



Online seminar

“The challenges of far right and religiously motivated violent extremism during the COVID-19 pandemic”

27 January 2021

15.00 – 19.00 Moscow Standard Time

Program

- 15.00 – 15.20 **Opening remarks by the organizers:** Alexander Verkhovsky, director of the SOVA Center for Information and Analysis; Dr. Ekaterina Sokirianskaia, director of the Conflict Analysis and Prevention Center (CAPC)
- 15.20 – 15.40 **Violent extremism during the COVID-19 pandemic. What to expect in the future?**

Dr. Jessica White, Research Fellow in the Terrorism and Conflict research group at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) (London)
- 15.40 – 15.55 **Similarities between right wing and Islamist extremism**

Friederike Wegener, Research Fellow at Global Network on Extremism and Technology (Brussels).
- 15.55 – 16.15 Audience Q&A.

16.15 – 17.45 **Round table**

The murder of Samuel Paty: reactions and prevention

Moderators: Ekaterina Sokirianskaia, Alexander Verkhovsky.

Presenters:

- Dr. Anne le Huerou, Ass. Professor at the University of Paris Nanterre, researcher at the Institute of Social Sciences of Politics (Paris)
- Vladimir Malykhin, member of board and analyst of “Memorial Human Rights Center” (Moscow).
- Mainat Kurbanova, director at “Chechen mothers in Austria”, journalist and expert on radicalization prevention (Vienna).

Discussants:

- Dr. Olga Pavlova, department head of Department of Eastern Psychology: Ethnicity, Religion and Intercultural Communication at Moscow State Psychological and Pedagogical University (MGPPU), chairman of the Association for Psychological Assistance for Muslims (Moscow),
- Dr. Irina Starodubrovskaya, head of Political Economy and Regional Development Track at the Institute for Economic Policy, named after E.T. Gaidar (Moscow),

Discussion questions

- Reactions in France, Russia, and Chechnya
- Freedom of speech vs. respect for the feelings of believers – is compromise possible?
- How to prevent lone-wolf attacks?

17.45 – 18.00 **Work with right-wing extremists in Germany**

- Fabian Wichmann, case manager at ‘Exit’ (Germany)

18.00 – 18.15 **Prevention work in the EU and the Netherlands**

- Wim Klei-Overklift Vaupel Kleyn, Director and senior advisor at “Radar” (Netherlands) and expert at the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN), and Fenna Keijzer, advisor and expert at “Radar” and the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN).

18.15 – 18.30 Audience Q&A.

18.30 – 19.00 **Conclusions and discussion of next steps.**

The working languages of the workshop are Russian and English; simultaneous translation is provided.