

# PROGRAMME

## BUILDING RESILIENCE TO RADICALISATION AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM II STRONG CITIES NETWORK GLOBAL SUMMIT 2017

THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2017

### MORNING (8.30-13.00)

**WELCOME ADDRESSES BY MAYOR OF AARHUS JACOB BUNDSGAARD AND POLICE COMMISSIONER HELLE KYNDESEN, EAST JUTLAND POLICE AND CEO OF INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC DIALOGUE SASHA HAVLICEK**

#### MAYORAL KEY NOTE SESSION: VISION 2017: THE ROLE OF CITIES IN PREVENTION

It is more important than ever for the mayors of major global cities to play a leading role on the international stage when it comes to tackling issues like polarisation and the rise of violent extremism of all ideologies. This 'in conversation' session will see mayors and governors from around the world offer their perspectives on the role of cities in prevention and building community resilience, underlining a vision for city-to-city diplomacy and cooperation on critical global issues in 2017.

**RESEARCH DIRECTOR MAGNUS RANSTORP**, Center for Asymmetric Threat Studies at the Swedish National Defence College  
The current situation and a status on professional development

#### WITNESSES OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Personal story

**PROFESSOR TORE BJØRGO**, Director at the Center for Research on Extremism, University of Oslo  
Nine steps towards prevention of radicalisation and violent extremism

**RABBI MICHAEL MELCHIOR**, Creator of Mosaica, Interreligious dialogue

#### POLITICAL PHILOSOPHER BART BRANDSMA

The game changer of polarisation

### LUNCH (13.00-14.00)

### AFTERNOON (14.00-18.00)

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (Each participant chooses two workshops)

#### WORKSHOP 1: EARLY PREVENTION IN SCHOOLS – PREVENTION OF RADICALISATION IN EDUCATION THROUGH DIALOGUE AND CRITICAL THINKING

School is an important forum for early and primary prevention. Creating a space for open and safe dialogue where ideas, opinions and ideals can be shared among others without prejudice or conflict is central to continued development in the education sector. This workshop discusses how we can create such a safe and open environment in the educational system and empower children and young people through dialogue and critical thinking and strengthen their resilience to radicalisation.

#### WORKSHOP 2: STRONG CITIES NETWORK - WHAT CAN LOCAL ACTORS IN EUROPE AND MENA LEARN FROM EACH OTHER?

This session will feature emerging experiences and insights from a Strong Cities Network exchange project between municipal and local practitioners in Denmark, Jordan and Lebanon. This includes experiences of setting up multi-stakeholder 'Prevention Networks' inspired by the Danish SSP model, as well as lessons Europe can learn from engaging with faith leaders and civil society activists in the MENA region. Breakout session facilitators will include representatives from Danish, Jordanian and Lebanese municipalities.

#### WORKSHOP 3: INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

This session will focus on the opportunities and experiences with interreligious dialogue as a way to prevent radicalisation and violent extremism within local communities. The workshop will feature short presentations followed by open debate and input from participants.

#### WORKSHOP 4: EARLY PREVENTION – WORKING WITH FAMILIES

This session will focus on early prevention in the shape of community outreach and working with families from an NGO perspective. Examples of non-profit organisations working within this field will share their story, approach and experience in dialogue with the workshop participants. Sons and Daughters of the World is confirmed as a contributor.

#### WORKSHOP 5: MULTIAGENCY APPROACH

This workshop focuses on multiagency approaches in preventing radicalisation and violent extremism. Highlighting key examples of best practices, presentations will draw attention to specific structures and cover different cultural and organisational settings. Contributors include the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN), Center for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Violence from Montreal, Canada and the Aarhus Model.

#### WORKSHOP 6: TACKLING RIGHT WING EXTREMISM

This session will explore the growth of Right Wing Extremism across European and North American geographies and discuss ways in which cities can be proactive, both in responses and prevention initiatives. This will include a detailed guide to individual disengagements from leading one-to-one intervention providers as well as municipal strategies which cities have developed.

#### WORKSHOP 7: DOES YOUR CITY REALLY NEED CVE?

Taking a whole-of-city approach, this session will address where CVE work is appropriate and in what circumstances other relevant approaches may be more beneficial. It will incorporate an open discussion of the strengths as well as the challenges of CVE work, drawing on pertinent international experience. It will outline a framework in which all aspects of public life can play an active role in challenging hate, division and violence in the most positive and proactive way, emphasizing the key importance understanding and mitigating local risk, assessing municipal assets, and developing targeted local action plans appropriate to specific local and regional contexts.

#### WORKSHOP 8: BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TO VIOLENT EXTREMISM - PRE-INCIDENT COMMUNICATION AND POST-INCIDENT RESPONSES

This session focus on authority and community led initiatives designed to mitigate the negative effects of high-impact-low-probability-events, such as terrorist attacks. Focus will be upon both pre- and post-incident mitigation, and will address the question of how best to build resilience and preparedness in communities without breeding fear, and how to aid community recovery in the case that prevention and interdiction fails. Contributors will be Dr. David Eisenman from University of California, Los Angeles and Associate Professor Lasse Lindekilde from University of Aarhus

#### WORKSHOP 9: WORKING WITH MENTORING PROGRAMMES IN PREVENTION OF RADICALISATION AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM

This workshop focuses on mentoring programmes in the prevention of violent extremism and radicalisation, including the theoretical background of the mentorship alongside the practical experiences from a mentor from the Aarhus Model. Professor Preben Berthelsen and the Danish Agency for International Recruitment and Integration will also present the objectives and practical set up of the national mentor corps.

### EVENING (FROM 18.00)

#### AWARD-WINNING DIRECTOR, PRODUCER, SOCIAL ACTIVIST, AND SINGER/COMPOSER AARON HAROON RASHID

The adventure of Burka Avenger

#### NETWORKING AND SHARING BEST PRACTICES

#### CONFERENCE DINNER



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#### BREAKOUT SESSIONS (EACH PARTICIPANT CAN CHOOSE TWO WORKSHOPS)

##### WORKSHOP 1: CHILDREN IN RADICALISED FAMILIES

This session focuses on trends and developments in a new area of social work within families – where children (perhaps without any risk behavior or visible signs) are growing up in families where one or two of the parents are radicalised to some extent. Contributors will include social workers operating within the Aarhus Model and the European Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN). The Aarhus Model will also present a new tool for working with children in radicalised families, which participants will have the opportunity to discuss.

##### WORKSHOP 2: BUILDING RESILIENCE TO RADICALISATION FROM A POLICE PERSPECTIVE

This session will explore local resilience-building from a policing perspective, taking into account multiagency approaches. Police officers from the Aarhus Model will in this workshop present practical experience, examples of casework and questions for debate. Besides telling more about the experiences in Aarhus, participants are invited to exchange best practices where the police are part of a multiagency approach to prevent radicalisation and violent extremism.

##### WORKSHOP 3: PERSONAL JOURNEY - ASSESSING RISK TO RADICALISATION & ONLINE COUNTER EXTREMISM

This session will take the participants through a personal journey in and out of an extremist movement. The main focus will be on assessing risk to radicalisation and online counter-extremism. The workshop will present examples of how to work with awareness of radicalisation, and how to develop and divert young people from the path of relying solely on information that can take them on a journey towards extremism and hate. There will be a focus on developing critical thinking amongst youth and understanding the minds of those who are vulnerable to the messages of extremist ideologies. The contributor of the workshop is Munir Zamir, Director of Zamir Creative Ltd.

##### WORKSHOP 4: WORKING WITH FEMALE RETURNEES

The City of Copenhagen will present their work with female returnees and through their case-based experiences facilitate a dialogue and debate with the participants of the workshop. The workshop will focus on the context of female radicalisation in Copenhagen, challenges that are particular to the female returnees and invite the participants to share their best practices and experiences from across the world.

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##### WORKSHOP 6: REFUGEES, INTEGRATION AND PREVENTING POLARISATION

This session focuses on key challenges surrounding refugee crises, internal and urban displacement, and countering polarisation and building cohesion in host communities. It will focus on refugees and displacement in cities across the Middle East, South America and South Asia, showcasing innovative municipal responses and establishing good practice for cities across diverse contexts. It will also demonstrate the importance of local integration initiatives, looking at how these can be most effective and what kind of local partners cities should work with.

##### WORKSHOP 7: DEVELOPING LOCAL YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

This session will ask how cities can work effectively with their local youth to ensure sustainable youth engagement, and involve local youth as key partners in PVE/CVE, and how cities can empower their local youth as independent actors. It will provide a platform for young people to address the conference, as well as key practitioners working on youth engagement around the world.

##### WORKSHOP 8: OFFLINE PREVENTION OF ONLINE RADICALISATION

The workshop will focus on the idea of offline prevention of online radicalisation in youth education through offline platforms. The Aarhus Model approach up for discussion is of direct contact and dialogue with its target group with a focus on digital resilience and skills, critical thinking, and strong fellowships. The Aarhus Model will present its ideas and status and invite additional contributors and workshop participants to discuss the initial draft set-up in terms of exchanging ideas and further development.

### AFTERNOON (11.30-13.00)

#### PROFESSOR ARIE KRUGLANSKI: DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Psychological perspectives on extremism and terrorism.

#### PANEL: THE CHALLENGES OF WORKING WITH PREVENTION OF ONLINE RADICALISATION

**Danish Intelligence Service, PET:** Current situation and approach

**Facebook:** The social media approach

**Global Engagement Center:** The US State Department approach

**Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD):** A One-To-One approach - online interventions with at-risk individuals

#### CITY OF AARHUS, EAST JUTLAND POLICE AND STRONG CITIES NETWORK

*The program will be subject to change and provided for guidance only. Additional speakers and contributors will be announced over the coming weeks.*

*For registration, details, descriptions of workshops and speakers, please see our website: [www.aarhus.dk/antiradicalisation](http://www.aarhus.dk/antiradicalisation)*



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