



POLICY BRIEFING

Sharing best practices in countering violent extremism ***Can EU and U.S. prevention experts learn from one another?***

13:00 - 14:45

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Effective radicalisation prevention policies are becoming ever more critical as the spectre of Paris-style attacks, undertaken by a handful of radicalised individuals, looms large today over European cities. De-radicalisation and counter radicalisation policies are not new but are they working? Do we need to rethink the strategy and methodologies applied to in light of recent developments? What role do prevention experts and practitioners now need to play in the wake of the recent attacks and how can they effectively reach those communities that are susceptible and vulnerable to radicalisation? Are there lessons that U.S. experts can teach Europeans and vice-versa?

Our speakers will debate the merits of existing European and U.S. radicalisation prevention programmes, how to reach out to vulnerable communities, consider what a compelling counter narrative needs to look like and what, in their opinion, needs to change in existing prevention policies in the U.S. and Europe.

Guest Speakers:

Zainab Al -Suwajj, Executive Director American Islamic Congress, founded in 2001. In the wake of the 9/11 terror attacks, Zainab left her teaching position at Yale to launch AIC with the mission of building interfaith and interethnic understanding and to represent the diversity of American Muslim life. Over the past decade, Zainab's leadership has expanded AIC into an international organization with six bureaus worldwide, including the

U.S., Egypt, Iraq, and newest location, Tunisia.

Karin Heremans, Co-chair of Radicalisation Awareness Network, RAN Education Working Group (RAN EDU). RAN was set up in 2011 by the Commission as a forum for grassroots activists, practitioners, law enforcement officials and others to exchange best practices and experiences of the phenomenon of radicalisation and how best to tackle it. Karin is also the principal of the Royal Atheneum School in Antwerp.

A representative of the **City Government of Brussels** Prevention Service.

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Registration desk closes at 1.00pm sharp.

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