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*Newsletter highlights:*

- **Complex engineering by violent non-state actors**
  - **New database tracking nuclear facility attacks**
    - **Risk of radicalization among immigrants**
      - **How public health can improve CVE**
- **New online training: Terror-crime nexus and CBRN**

## **FEATURED RESEARCH**

### **'Designing Danger: Complex Engineering by Violent Non-State Actors'**

In a special issue of the Journal of Strategic Security, START experts explore the threat of violent non-state actors (VNSAs) exploiting emerging technologies and executing complex engineering operations to facilitate their violent and criminal activities. The issue presents the results of a series of case studies of VNSAs and attempts to increase their capabilities through engaging in sophisticated engineering efforts. [Read more.](#)

### **New START database tracks nuclear facility security breaches**

START has launched the Nuclear Facilities Attack Database (NuFAD), a global database recording 80 assaults, sabotages and unarmed breaches of nuclear facilities that have occurred since 1960. [Read more.](#)

### **Marginalization, discrimination create greater risk of radicalization for immigrants**

Immigrants who feel marginalized and experience discrimination are at a greater risk of radicalization according to a new report authored by START researchers and **NPPD 009049**

published in Behavioral Science and Policy. [Read more.](#)

### **New study examines FARC 's development of narco-submarines**

Over the last 40 years, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) has proven to be one of the most violent and formidable non-state actors in the world. Showing sophistication and adaptability, the group has upgraded its former methods of drug transportation in favor of a more covert alternative, according to new START research. [Read more.](#)

### **Background Report: Terrorism in Belgium and Western Europe; Attacks against Transportation Targets; Coordinated Terrorist Attacks**

In the aftermath of the March 22, 2016 attacks in Brussels, Belgium, START compiled the following statistics from the Global Terrorism Database. The report outlines terrorism in Belgium and Western Europe, attacks against transportation targets and coordinated terrorist attacks. [Read more.](#)

## **DISCUSSION POINT**

### **How public health can improve initiatives to counter violent extremism**

In this editorial piece, Dr. Stevan Weine and Dr. David Eisenman argue that adopting an approach from public health – preventing injuries, protecting against environmental hazards, and promoting healthy behaviors and environments – may be the best way to realize the intent of efforts to counter violent extremism. [Read more.](#)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Disaster Warning in Your Pocket: How Audiences Interpret Mobile Alerts for an Unfamiliar Hazard**

*Wiley Online Library*

Bean, Hamilton, and Brooke F. Liu, Stephanie Madden, Jeannette Sutton, Michele M. Wood, Dennis S. Mileti

### **Terrorism Outside the Proverbial Vacuum: Implications for the Moral Context**

*Deviant Behavior*

Carson, Jennifer Varriale, and Brad Bartholomew

### **Walking away: the disengagement and de-radicalization of a violent right-wing extremist**

*Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Science*

Horgan, John, and Mary Beth Altier, Neil Shortland, Max Taylor

### **Preparing for the worst: public perceptions of risk management innovations**

*Journal of Risk Research*

Liu, Brooke Fisher, and Holly Roberts, Elizabeth L. Petrun Sayers, Gary Ackerman, Daniel Smith, Irina Iles

### **Killing the Messenger: Regime Type as a Determinant of Journalist Killing, 1992-2008**

*Foreign Policy Analysis*

Asal, Victor, and Matthew Krain, Amanda Murdie, Brandon Kennedy

## **START NEWS**

### **START launches online course on terror-crime nexus and CBRN**

This month, START launched its newest online course, The Terror-Crime Nexus & Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Threats. The course is designed to give participants an understanding of the ongoing debate -- and the implications of the different viewpoints -- about the terror-crime nexus, especially about the extent to which it may extend to CBRN threats. The course offers an introduction to the conflicting positions about the nature and scale of the collaboration between these different types of actors. [Read more.](#)

A new START study published in the Journal of Strategic Security examines the complexity of Hamas' vast tunneling network – more than 30 tunnels from Gaza into Israeli territory -- through the lens of understanding what motivated and enabled the group to construct the network. The article, authored by a pair of recent START interns, is part of a series of related case studies exploring violent non-state actors' use of complex engineering. [Read more.](#)

#### **START study leads to support for SLTT officials**

State, local, territorial and tribal (SLTT) officials will have a new tool at their disposal as they prepare Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) reports, thanks in part to a recent study by the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START). [Read more.](#)

#### **Bridging academia and policy to build better CVE programs**

A self-described policy wonk whose career has straddled the worlds of academia and government, Dr. Peter Weinberger says he feels right at home at START – a place he says is “on the cutting edge between policy and academic research.” [Read more.](#)

#### **Students explore disaster recovery on spring break trip to Japan**

START led 14 University of Maryland undergraduate and graduate students on the trip to Japan, as part of an innovative program that combines online coursework with U.S. and Japan-based activities. The trip focused disaster risk reduction management and disaster recovery. [Read more.](#)

#### **Robbed at gunpoint: Intern's experience spurs his study of terrorism**

Most students have fond memories of studying abroad but Stevenson University Graduate Student Nick Budnichuk's “fond” memory has a bit more flair. He was hijacked at gunpoint during his study abroad in South Africa. [Read more.](#)

#### **Scavenger hunt activity helps START team assess capability of mobile radiation detectors**

In order to test the use of small, portable radiation detectors, UMD students and faculty recently participated in a START-designed scavenger hunt game to map natural background radiation. [Read more.](#)

#### **Understanding radiological and nuclear threats**

In light of the recent Nuclear Security Summit, START's Unconventional Weapons and Technology division compiled a list of resources seeking to provide actionable knowledge about chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear (CBRN) and other emerging technology threats emanating from non-state actors. [Read more.](#)

### **START OPPORTUNITIES**

**The Terror-Crime Nexus & Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Threats** online course. [Learn more](#) or [Register now.](#)

**Study abroad** with START this summer in Singapore or Australia and New Zealand. Open to all undergraduate and graduate students. [Apply now.](#)

Free online short series of video lectures on “**Core Capabilities and Potential Durability of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)**.” [View now.](#)

START's **Graduate Certificate in Terrorism Analysis**. Open to academicians and practitioners, and can be completed in as few as nine months. [Apply by July 1.](#)

### **OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

Countering Violent Extremism Symposium “Disrupt. Reimagine. Redefine.” [April 6-7 in Washington, D.C.](#)

Call for Papers: Journal of Criminological Research, Policy and Practice on terrorism.

political violence and asymmetric conflict [Submit by July 20, 2016](#).

Call for Papers: Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice [Submit by Sept. 1, 2016](#).

Call for Papers: Journal of International Relations Research (JIRR) [Submit by Oct. 1, 2016](#).

DHS S&T 'National Conversation on Homeland Security and Technology' Dialogue Series [Participate Now](#).

## EVENTS

Book Talk: Jon Wilkenfeld, "International Negotiation in a Complex World" [12:30 p.m. April 11 at START HQ](#).

Lecture: Gary Ackerman, "An Introduction to Risk Assessment" [2 p.m. April 13 at START HQ](#).

Virtual Information Session: Graduate Certificate in Terrorism Analysis [6 p.m. April 19 online](#).

## STUDENT BLOG

[Risk Communication, Crisis Situations and Saving Lives through the Intriguing means of Research](#), by Taylor Gibbons

## START IN THE NEWS

### **New York Times: Who will become a terrorist? Research yields few clues**

Clark McCauley, John Horgan and Alejandro Beutel were all featured in a New York Times piece about research on radicalization and countering violent extremism efforts. [Read more](#).

### **War on the Rocks: Apple, the FBI, extremists and strategic soft targeting**

William Braniff writes this piece about why the debate between Apple and the FBI is only going to get more important going forward. [Read more](#).

### **Brussels attacks coverage**

START researchers and research projects were mentioned in a number of publications following the March 22 attacks in Brussels. Highlights include:

- CNN: [Why Belgium? Five reasons terrorists struck heart of Europe](#) (William Braniff)
- Huffington Post: [Responding to the Brussels Bombings and Terrorism](#) (Arie Kruglanski)
- Boston Herald: [Study contends vigilance wanes following terrorist attacks](#) (Gary LaFree)
- Homeland Security News Wire: [Terrorists have been targeting transportation hubs for decades](#)
- Public Radio International: [How terrorists exploit family ties to recruit and retain members](#) (John Horgan)
- The Atlanta Journal-Constitution: [Atlantans changing attitudes toward Europe after Brussels attacks](#) (Anthony Lemieux)
- Mashable: [Blood brothers: Why family members are more likely to engage in terrorism together](#) (Clark McCauley)
- Sinclair Broadcast Group: [Terror expert talks possibility of future attacks in Europe](#) (William Braniff, Amy Pate)
- Fox 5 DC: [Analysis: Brussels terror attack investigation](#) (William Braniff)

### **Sinclair Broadcast Group: Summit focuses on keeping nuclear materials out of the wrong hands**

This article about the Nuclear Security Summit quotes Gary Ackerman and mentions

START's Nuclear Facilities Database. [Read more.](#)

**Chronicle of Higher Education: Does engineering education breed terrorists**

Martha Crenshaw is quoted in this article about the psychology of terrorism. [Read more.](#)

**Christian Science Monitor: To combat rise in US hate groups, former skinhead says compassion is key**

Pete Simi was quoted in Christian Science Monitor about the rise in U.S. hate groups in recent years. [Read more.](#)

**Sydney Morning Herald: What Islamic State's recruitment tells us about the West – and ourselves**

Arie Kruglanski was quoted in this Sydney Morning Herald article about Islamic State recruitment and the psychology of radicalization. [Read more.](#)

**War on the Rocks: Not secure enough: The threat of terrorists acquiring nuclear material is still serious**

Gary Ackerman and James Halverson authored this op-ed warning of the vulnerabilities that remain for nuclear power plants and other facilities. [Read more.](#)

*This is a selection of news clips from the past month.  
A complete list of START's media coverage can be found [here.](#)*

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## FEATURED STORIES

### **The Next Big Surveillance Debate Has Arrived**

Edward Snowden exposed the NSA's spying program. But now Congress is considering reauthorizing a law that has expanded government surveillance even further. Liza Goitein testified Tuesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee, urging Senators to closely scrutinize and reform the measure.

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### **Fixing Outdated Voting Technology**

Citing Brennan Center research, U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson introduced a bill to replace aging voting machines across the nation.

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## **Clearing the Landmines of the Roberts Court**

The current Supreme Court is notorious for planting language they harvest later to loosen campaign finance laws. A new Justice could change that, argues Ciara Torres-Spelliscy.

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## **Behind the Merrick Garland Blockade**

Although a majority of Americans disagree, blocking a vote on a Supreme Court nominee is one of the few issues that unite fractious Republicans, writes Victoria Bassetti.

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## **A New Way Out of the Voting Wars**

Four states have now passed automatic voter registration — a bright spot in a year that's seen many localities making it harder to vote.

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# FROM OUR FELLOWS

## Roy Moore: Better Politician Than Judge

Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore should stop using his position on the bench to advance political and cultural ideologies, writes Andrew Cohen.

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## Resurrecting Political Equality

Today's constitutional framework on money in politics dates back to a Supreme Court decision from the 1970s. It's time to resurrect a conversation that's been stagnant for 40 years, explains Johanna Kalb.

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[Learn more about our fellows »](#)

## FEATURED EVENT

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### Eric Holder and Alex Padilla on Voting Reform

As the high-stakes 2016 election season continues, a new voting reform is taking off across the country — automatic voter registration, which could add millions of new voters to the rolls. On Wednesday, May 18, at NYU School of Law, the Brennan Center will host a discussion with NPPD 009057

## FEATURED TWEETS [@BrennanCenter](#)

@BrennanCenter • May 10

We talked to [@MTVnews](#), who broke down what gerrymandering is and why it matters. Read more here: <https://t.co/KMmHCPZaBU>

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@BrennanCenter • May 8

We're in the midst of the biggest rollback of [#VotingRights](#) since Jim Crow: <https://t.co/4YVynHA0sm>

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@BrennanCenter • May 7

We asked [@WhiteHouse](#) [#counterterrorism](#) sr director for guidance on how [#CVE](#) impacts Americans' constitutional rights

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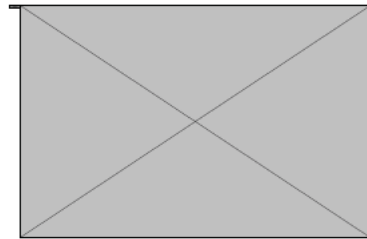
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## WORDE Events

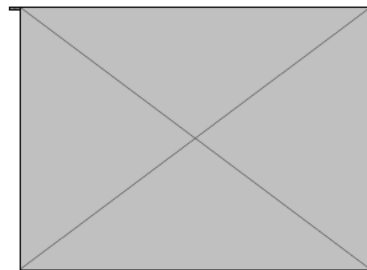
### Introductory Training to WORDE's BRAVE Program



On April 8, 2016 WORDE organized an introductory training on its Building Resilience Against Violent Extremism (BRAVE) program in Prince George's County. Dozens of community organizers, faith leaders, emergency responders, community service providers, emergency management officials, gang prevention experts, and law enforcement attended the training.

[Click here](#) for details.

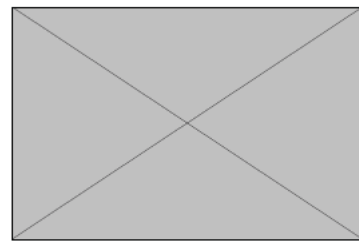
### CVE Symposium



On April 6, 2016 WORDE President, Dr. Hedieh Mirahmadi presented at the two-day summit, CVE Symposium, on the panel, "Engaging Diverse Populations and Refugee Communities to Counter Violent Extremism." In her remarks, Dr. Mirahmadi focused on the importance of engaging multicultural communities for preventing violent extremism - drawing from lessons learned and findings from a National Institute of Justice-funded evaluation of WORDE's pilot initiatives in Montgomery County, Maryland.

[Click here](#) for details.

### Countering Violent Extremism in Nigeria



On April 5, 2016 the Washington, D.C. chapter of the Nigerians in Diaspora Organization (NIDO) held an event at WORDE's International Cultural Center to discuss the threat of radicalization in Nigeria. Guest speakers Dr. M. Ensign (President of the American University in Nigeria), Tarek Elgawhary (WORDE Director of Religious Studies Programs), and Mehreen Farooq (WORDE Senior Fellow) explored avenues for the diaspora to support to CVE initiatives in their country of origin.

[Click here](#) for details.

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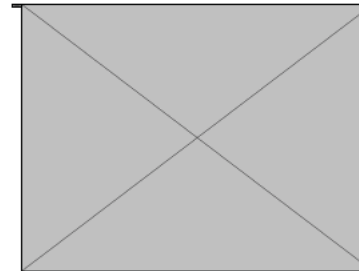
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## Faith Community Working Group (FCWG) Events

### Families, Faith and Your School

Sunday May 15, 2016



Parents and families are invited to a special afternoon of learning facilitated by Montgomery County's Faith Community Working Group (FCWG) and MCPS' Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships (OCEP). Parents will receive helpful information about navigating the school system and tips on how to deal with and report bullying.

Stay tuned for details!

**When:**

Sunday, May 15 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm

**Where:**

Islamic Society of Germantown (ISG)  
19825 Blunt Rd, Germantown, MD 20876

**RSVP:**

[Click here](#) to RSVP

Email [fatima@theicc.net](mailto:fatima@theicc.net) for more information



## Club House Events

### Jumaah with Imam Irfan Aziz

Friday, April 15, 2016

WORDE cordially invites you to join the Jumaah (Friday Prayers) at WORDE's Musallah "Club House" on Fridays.

**Imam Irfan Aziz will be leading Jumaah this Friday.**

Everyone is welcome to attend. Kindly extend this invitation to your friends and family. We look forward to seeing you there.

**When:**

Friday, April 15 at 1:30pm. A light lunch will be served.

**Where :**

19650 Club House Road, Suite 201B  
Montgomery Village, MD 20886

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## Crossroads Announcements

### Donations

ICC Crossroads is collecting the following items for our clients. Wish list includes:

- Metro Cards (bus/subway)
- Funds for Laptops
- Gift Cards
- Target Gift Cards

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Contact [Samia Hague](#)

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## ICC and Partner Events

### JIDS Dialogue

Sunday, May 15, 2016

[The Jewish-Islamic Dialogue Society of Washington](#) (JIDS) and [the World Organization for Research Development and Education](#) (WORDE) invite you to an interfaith discussion.

**Topic:**

Enough With Preaching to the Choir: How to Get Out the Message of the Interfaith Movement to a Wider Audience.

**Panelists:**

- **Imam Mohamed Magid** , All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS)
- **Dani Laurence** , Co-Founder of "I Am Your Protector"
- **Mehreen Farooq** , Senior Fellow at WORDE

**When:**

Sunday, May 15 from 2:30 - 5:00 pm

**Where:**

The International Cultural Center  
19650 Club House Road, Suite #205, Montgomery Village, MD 20886

**RSVP:**

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## WORDE Events

### **The evaluation is in! WORDE has the first evidence-based community-led CVE program in the country**

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) recently convened a panel of practitioners and researchers to share how law enforcement agencies are building community relationships to prevent radicalization and violent extremism with evidence-based programs. In this video, Dr. John Horgan, discusses some of the findings from the formative evaluation of WORDE's CVE programs. The two-year study, conducted by the University of Massachusetts-Lowell and the University of Nevada, Reno, assessed community-based participation in CVE programs, community awareness of risk factors of radicalization to violent extremism, and the community's natural inclinations in response to these factors. The evaluation found that WORDE's volunteer-service and multicultural programming had intended positive effects on 12 of 14 CVE-relevant outcomes - thus making the program the first evidence-based community-led CVE program in the country!

[The report](#) is available online and will be formally launched later this year, along with the instructor's manual that WORDE developed, "Developing a Community-Led Approach to Countering Violent Extremism."

[Click here](#) to watch the video of the panel discussion and learn more.

### **Dr. Tarek Elgawhary Provides Congressional Testimony on the Ideology of ISIS**

On Tuesday June 21, 2016 Dr. Tarek Elgawhary, WORDE Director of Religious Studies, testified at the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee hearing on "The Ideology of ISIS."

[Click here](#) to read more.

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### 3rd Summit with Muslim Leaders and County Executive

On July 7, 2016 over 50 people gathered at the Islamic Society of Germantown for the 3rd Summit of Muslim Leaders. County Executive Ike Leggett presented the Montgomery County Muslims Policy Statement and signed the Proclamation.

[Click here](#) to view a copy of the statement.

[Click here](#) to view a copy of the signed Proclamation.

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### Crossroads Events and Announcements

#### Training at the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program National Conference

ICC Crossroads Director, Nouf Bazaz, is this month's guest blogger for Bridging Refugee Youth & Children's Services (BRYCS), which maintains the nation's largest online collection of resources related to refugee and immigrant children and families. This month's post, "Muslim Refugee Youth: Stories & Strategies Addressing Discrimination & Bullying," shares stories of the challenges faced by Muslim refugees as well as Muslim students overall. The piece also provides best practices and recommendations for service providers in meeting these challenges. Continue to follow ICC Crossroads on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for updates as we implement these recommendations in Montgomery County.

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### ICC and Partner Events

#### Annual Back to School Supply Drive 2016

Deadline: Friday, July 29, 2016

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Did you know: 35% of kids in Montgomery County can't afford school supplies? Extend your hand to help a needy child today!  
Donate school supplies or sponsor a student by donating \$25 to ICC.

**DEADLINE:**

Friday, July 29 by 3pm

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Samia Haque at 240-396-5350 or [samia@theicc.net](mailto:samia@theicc.net)

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## **FEATURED RESEARCH**

### **Patterns of Islamic State-Related Terrorism, 2002--2015**

This report presents data that illustrate the dynamics of Islamic State-related terrorism over time and place from 2002 to 2015, including trends in the number of attacks and deaths caused by ISIL-related terrorism, the geographic spread of ISIL-related terrorism, and patterns of tactics, targets, and lethality of ISIL-related terrorism. [Read more.](#)

## **DISCUSSION POINTS**

### **Another look at jujitsu politics**

Clark McCauley and Sophia Moskalenko discuss potential consequences of inflammatory rhetoric that uses terrorism as an argument for greater exclusion of Muslims, and why the Islamic State recruitment strategy is so powerful yet so hard to see. [Read more.](#)

### **Implications of research on traumatic stress for CVE**

In this editorial piece, Peter Weinberger writes about the factor of trauma and traumatic stress in the life circumstances of people who have become radicalized to violence.

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and what this could mean for CVE efforts. [Read more.](#)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**A Community-Level Comparison of Terrorism Movements in the United States**  
*Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*  
Fitzpatrick, Kevin M. and Jeff Gruenewald, Brent L. Smith, Paxton Roberts

**Strategic Communication and U.S. National Security Affairs**  
*Routledge: Strategic Communication – New Agendas in Communication*  
Bean, Hamilton

**Examining Systematic Crime Reporting Bias Across Three Immigrant Generations**  
*Journal of Quantitative Criminology*  
Bersani, Bianca E., and Alex R. Piquero

## **START NEWS**

### **Simulations sharpen international negotiation skills**

START students had a unique opportunity to hone their international negotiation skills during a pilot test of two new simulations developed by ICONS and focusing on trade negotiation and interagency responses in Darfur. [Read more.](#)

### **Scouting out risk communication field research**

START's Risk Communication and Resilience (RCR) team worked with the Girl Scouts to explore how children engaged with emergency preparedness curriculum and assess if the lessons learned by the children were further communicated to their families. [Read more.](#)

### **Communication theory, counterterrorism practice**

Nearly 20 years after Kurt Braddock first became intrigued by terrorism, he finds the topic at the core of his research. A lecturer in Communication Arts and Sciences at Pennsylvania State University, Braddock studies the effects of specific types of communication in the processes surrounding the use of terrorism. [Read more.](#)

### **START researchers participate in STEM outreach**

This summer, about 60 high school women from around the country got a glimpse of some of the on-the-job problems they could face as engineers, from building safe bridges to creating a hospital resilient to a number of disasters. [Read more.](#)

### **Disastrous trip abroad sparks interest in security studies**

Marred by violent protests, food poisoning and a bus crash, an ill-fated tour of Southeast Asia didn't dampen START Intern Mitchell Boyd's enthusiasm for travel or international politics. If anything, it spurred the Eastern Carolina University senior to dive more deeply into security studies and political science with a new outlook on events abroad. [Read more.](#)

## **START OPPORTUNITIES**

**Job Opportunity: Multimedia Production Specialist**      [Apply by Aug. 15.](#)

**Job Opportunity: CBRN Senior Researcher**      [Apply by Aug. 24](#)

**The Terror-Crime Nexus & Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Threats** online course. [Register now.](#)

Free online short series of video lectures on "Core Capabilities and Potential Durability of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) ." [View now.](#)

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Job Opportunity: WORDE Programs Manager [Apply now](#).

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## STUDENT BLOG

[What Does "Risk Communication" Mean to You?](#) by Amanda Whiting

## START IN THE NEWS

**Computerworld: How to keep Facebook, Twitter from being terrorists' hunting grounds**

START researchers Peter Weinberger and Gina Ligon are quoted in this article about how government and social media can curb terrorists' online recruiting. [Read more](#).

**NPR: How a Danish Town Helped Young Muslims Turn Away from ISIS**

START researcher Arie Kruglanski is quoted in this piece from NPR's "Shots" blog about a successful program aimed at preventing radicalization in Denmark. [Read more](#).

**The Atlantic: Iraq – The World Capital of Terrorism**

Data from START's Global Terrorism Database is mentioned in this piece about terrorism in Iraq. [Read more](#).

**ABC News: Experts Skeptical of Brazil Group's ISIS Pledge**

This article from ABC News, about a recent pledge of allegiance to ISIS by a purported group of extremists in Brazil, quotes START researcher John Horgan. [Read more](#).

**The Guardian: Figures Put Europe's Summer of Violence in Context**

Data from START's Global Terrorism Database is mentioned in this piece about terrorism in Europe. [Read more](#).

*This is a selection of news clips from the past month.  
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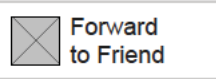
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## WORDE Events

### **WORDE President Dr. Hedieh Mirahmadi to speak at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine**

WORDE President Dr. Hedieh Mirahmadi will be speaking at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's 2-day public workshop in Washington, D.C. to explore community-level strategies to countering violent extremism (CVE). Her presentation will explore how various prevention and intervention approaches can foster community resilience towards ideologically motivated violence, provide non-violent avenues for expressing grievances, educate communities about the threat of online recruitment and radicalization to violence, and promote social integration and cohesion.

**WHEN:**

September 7 and 8 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm  
Dr. Hedieh Mirahmadi speaks on September 7 at 2:35 pm  
Panel Session iii: Contemporary Approaches to Countering Ideologically-Motivated Violence

**WHERE:**

National Academy of Sciences Building (Room TBD)  
2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20418

**RSVP:**

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## Faith Community Working Group (FCWG) Update

**Annual Friendship Picnic - Save the Date!**

NPPD 009071



Please save the date to join the Montgomery County Annual Friendship Picnic that brings together communities with diverse cultures and faiths.

Food and drinks will be provided so everyone may relax and enjoy the afternoon! Kosher, Halal, Vegetarian and Traditional Cusines!

We kindly request that you bring one non-perishable food item, which will be donated to local Montgomery County food banks.

This event is endorsed and supported by

- The Montgomery County Committee on Hate/Violence
- The Montgomery County Office of Human Rights
- The Montgomery County Human Rights Commission
- The Montgomery County Office of Community Partnerships
- The Montgomery County Executive's Faith Community Working Group.

**WHO:**

Open to public

**WHEN:**

Sunday, September 25 from 1 to 5pm

**WHERE:**

Wheaton Regional Park, 2000 Shorefield Road, Wheaton, MD 20902

**RSVP:**

[Click here](#) to register

## **FCWG Faith Leaders Meeting (Previously known as FCWG Quarterly Meeting)**

Please save the date to join Montgomery County Faith Community Working Group Faith Leaders Meeting. Kindly RSVP to reserve your spot. Please note that this invitation is nontransferable.

**WHO:**

Open to faith leaders and leaders of faith-based organizations

**WHEN:**

Wednesday, September 28 at 7pm

**WHERE:**

Muslim Community Center  
15200 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20905

**RSVP:**

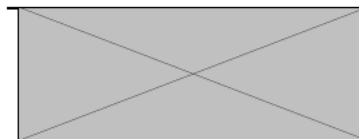
[Click here](#) to RSVP

Stay tuned for more information!

## **Town Hall Meetings on Police and Community Relations**

The Faith Community Working Group was among the conveners of two town hall meetings, focusing on public safety issues. The first town hall was held at the Silver Spring Civic Center on September 10, 2019. NPPD 009072

and attracted over 500 people. The second town hall at the Black Rock Theater drew 300-350 people with many civic leaders and public officials in attendance including members of the Montgomery County Board of Education, NAACP, MCPD, Fire and Rescue Service, the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, the Office of Human Rights, Black Ministers Conference, the Faith Community Working Group, the Montgomery County Interfaith Community Liaison and leaders from Eastern and Western faith traditions.



The audience praised Montgomery County on how well-prepared the county is to address the kind of violence that has divided communities in Baton Rouge, St. Anthony, and Dallas. Participants noted that it was informative and sobering to hear heart-wrenching stories from within our community of people who have been affected by violence. Responses were made largely by MCPD Chief Manger and followed by panelists, Linda Plummer and Rev. Kaseman.

It's clear that much work lies ahead of us in identifying a common ground and working together on the sources of violence. Within the faith community we are building on a foundation of supportive relationships with MC elected officials; working partnerships with Police, Fire and Rescue Services, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and the Department of Health and Human Services; and increasing solidarity one with another. You may expect to hear about next steps soon.

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To learn more about FCWG, [click here](#)



## Crossroads Events and Announcements

### Farsi/Dari Speaking Volunteers Needed

The ICC Crossroads program is looking for Farsi/Dari speaking volunteers who are interested in working with the refugee population.

Please contact [atefeh@theicc.net](mailto:atefeh@theicc.net) or [hanan@theicc.net](mailto:hanan@theicc.net) for further details.

### Webinar on Muslim Refugee Youth

Nouf Bazaz, ICC Crossroads Program Director, led a webinar titled "Muslim Refugee Youth: Stories & Strategies Addressing Discrimination & Bullying" on August 3rd.

[Click here](#) to view the full webinar. A blog entry on the same topic can be accessed here.

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## ICC and Partner Events

### Annual Back to School Supply Drive 2016

The International Cultural Center and the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Silver Spring donated 37 backpacks filled with back to school supplies to the Stepping Stones Shelter and the local refuge families.

Thank you for your generous donations!

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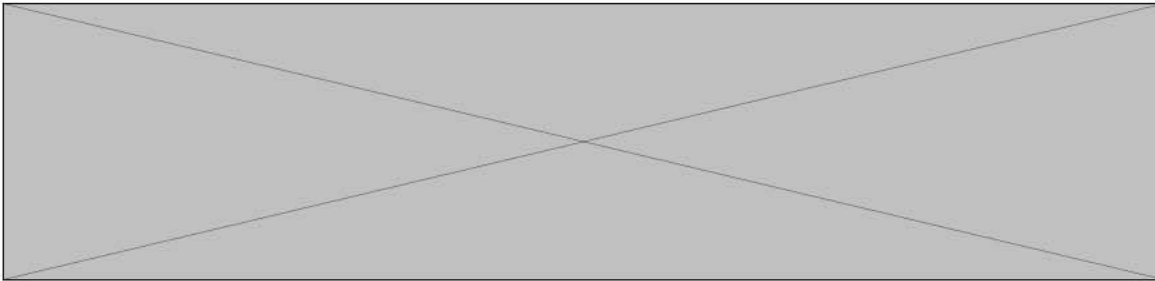
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## Disrupting ISIS recruitment online

Wednesday, September 7, 2016, 2:00 — 3:15 p.m.

The Brookings Institution, Saul/Zilkha Room, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W  
Washington, DC 20036



As ISIS loses territory and suffers military defeats, the terrorist organization continues to expand its presence online, using the internet to recruit new members and disseminate its messages. Although governments have previously done the most to counter ISIS propaganda, private sector actors are increasingly aiding in this effort based on their industry expertise. A new and promising approach seeks to disrupt online recruiting efforts through targeted advertising.

Join us on September 7 to discuss the new tools and strategies private industry has developed for curating and disseminating anti-extremist content online. Yasmin Green, head of research and development at Jigsaw, will present the results of a pilot program they developed with Moonshot CVE, Quantum Communications, and the Gen Next Foundation. Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Affairs Richard Stengel will join the panel to offer the U.S. government's perspective on the role of the private sector in countering extremist propaganda.

William McCants, senior fellow and director of the Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World at Brookings, will provide introductory remarks and moderate the discussion. Following the discussion, the panelists will take audience questions.

Join the conversation on Twitter at [#CounterISIS](#).

### Introduction and moderator

**William McCants**, Senior Fellow and Director, The Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World, The Brookings Institution | [@will\\_mccants](#)

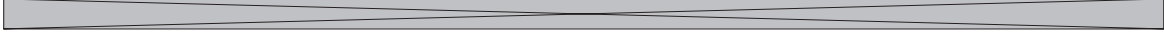
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## Speakers

**Ross Frenett** , Co-Founder and Director, Moonshot CVE | [@RossFrenett](#)

**Yasmin Green** , Head of Research and Development, Jigsaw | [@yasmind](#)

**Richard Stengel** , Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, U.S. Department of State | [@stengel](#)



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