

UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN



22 JULY 2011 AT TEN: COMMEMORATION AND COMMITMENT

AN INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION FORUM ON
COUNTERACTING EXTREME RIGHT TERRORISM

25–27 AUGUST 2021

Hosted by the University of Bergen research groups: “Literature and Religion”, “Transnational History and Cultural Encounters”, “Terms of Agreement: The Challenge of Muslim Inclusion”, and “MediaFutures: Research Centre for Responsible Media Technology and Innovation”

Co-organized in partnership with the Khalifa Ihler Institute and the Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right


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The appalling attacks in Oslo and Utøya shocked the world and took the lives of 77 Norwegians, mostly children. They were killed on account of a transnational extreme right ideology, which was digitally broadcast on the day of the murders by the self-directed terrorist. The murders were, he said, “advertising” for his so-called manifesto. Norway’s darkest day destroyed lives and communities. It also raised acute questions about online radicalization, “broadband terrorism”, and the destructive power of a lone actor motivated by radical right extremism.

Ten years on, what lessons have been learned? What can societies and global organisations do better in order to stop extremist radicalisation and terrorist content, especially online? Drawing upon the pivotal “Christchurch Call to Eliminate Terrorist and Violent Extremist Content Online”, issued in the wake of a more recent lone actor attack murdering 51 innocents, this discussion forum will address these questions, while looking to the future for dynamic and workable solutions.

In hosting this event which features leading global stakeholders in the fight against terrorism and radical right extremism, the University of Bergen wishes to contribute to shaping those solutions.

This will be a hybrid event, combining on-campus elements in the University Aula with streaming and digital participation.

PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

Scandinavian partners

- University of Bergen research groups
- The City of Bergen
- The Khalifa Ihler Institute

Transnational organisations

- The EU Internet Forum
- The Global Internet Forum for Countering Terrorism
- United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

National governments

- Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Government of New Zealand
- Government of the United Kingdom
- Federal Government of the United States of America

Leading internet and computer technology companies

- Facebook
- Google
- Microsoft
- Twitter

Specialists, scholars and regulating bodies

- The Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right
- Institute for Strategic Dialogue
- Tech Against Terrorism
- Moonshot
- Ofcom

EVENT STRUCTURE

The first day is public and live streamed from the University Aula. It opens with welcome addresses from the Rector of the University of Bergen and the Vice Mayor of the City of Bergen. This is followed by an academic panel from University of Bergen researchers, a keynote lecture from the Khalifa Ihler Institute, a memorial event, a presentation on Norway's work to counteract extremist terrorism from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and a review and reaffirmation of the principles underpinning the Christchurch Call from the New Zealand government. The press is encouraged to attend.

The second day will feature closed workshops led by the participating organisations and other invited delegates, focusing on the same questions: what have we learned since 22 July 2011, and what still needs

to improve? How can we embed, and extend, the Christchurch Call – through specific initiatives, resources and collective action?

These workshops will continue into the third and final day, and a roundtable concludes this series of closed discussions. This will be followed by a summary and closing reflections on the event, where the press is again encouraged to attend. The day closes with the presentation of a working document towards future efforts, followed by a press conference. The working document will reaffirm those values assaulted by right-wing extremists, and outline steps to ensure that horrors like that of 22 July 2011 never happen again.

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ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

Prof. Erik Tønning is Professor of British Literature and Culture in the Department of Foreign Languages, University of Bergen. As Director of the project “Modernism and Christianity” (2011-2014) he co-curated the exhibition “Art in Battle” (KODE art galleries 2015/16) on Nazi-era art in Norway, and edited the volume *Modernism, Christianity, and Apocalypse* (Brill 2015). He is currently co-Director of the research group “Literature and Religion”, and Director of a new interdisciplinary research project called “Inventing the Secular”. He is the main University of Bergen organiser of “22 of July at 10”.

Bjørn Ihler is the co-founder and director of the Khalifa Ihler Institute. Ihler is an internationally renowned expert in countering and preventing radicalization into violent extremism through the design of healthier communities both online and off-line. Ihler is also a member of the group Extremely Together working under the Kofi Annan Foundation to empower youth internationally to challenge violent extremism in their local communities and work against radicalisation across the globe. His most recent appointment as of July 2020 is as Chairperson of the Independent Advisory Committee of the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism. Ihler has worked with and advised a range of local organizations, national governments and international institutions such as the European Union, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, and the United Nations to develop strategies to more effectively prevent radicalisation into violent extremism, and build more peaceful communities.

Prof. Matthew Feldman is a specialist on fascist ideology and radical-right extremism, and is the director of Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right. A longstanding feature of his work is a record of public engagement and policy-based impact, including briefings for various governmental bodies, reports for leading Non-Governmental Organizations, expert testimony, and several hundred media interviews. He is the author or editor of more than 20 books, including three book length studies and more than 40 peer-reviewed articles or academic book chapters. His second collection of essays, *Politics, Intellectuals and Faith*, appeared in spring 2020.

Dr Mette Wiggen is a specialist on the radical right in Scandinavia and a Senior Fellow at CARR. She is a Lecturer in the School of Politics and International Studies at the University of Leeds. She works with widening participation in Higher Education and is an advocate for refugees’- and non -traditional students’ access to university education. Her publications include “Rethinking Anti-Immigration Rhetoric after the Oslo and Utøya Terror Attacks” in *New Political Science* (2012,34:4, 585-604) and “Norway has failed to combat a Climate of Hate” in Will Allchorn, ed., *Tracking the Rise of the Radical Right Globally* (2019 Stuttgart, Ibidem Verlag. She is also a regular contributor to Open Democracy, Fair Observer and CARR.

Miriam Fanin is the research lead of the Khalifa Ihler Institute on far right extremism and terrorism. She holds a Master degree in Diplomacy and International cooperation, and a Bachelor in Intercultural Mediation. Her research and work focusing on hate-groups has guided her work on the Khalifa Ihler Hate-Map for which she is lead researcher.

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 25 AUGUST

- 14:00–14:15** **Welcome address in the University Aula**
Professor Margareth Hagen
Rector, University of Bergen
- Ms Lubna Boby Jaffery
Acting Leader of the City Government, The City of Bergen
- 14:15–16:00** **Academic panel: Understanding and countering radical-right extremism**
Chair (and Aula event MC): Dr Mette Wiggen
School of Politics and International Studies, University of Leeds
- “Terrorism and apocalypse: Interpreting and countering radical right ideology and terrorism through humanities scholarship”**
Professor Erik Tønning
Professor of British Literature and Culture, Director of the “Inventing the Secular” project and co-Director of the research group “Literature and Religion”, Department of Foreign Languages, University of Bergen
- “The limits of public political tolerance of the far right in contemporary liberal democracies”**
Professor Elisabeth Ivarsflaten
Professor of Political Science and Scientific Director of the Norwegian Citizen Panel, Department of Administration and Organization Theory, University of Bergen
- “Online echo chambers: How do they work and what can we do?”**
Professor Christoph Trattner
Professor of Information Science and Director of MediaFutures: Research Centre for Responsible Media Technology and Innovation, Department of Information Science and Media Studies, University of Bergen
- 16:00–16:45** **Coffee Break**
- 16:45–17:45** **Keynote lecture**
- “Fighting back: the future of governance in the global struggle against violent extremism”**
Mr Bjørn Ihler Co-founder and Director of the Khalifa Ihler Institute, Chair of the Independent Advisory Committee to the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism

17:45–18:00 **Break**

18:00–18:45 **22 July 2011 at 10: Commemorative event**

Address and presentation of flowers
Ms Vanessa Svebakk
Mother of 22 July 2011 victim

Reading: "Straff"
Ms Cecilie Løveid
Poet

Address
Ms Marte Mjøs Persen
Mayor, The City of Bergen

Music: Thormod Rønning Kvam (piano) and the Sonoro String Quartet (Daniel Goldin, violin, Martha-Pil Neumer, violin, Tuva Odland, viola, and Hedda Aadland, cello).

18:50–19:00 **Norway's efforts to prevent violent extremism in Norway and internationally**

Mr Constantin Nicolaysen Karamé
Senior Adviser, Counterterrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism
Department of Security Affairs and the High North
Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

19:00–19:30

New Zealand's reflections on the Christchurch Call

Mr Paul Ash, Prime Minister's Special Representative on Cyber and Digital,
Christchurch Call & Cyber Coordinator, New Zealand

THURSDAY 26 AUGUST *

09:00–09:10 **Welcome address and introduction to the day ***

Mr Bjørn Ihler, Khalifa Ihler Institute

09:10–10:00 **Workshop 1 – Microsoft ***

Ms Liz Thomas, Regional Digital Safety Lead (Asia-Pacific)

Chair: Prof. Lise Rakner, Professor of Comparative Politics, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen

10:00–10:50 **Workshop 2 – Facebook ***

Ms Dina Hussein, Counterterrorism Policy Head for Europe, the Middle East and Africa

Chair: Prof. Kyrre Kverndokk, Professor in Cultural Studies, Department of Archaeology, History, Cultural Studies and Religion, University of Bergen

10:50–11:20 **Digital Coffee Break ***

- 11:20–12:10** **Workshop 3 – Google ***
Ms Lucy Calladine, Government Affairs and Public Policy, Google
- Chair: Prof. Marie Von der Lippe, Professor in Religious Studies, Department of Archaeology, History, Cultural Studies and Religion, University of Bergen
- 12:10–13:00** **Workshop 4 – Twitter ***
Mr Patrick Woody, Policy manager, Twitter
- Chair: Prof. Christoph Trattner, University of Bergen
- 13:00–13:10** **The City of Bergen’s work with combating right-wing extremism**
Katrine Nødtvedt, Commissioner for Culture, Diversity and Equality, City of Bergen
- 13:10–14:30** **Lunch Break ***
- 14:30–17:30** **United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (60 mins) ***
- Introduction*** HE Michèle Coninx, Executive Director of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate
- Facilitation***
Ms Farah Kasim, Political Affairs Officer, Political Analysis and Research Unit, and Mr Marc Porret, Senior Legal Officer, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, United Nations Security Council
- European Union Internet Forum (60 mins) ***
- Introduction***
Mr Laurent Muschel, Director of Internal Security, European Commission – Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs
- Facilitation***
Ms Anna Zizola, Policy Officer, European Commission, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, and European Union Internet Forum, Lead on Proscribed Far-right Extremist Groups
- Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (60 mins) ***
- Introduction***
Mr Nick Rasmussen, Executive Director of the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism
- Facilitation***
Dr Erin Saltman, Director of Programming, Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism and Fellow at the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, and Dr Nayanka Paquete Perdigao, Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism

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FRIDAY 27 AUGUST *

- 09:30–09:45 Welcome address and introduction to the day ***
Mr Bjørn Ihler, Khalifa Ihler Institute
- 09:45–11:00 Workshop 1 ***
Her Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom: Richard Thompson, OBE, Deputy Director for Online Policy at the United Kingdom Home Office.
- Chair: Prof. Anne Lise Fimreite, Professor in Political Science, Department of Administration and Organization Theory, University of Bergen
- 11:00–11:10 Regulating terrorist content online: The UK's Online Safety Bill and beyond**
Dr Murtaza Shaikh, Policy Lead – Online Hate, Terrorism and Incitement, Online Safety Policy Team, Ofcom (the UK communications regulator)
- 11:10–11:45 Digital Coffee Break ***
- 11:45–13:00 Workshop 2 ***
United States of America, State Department: Dr Sharri Clark, Senior Advisor for Cyber and Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) in the Bureau of Counterterrorism and CVE (CT) at the U.S. Department of State
- Chair: Prof. Elisabeth Ivarsflaten, University of Bergen
- 13:00–14:20 Lunch Break ***
- 14:20–14:30 Tackling the terrorist use of smaller platforms and terrorist-operated websites**
Mr Adam Hadley, Executive Director, Tech Against Terrorism
- 14:30–16:00 Closing roundtable, reflections and observations ***
Institute for Strategic Dialogue
Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right
Moonshot
Tech Against Terrorism
- 16:00–17:00 Digital Coffee Break ***
- The following sections from 17:00 are open to the press:*
- 17:00–17:30 Closing reflections on “22 July at 10”**
Professor Elisabeth Ivarsflaten, University of Bergen
Professor Matthew Feldman, Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right, UK
- 17:30–18:00 Press conference with presentation of future working programme**

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- Ms Cecilie Løveid, Poet.
- Ms Marte Mjøs Persen, Mayor, The City of Bergen
- Mr Constantin Nicolaysen Karamé, Senior Adviser, Counterterrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism, Department of Security Affairs and the High North, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Mr Paul Ash, Prime Minister’s Special Representative on Cyber and Digital, Christchurch Call & Cyber Coordinator, New Zealand
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