

TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE PEACE

Tackling different forms of violent extremism
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INTRODUCTION

For over 70 years, the Caux Conferences, now renamed the Caux Forum, have dealt with the challenges facing the global community. Peacebuilding has always been high on the agenda and in 2017, for the first time, the focus is on extremism. In an age of increasingly complex social realities, where the expansion of globalization clashes with the unmet needs of people around the world who feel that society has given up on them, numerous challenges arise. One of these is the rise of violent extremism and its constant mutation. Violent extremism has been seen as a 'new' form of terrorism and mainly tackled by military-centred approaches, which, in the pursuit of security, prioritize responding to the effects of violent extremism over addressing its root causes¹.

Against this backdrop, *Towards an Inclusive Peace* builds on the recent UN-led Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism (PVE)², which calls for a new global partnership to confront this menace, and advocates the use of peacebuilding tools. The rationale for this approach is that violent extremism is another expression of deeply rooted, intractable and invisible conflicts which have been unresolved for years.

Isolation, fear and misunderstanding create a fertile ground where extremist views and discourses can take root, often leading to different levels of violence. Experience has shown that, by reaching out, these dangerous extremist narratives can be challenged and eventually shifted towards peaceful coexistence. *Towards an Inclusive Peace* will enable influential NGO leaders, governance representatives, business people, academics, victims and ex-perpetrators to explore the issues involved in bringing together top-down and bottom-up approaches and to discuss practical tools and strategies that will help counter extremist narratives. Participants will be encouraged to think of community-based indicators that can measure progress and help them make better decisions about how to deal with the problem in the future.

WHAT IS TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE PEACE AND WHO IS IT FOR?

Towards an Inclusive Peace is for people from around the world who are interested in the topic of violent extremism from a peacebuilding and conflict transformation perspective. This event brings together peacebuilders, grassroots organizations and local leaders with academics and representatives of international organizations and NGOs. Every participant brings valuable knowledge and insights to the table. Our focus is less on speakers than on participatory workshops, which we call community groups. There is space for training in specific skills for responding to personal, national and international challenges.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Building peace should be an endeavour that addresses global challenges while keeping local relevance. Hence, the six community groups will discuss violent extremism from different perspectives:

- Ethnicity and race (hatred against the other based on skin color or origin)
- Gender (sexism, homophobia)

¹ The first go-to response to violent extremism has been the use of force, focused mainly on such security and deterrence measures as ground offensives, air strikes, targeted killings and sanctions. This heavy-handed approach finds its roots in the international strategy developed to address violent extremism since the 9/11 attacks, also known as the Countering Violent Extremism Agenda (CVE). UN Resolution A/RES/60/288.

² UN Resolution A/RES/70/254.

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- Politics (right and left wing extremist parties)
- Religion (hatred against the other based on religion)
- Economics (inequality, classism)
- Environment (natural resources and climate change)

Experienced facilitators from diverse backgrounds will lead each community group.



Alongside the work in community groups, *Towards an Inclusive Peace* offers workshops on two peacebuilding tools: narrative analysis and community-based indicators. Two input speakers will introduce these tools: Mathilde Chevée from Kairos will present narrative analysis, and Andreas Hirblinger from the Inclusive Peace and Transition Initiative will talk about community-based indicators. We will also count on the remote participation of Amal El Deek from Search for Common Ground, who will discuss the use of indicators and the term, Transforming Violent Extremism (TVE).

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

The storyline of violent extremism is a complex one. Multiple layers intertwine at its roots, yet the discourse that is used to address this 'new' type of conflict tends to oversimplify and only look at its consequences. To understand the objective and subjective root causes of extremisms of all kinds, we need to pay more attention to how the narratives of conflict and peace related to this issue are being framed. This workshop in narrative analysis will strengthen participants' capacity for dialogue and peaceful coexistence by exploring active listening and assertive communication techniques.

COMMUNITY-BASED INDICATORS

Communities that face the challenge of extremism are the best situated to recognize changes in their context. They can best identify the social conditions that lead to tensions and may later turn into conflict. How can communities and local actors be better prepared to spot when tensions are turning into extremisms? This is the question we will address through the second tool: community-based indicators. These locally developed indicators can serve as early-warning mechanisms before violent extremism arises and may also identify changes in expressions of violent extremist which are already present in communities. They can also help local peacebuilders and changemakers to track the development of an initiative to address violent extremism, so that they can show concrete results to the community and even to potential donors. Community-based indicators are a powerful tool for empowering communities and systematizing existing knowledge. Once communities know what they want to measure, they can design indicators which are accurate and meaningful to them.

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SPEAKERS BIOS

I. KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

ELHADJ AS SY (Senegal)

Elhadj As Sy has been Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) since August 2014 and is based at the IFRC secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland. He has extensive experience in leadership roles in the humanitarian sector for over 25 years. Before joining the IFRC – the world's largest humanitarian network – Mr Sy was UNICEF's Director of Partnerships and Resource Development in New York. From 2005 to 2008, he was Director, HIV/AIDS Practice with the United Nations Development Programme in New York. Before that, he worked with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria as its Africa Regional Director and later as Director of Operational Partnerships and Country Support in Geneva. He speaks English, French and German.

PEKKA METSO (Finland)

Pekka Metso is Ambassador-at-Large for Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue Processes in the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs (MFA) in Helsinki, focusing on both multilateral and bilateral fora. Much of his work concentrates on how religious actors and dialogue can contribute to peace mediation and peacebuilding. Ambassador Metso is also a member of the national board which deals with questions relating to violent extremism and has worked on a national action plan on this theme. He conducts dialogues related to preventing violent extremism. He has worked for the past 30 years in the Finnish MFA; his most recent foreign posting was as Finnish Ambassador to Slovenia and to Bosnia and Herzegovina. He has also served in the Finnish Missions to the UN in Geneva and New York, with human rights at the heart of that work.

JONATHAN RUSSELL (UK)

Jonathan Russell is Executive Director for Quilliam Global, overseeing all operations outside the UK and North America, including its research programmes and consultancy. He coordinates FATE (Families Against Terrorism and Extremism), which aims to empower civil society and families across the world to counter violent extremism; and Extremely Together, the joint Kofi Annan Foundation-One Young World programme which encourages young leaders to counter extremism. In his five years at Quilliam, he has run campaigns for a cross-party commitment to progressive, effective and human-rights-friendly counter-terrorism and counter-extremism approaches. He often features in the media, including *The Independent*, CNN and Al Arabiya. At *Towards an Inclusive Peace*, he is looking forward to meeting others from different backgrounds who are committed to challenging extremism and promoting peace, and to making meaningful partnerships for action on this important agenda.

FATIMA ZAMAN (UK)

Fatima Zaman is currently a Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Advocate at the Extremely Together programme of the Kofi Annan Foundation. She has led on policy work on countering violent extremism and terrorism and on faith-related matters. Her work involves advising key

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stakeholders on countering extremism both within and beyond the education sector. She has previously worked with local communities and women's groups in Europe and across Africa, delivering prevention programmes. She has extensive knowledge and experience of working in the CVE field at the local, regional and national level. In 2017 she helped write and design the first ever youth-led countering violent extremism toolkit and guide, and she pioneered the first ever CVE Roadshow across the UK. She has a keen interest in counter-narratives that seek to dispel, discredit and destroy the narratives employed by extremists. She strongly advocates engagement and dialogue around matters of faith and integration.

II. INPUT SPEAKERS

MATHILDE CHEVÉE (France)

Mathilde Chevée started her career in global advertising and then became global marketing director in leading information and communication technologies companies. In this context, she worked in Paris, Milan, San Francisco, Nice and Geneva. She completed a BA in Psychology in 2013 and shifted career, dedicating herself to working with youth to develop strategies to prevent risk-taking behaviour. In December 2013, she combined her expertise in marketing, technology, and psychology to found the Kairos Association in Switzerland to promote solidarity among peers leveraging new technologies. From 2013-2016 she was co-president of the Swiss Association of Professionals against Violence. She is currently city deputy in charge of youth in Saint Julien en Genevois, France.

AMAL EL DEEK (Lebanon)

Amal El Deek is a Lebanese national who comes from the war torn Middle East region. There is always this ongoing conflict, this black and white narrative, where the other is someone people mistrust, exclude and shun because he/she comes from a different religious background, culture, nationality or has different ideas. This motivated her to join Search for Common Ground (SFCG) and their peacebuilding mission as the MENA Regional Specialist in Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning. Conflict offers opportunities for learning and growth. With SFCG, Amal El Deek seeks to move the way the world deals with conflict away from adversarial approaches toward cooperative solutions. She has worked in international development for the past 10 years with several organizations including UNDP, UNICEF and USAID. She is also passionate about the environment and environmental issues.

ANDREAS HIRBLINGER (Germany)

Andreas Hirblinger holds a PhD in Politics and International Studies from the University of Cambridge. He has a strong interest in the role that local actors and institutions play in peace and transition processes. His doctoral research examined how the way political leaders and experts make sense of local issues affects the dynamics of peace and conflict. Through consultancy work for various governmental and non-governmental organizations, he has helped to improve the effectiveness of conflict early-warning systems in Africa, linking local efforts to national and international systems. Through work with community-based organizations and as a trainer in global education programmes, he has learned to cherish the value of inter-personal learning and of working on the self as a source of change. He looks forward to the Caux Forum as an opportunity to translate research into everyday practice.

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III. FACILITATORS

MAM-YASSIN SARR (The Gambia), *Community Group Facilitator on Ethnicity and Race*

Mam-Yassin Sarr is the co-founder and director of Starfish International, a nonprofit organization that seeks to advance humanity through girls' education and service-learning in The Gambia, West Africa. She has taught Multiculturalism, Gender, Race, Class and Sexual Orientation at Murray State University. She has taught refugees English and helped in their resettlement in central New York. She graduated in French and Sociology from Berea College, earned an MA in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) at Murray State University and a Certificate in Advanced Studies in Teaching and Curriculum at Syracuse University. She was born in a Muslim family, went to a Baptist kindergarten, a Methodist elementary school, a Catholic high school and chose the Baha'i Faith as her spiritual path. This journey has all along been preparing her to contribute to the only way forward for humanity – peace.

PUNAM YADAV (Nepal), *Community Group Facilitator on Gender*

Dr Punam Yadav is a Teaching Fellow in the Gender Institute and Research Fellow in the Centre for Women, Peace and Security at the London School of Economics and Political Science. She has over six years of teaching experience on such courses as Women, Peace and Security; Gender and Development; and Human Rights. She started her professional career as a development practitioner in Nepal and worked for over 10 years with various international and national NGOs in countries including Nepal, Thailand, Australia and the UK, where she facilitated dozens of training sessions and workshops. Dr Yadav is interested in looking at women's lived experience in post-conflict contexts and has been part of lofC's Creators of Peace programme since 2013. She brings her practical experience into her teaching and facilitation, and will draw on her field experience and on insights from her recent research in facilitating this community group.

ANDREAS HIRBLINGER (Germany), *Community Group Facilitator on Politics*

See description as an input speaker.

CAMILO VILLA (Colombia), *Community Group Facilitator on Religion*

My trajectory combines experience and inspiration from diverse sources. Many years as a lecturer provided wisdom about learning and research processes. Working with Colombian public agencies, I learned about the value of public policies and institutional development. As an entrepreneur, I strengthened my ability to develop strategic actions. Working with multilateral organizations broadened my view on many processes. Inspiration for change would be the label that better describes who I am. I love to express this through creating learning experiences: events, workshops, ceremonies, etc. In my toolbox I combine knowledge, methods and tools from the social sciences, entrepreneurship, internet tools and native American wisdom. I am Colombian and Belgian, but overall an explorer. I write technical documents and manuals for specific projects and in my own time I publish short texts about my life journey (<http://camilovilla.wordpress.com>).

VÉRONIQUE SIKORA (Switzerland), *Community Group Facilitator on Economy*

An associate professor at the School of Engineering and Management in Yverdon-les-Bains, Véronique Sikora brings to the TIP forum her passion for knowledge sharing, and several years of multicultural experience in communications and training. After working in government and business in Canada and Switzerland, she became keenly interested in how people share knowledge. This led

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her into higher education where for the last 13 years she has been designing and delivering courses on business communications. Bilingual in English and French, she has wide-ranging experience in teaching both languages, as an English instructor and as a coordinator of French courses for migrants to Switzerland in precarious situations. She brings a fun, interactive approach to her workshops to maximize participation and learning.

D'ARCY LUNN (Australia), Community Group Facilitator on Ecology

As an active, and mostly effective global citizen, d'Arcy Lunn is drawn towards anything that builds community through active citizenship and community participation. He believes in looking directly at the elephant in the room – inclusion and exclusion – and seeing what we can do about it. This is so obviously an issue in the world today as borders on the map become physical barriers and some people want to divide instead of unite. We need to be proactive and listen, connect and work together to reduce exclusion and increase inclusion. He is particularly drawn to this forum having spent the past 16 years travelling in more than 85 countries. He is currently in the middle of a Master's in Peace Studies at the International Christian University in Tokyo.

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DAILY PROGRAMME

Subject to change

Sunday, 23 July

10:00-16:00	Registration	Entrance hall
16:00-16:30	Arrival, tea	Terrace
16:45-17:30	Welcome from Secretary General of the CAUX-lofC Foundation, Barbara Hintermann , and Executive Officer of Creators of Peace, Kate Monkhouse Explanation of the programme and methodology by forum organizers	Main Hall
17:30-18:30	Keynote speaker: Fatima Zaman , Countering Violent Extremist specialist at Extremely Together of the Kofi Annan Foundation Discussion moderated by Prof Carl Stauffer, Eastern Mennonite University (EMU)	Main Hall
18:30-19:15	Dinner	Dining Room
20:00-20:30	Community groups #1: First get-together with introductions and explanation of service	300A, 300C, 300D, 300E, Salle du Pasquier, 400
20:30-21:30	Conversations about extremism* Choose between: Recorded interview with Prof Lisa Schirch (EMU), moderated by Prof Barry Hart (EMU), about violent extremism as a concept Discussion with Fareeda Abbas , a Yazidi genocide survivor, about her story and the future of the Yazidis	TBC

Monday, 24 July

07:30-08:00	Time for reflection*	Bay Window
08:00-08:45	Breakfast	Dining Hall
09:00-09:10	Introduction to the day by forum organizers	Main Hall
09:10-10:00	Group exercise facilitated by Arigatou International: 'Learning to live together' to experience exclusion	Main Hall
10:00-11:00	Keynote speaker: Elhadj As Sy , Secretary General of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent	Main Hall
11:00-11:45	Input speaker: Mathilde Chevé from Kairos on narrative analysis	Main Hall
11:45-12:30	Community groups #2: story-sharing in the light of narrative analysis	300A, 300C, 300D, 300E, Salle du Pasquier, 400
12:30-13:15	Lunch	Dining Hall

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14:00-16:00	Community groups #3: story-sharing in the light of narrative analysis	300A, 300C, 300D, 300E, Salle de Pasquier, 400
16:00-16:30	Tea	Terrace
16:30-17:30	Keynote speaker: Jonathan Russell , Executive Director of Quilliam	Main Hall
17:30-18:30	Plenary to share examples of changing the narrative based on experiences in community groups	Main Hall
18:30-19:15	Dinner	Dining Hall
20:00-20:45	Peace Fair*	TBC
20:45-21:45	Present your idea in 10 minutes: Xchange* Sharing ideas about how to tackle violent extremism in 10 minutes*	Theatre
21:45-22:30	Evening viewing*	Cinema

Tuesday, 25 July

07:30-08:00	Mindfulness session led by Pranay Raj Shakya*	Bay Window
08:00-08:45	Breakfast	Dining Hall
09:00-09:10	Introduction to the day by forum organizers	Main Hall
09:10-10:00	Input speaker: Andreas Hirblinger (Inclusive Peace & Transition Initiative) on community-based indicators and early warning	Main Hall
10:00-11:00	Input speaker: Amal El Deek (Search for Common Ground) on community-based indicators and violent extremism Mrs El Deek will join us via Skype	Main Hall
11:00-12:30	Community groups #4: general discussion on community-based indicators	300A, 300C, 300D, 300E, Salle de Pasquier, 400
12:30-13:15	Lunch	Dining Hall
14:00-16:00	Community groups #5: building context-sensitive community-based indicators	300A, 300C, 300D, 300E, Salle de Pasquier, 400
16:00-16:30	Tea	Terrace
16:30-17:30	Community groups #6: building context-sensitive community-based indicators	300A, 300C, 300D, 300E, Salle de Pasquier, 400
17:30-18:30	Plenary to share examples of community-based indicators	Main Hall
18:30-19:15	Dinner	Dining Hall
20:00-21:30	Drama triangle: Theatre of the oppressed*	Main hall
21:45-22:30	Evening viewing*	Cinema

Wednesday, 26 July

07:30-08:00	Time for reflection*	Bay Window
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08:00-08:45	Breakfast	Dining Hall
09:00-09:10	Introduction to the day by forum organizers	Main Hall
09:10-10:00	Keynote speaker: Ambassador Pekka Metso , Ambassador-at-Large for Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue Processes in Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs	Main Hall
10:00-11:30	Morning plenary: What have we learned?	Main Hall
11:30-12:30	Closing session: Going down the mountain	Main Hall
12:30-13:15	Lunch	Dining Hall
14:00-16:00	DEPARTURE	

*Participation in these sessions is voluntary

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