceded and accompanied Russia's large-scale war against Ukraine. Conspiracy theories and ideology that birthed QAnon, Incels and pro-Russian radicalism (Rascism) all contain pseudo-scientific claims that strain credulity, at times bordering on the ridiculous. Another commonality is the disconnect between the ideology in each of these movements and action by its members. The field of radicalization research has been circling the issue of ideology for decades, but major stumbling blocks to our understanding of ideology remain. I will discuss these, as well as what I think are productive ways to conceptualize ideology, and how best to address the radicalization that it represents.

~ Sophia Moskalenko om hennes forelesning.

Les om foreleserne:



Sophia Moskalkenko is a social and clinical psychologist and a Research Fellow at Evidence-Based Cybersecurity Group at Georgia State University. After receiving her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 2004, her work has focused on the psychology of radicalization, martyrdom, mass identity, and conspiracy theories. At the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (NC-START), she has led projects commissioned by the U.S. Department of Defence, Department of Energy, Department of Homeland Security, and Department of State. She serves as a consultant to the European Commission, to the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, and to the United Nations' Office of Counterterrorism.

Dr. Moskalkenko has co-authored several books, including award-winning *Friction: How conflict radicalizes them and us* (2016); *The Marvel of Martyrdom: The power of self-sacrifice in the selfish world* (2019); *Radicalization: what Everyone Needs to Know* (2020) and *Pastels and Pedophiles: Inside the Mind of QAnon* (2021).



Kacper Rekawek, PhD, is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for Research on Extremism (C-REX) at the University of Oslo. He has more than 15 years of experience in counterterrorism and countering violent extremism from academia (including a PhD at Queen's University Belfast, QUB, and a research fellowship at the Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence at the University of St. Andrews), think tanks (including the Polish Institute of International Affairs, PISM, local equivalent to the German SWP) and the third sector (GLOBSEC).

Rekawek's research interest encompass a vast field related to terrorist organisations and networks, and means of countering them. He originally started as a researcher focusing on terrorism in Europe in general, and the Irish Republican Army, IRA, in particular (his PhD at QUB was a comparative study of the factions of the IRA). Since 2011, in his job as a terrorism analyst at PISM, he focused almost exclusively on global jihadism – that was also the focus of his major projects implemented while he was at GLOBSEC between 2016 and 2019. Since 2014 he has also been studying and published on the Western extremist foreign fighters in Ukraine, and from January 2020 he has been conducting research on the pre-war lives of such fighters which was supported by the Counter Extremism Project.

Rekawek has successfully led multinational research projects related to international security in general and terrorism and countering terrorism in particular (e.g. the comparative analyses of the state of European jihadism, supported by PMI Impact and Counter Extremism Project, which involved partners in 11 countries). He has worked on a number of other international projects, including efforts supported by the European Commission and NATO. He is a member and participates in the activities of the Society for Terrorism Research, European Expert Network on Terrorism Issues and the Radicalisation Awareness Network.

He is the author of two books (including the first comparative study of the factions of the Irish Republican Army, IRA, published by Routledge). Rekawek is also a reviewer for *Terrorism and Political Violence*, the field's preeminent journal.

Since completion of his PhD in 2009, Rekawek has appeared on more than 500 occasions as a commentator, expert, analyst etc. in the media. He maintains his associate affiliation with Counter Extremism Project and GLOBSEC.



Øyvind Strømmen er journalist og forfatter med særlig fokus på kontrajihadistiske og høyreekstreme miljøet på internett. I 2011 ble han kåret til Årets frilanser og han har gitt ut en rekke bøker, deriblant *Det mørke nettet* og *Ungarn: en fortelling om Europa*. Hans nyeste bok er *Giftpillen: Konspirasjonsteorier og deres ødeleggende kraft*.



Cathrine Thorleifsson er forsker ved Senter for Ekstremismeforskning ved Universitetet i Oslo. Cathrine har en doktorgrad i antropologi fra London School of Economics and Political Science (2012). Hennes forskningsinteresser er det antropologiske studiet av ytre høyre, radikaliserings, nasjonalisme, migrasjon, rasisme og tilhørighet.

Hennes regionale kompetanse er hovedsaklig Europa og Israel. Fra 2007 til 2009 gjorde hun feltarbeid blant jøder fra arabiske og muslimske land i den israelske grensebyen Kiryat Shemona. Cathrines postdoktorprosjekt Nasjonalistiske responser til krisene i Europa utforsket hvordan globaliseringens raske endringer påvirker renasjonaliseringsprosesser i Europa. Basert på flere lokale feltarbeid i Storbritannia, Ungarn og Norge i 2015 undersøkte hun hvordan ulike materiell forhold, kulturelle og historiske forhold drev lokal støtte til populistiske, høyre-radikale partier. Hennes nåværende forskning utforsker hvordan antisemittiske og anti-muslimske fiendebilder blir produsert og sirkulert av ytre høyre aktivister i transnasjonale, digitale subkulturer.



Elisabeth Harnes er spesialkonsulent ved RVTS Vest - Ressursenter om vold, traumatisk stress og selvmordsforebygging . Harnes har spisskompetanse og bred internasjonal erfaring med flerkulturelt psykososialt og terapeutisk arbeid fra en rekke land, inkludert terapeutisk re-integreringsarbeid av tidligere straffedømte i USA. Hun koordinerer RVTS Vest sitt arbeid med forebygging av radikaliserings og voldelig ekstremisme, samt leder den nasjonale mentoropplæring om radikaliserings og voldelig ekstremisme. Harnes er også medlem av TOT Radikaliserings, et tverretattlig operativt konsultasjonsteam om radikaliserings og voldelig ekstremisme i Bergen kommune. I tillegg er hun prosjektleder for RVTS Vest's arbeid med negativ sosial kontroll og æresrelatert vold, og leder RVTS sin nasjonale opplæring om æresrelatert vold for ressurspersoner i frivillige organisasjoner og berørte miljøer. Hun har master i religionsstudier med fokus på konverteringsprosesser til Islam, en bachelor i interkulturell forståelse, og er utdannet flerkulturelt familieterapeut med videreutdanning i sensorimotorisk psykoterapi.



Anders Lundesgaard er psykologspesialist ved RVTS Nord - Ressursenter om vold, traumatisk stress og selvmordsforebygging. Han har jobbet med behandling av komplekse traumer hos barn /unge og voksne og klinisk arbeid med flyktninger. I tillegg har han bred undervisnings erfaring. Anders har ansvar for LOS-funksjonen for berørte av terrorhandlingen den 22. juli 2011.



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