

NEW-MED SEMINAR



A GENDERED APPROACH TO PREVENTING AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

ROME, 11 MAY 2018 | 12:45–15:00

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ROOM 3

This roundtable seminar, which is part of the IAI New-Med project, is organized as a side event of the 2018 Chairmanship OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Conference on “The Reverse Flow of Foreign Terrorist Fighters” (May 10-11).

Leading experts will address violent extremism and radicalization processes and their links to terrorism from a gender perspective, with the goal of promoting gender sensitive research on terrorism and create synergies between counterterrorism and gender experts, as indicated in the relevant OSCE documents and the UN Security Council Resolution 2242 (2015).

A number of research questions will be discussed, including the following: What is the role that women and women’s organizations can play in preventing and countering violent extremism and radicalization? What is the impact of counterterrorism strategies on women’s human rights? How and why women (especially Western women) participate in jihadist movements? How to create narratives of counter-radicalisation that are less male-centric and have an effect on young women as well? What strategies can be developed to deal with returning foreign fighters, and what specific measures can be employed towards women?

AGENDA

12:45 *Light buffet – Registration of participants*

13:20 **WELCOME GREETINGS**

Ettore Greco, Executive Vice-President, Istituto Affari Internazionali – IAI, Italy

13:30 **ROUNDTABLE**

Chair: **Irene Fellin**, President, Women in International Security - WIIS, Italy

Panelists **Melinda Holmes**, Senior Advisor and Program Manager for the Women’s Alliance for Security Leadership, International Civil Society Action Network - ICAN, USA

Amr Elshobaki, Head of the Arab-European Unit, Al-Ahram Centre for Political and Strategic Studies - ACPSS, Egypt

Marta Serafini, Journalist, Foreign desk, Corriere della Sera, Italy

Djallil Lounnas, Professor of International Relations, Al-Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco

14:15 **OPEN DEBATE**

15:00 End of Seminar

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