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### THE LEARNING PLATFORM ON HUMAN MOBILITY'S EXPERT MEETING ON: *Understanding the Underlying Philosophies and Psychological Causes of Extremism*

21-22 October 2013  
CONVENTION CENTER DEN BELL, PANORAMA ROOM  
Antwerp, Belgium

## PROGRAMME

### Monday, 21 October

- 10:00 am**      **Opening**  
*Mr. Dave Van Oosterwyck, Counselor of the Flemish Minister of Integration*
- 10:15 am**      **Background and Introductions**  
*Dr. Colleen Thouez, Senior Training and Research Advisor, UNITAR and Adjunct Professorial Lecturer, American University*
- 10:30 am**      **Setting the Stage: Roundtable on Polarization and Radicalization**  
*Professor Rey Koslowski, Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, University at Albany, New York (SUNY). Director of the Center for Policy Research Program on Border Control and Homeland Security*  
*Professor Rik Coolsaet, Professor of International Relations at Ghent University (Belgium). Chair of the Department of Political Science, Ghent University. Senior Associate Fellow at the Egmont Institute (Royal Institute for International Relations), Brussels. Member of the European Network of Experts on Radicalisation (ENER)*  
*Moderated by: Dr. Colleen Thouez*



**11:30 pm      The Impact of Polarization on and of Youth**

**a. Roundtable on the Role of Family and Social Networks: How to Bridge the Generation Gap**

*Ms. Fatima A. Shama, Commissioner, New York City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs  
Ms. Humera Khan, Freelance Consultant and Researcher, Founder Member of An-Nisa Society*

*Moderated by: Ms. Anissa Akhandaf, Program Leader De-radicalisation, City of Antwerp*

**13:00 pm      Lunch**

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**14:00 pm      The Impact of Polarization on and of Youth (Continued)**

**b. Roundtable on Education and Employment: Fostering Integration and Inclusion**

*Dr. Noel Clycq, Senior Researcher at CeMIS, Centre for Migration and Intercultural Studies, University of Antwerp*

*Mr. Sander van der Heijden, Senior Consultant at M&O Group*

*Ms. Fatima A. Shama*

*Moderated by: Professor Rey Koslowski*

**15:30 pm      The Role of New Technologies and the Media**

**a. Introductory Remarks**

*Dr. Peter Neumann, Professor of Security Studies at the Department of War Studies, King's College London, Founder and Director of the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation (ICSR)*

**b. Mediating Hate: The Role and the Impact of the Internet, Hate Speech and Social Media**

*Dr. Ico Maly, Coordinator, Intercultural Movement Kif Kif*

*Ms. Sofie d'Hulster, Expert on Cyber Hate, Center for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism*

*Mr. Hakim Mouissat, Jeugd & Diversiteit (Youth & Diversity), De Toekomst (The Future)*

*Moderated by: Dr. Peter Neumann*

**17:30 pm      Reception**

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**Tuesday, 22 October**

**9:30 am      The Importance of First-line Practitioners: Creating an Integrated Approach and Providing Pedagogical Support**

**a. Introductory Remarks**

*Ms. Amy-Jane Gielen, Founder of A.G. Advise, Research & Consultancy on Youth, Welfare and Integration*

**b. Actors from the Religious Context: How Can Mosques Collaborate?**

*Mr. Brahim Laytouss, Imam, Researcher at the University of Antwerp  
Ms. Humera Khan*

**c. The Role of the Police and “Community Policing”**

*Mr. Karl Heeren, Police Commissioner, Antwerp Police Department  
Professor Edwin Bakker, Professor of (Counter-)Terrorism Studies at the Institute of Public Administration and director of the Centre for Terrorism and Counterterrorism (CTC) of Leiden University. Director of the International Centre for Terrorism and Counter-terrorism (ICCT), The Hague  
Ms. Fatima A. Shama  
Moderated by: Ms. Amy-Jane Gielen*

**12:00 pm      Lunch**

*Hosted by the City of Antwerp*

**13:00 pm      Regional and Local Government Roundtable: Leadership, Partnership and Challenges – What Are the Needs from LRA’s to Prevent and Counter Radicalization?**

*Professor Rey Koslowski; Ms. Fatima A. Shama; Ms. Anissa Akhandaf; Ms. Catherine Van der Straeten, Head of Prevention Service, City of Vilvoorde; Mr. Werner Van Herle, Head Local Prevention and Security Department, City of Mechelen; Mr. Sander van der Heijden; Mr. Tarik Fraihi, Strategic Analyst, Coordination Unit for Threat Analysis and Professor Edwin Bakker*

*Moderated by: Mr. Salvatore Petronella, Senior Consultant, GHK Consulting*





**14:45 pm**      **Wrap up**

**15:00 pm**      **Closing**

*The Honourable Mr. Bart De Wever, Mayor of Antwerp*

*Dr. Colleen Thouez*

### Duration, Dates and Venue

The LPHM Expert Meeting will take place in Antwerp Belgium on 21-22 October 2013 in Convention Center Den Bell (Panorama Room), Francis Wellesplein 1, 2018 Antwerp.

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