



## Asia-Europe Meeting

### ASEM SYMPOSIUM ON COUNTER RADICALISATION KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA 7-8 OCTOBER 2015

#### **DAY ONE (Wednesday, 7 October 2015)**

8:00 A.M. : *Registration*

9:30 A.M. : *Opening Ceremony*

*Group Photograph Session*

*Refreshment*

10:00 A.M. : **PANEL SESSION 1: MODERATION IN COUNTERING EXTREMISM**

In addressing the challenges of radicalisation by terrorist groups, the concept of moderation is essential to counter radicalisation. This panel will look into the various approaches under the concept of moderation in combating radicalisation. Also, the panel will closely examine how the concept of moderation could be used as a mediation tool to resolve conflict.

12:00 P.M. : *Lunch Talk*

2:00 P.M. : **PANEL SESSION 2: PUBLIC - PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP): SILVER BULLET IN COUNTERING RADICALISATION?**

In most cases, countering the threat of terrorism rests mainly on the capacity of the nation-state. However, another possible area and actor, is the involvement of the private sector in the effort to combat the threat of terrorism. Hence, this panel session will scrutinize the advantages of creating Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) and will also take a look at the challenges in forming such partnerships and subsequently the importance of bridging the trust-gaps to strengthen such alliances.

3:30 P.M. : *Break*

3:45 P.M. : **PANEL SESSION 3: STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND ONLINE  
RADICALISATION**

The ability of extremists to radicalise and recruit is based heavily on their capacity and capability to communicate. In this regard, the Internet has become the leading tool for the terrorists' strategic communication. Hence, this panel will trace the evolution of their strategic communication as well as examine their superb use of the Internet for such purposes. The panel will also give recommendations on how the relevant authorities can counter this threat through the use of online and offline means.

5:15 P.M. : *End of Day One*

## **DAY TWO (Thursday, 8 March 2015)**

9:00 A.M. : **PANEL SESSION 4: DEALING WITH FOREIGN TERRORIST FIGHTERS (FTFs): A CASE OF ‘DAMNED IF YOU DO, DAMNED IF YOU DON’T’?**

The panel session will look into what needs to be done with FTFs returning back to their own countries from their respective host societies. Some returnees are a threat because they have the ability to radicalise and recruit others into joining terrorist groups, while other returnees are simply disillusioned over what has happened in conflict areas. This panel will examine the existing legislation of various countries in Europe and Asia pertaining to FTFs as well as look to see how the authorities could exploit disillusioned FTFs in a positive and significant manner.

10:30 A.M. : *Break*

10:45 A.M. : **PANEL SESSION 5: THE SCIENCE OF REHABILITATION AND THE ART OF REINTEGRATION IN COUNTERING RADICALISATION**

Terrorist rehabilitation and reintegration is essential in countering radicalisation. Therefore, in the effort to counter the threat of terrorism through rehabilitation, it is imperative for us to continuously “learn and adapt” to the dynamics of terrorism. This panel session will look into the success and challenges of both rehabilitation and reintegration programmes in facilitating terrorist inmates’ back into the society. The panel will also look at the importance of having a comprehensive post release monitoring plan to prevent recidivism.

12:15 P.M. : *Lunch and launching of ‘Radicalisation in the Region’ Monograph.*

2:00 P.M. : **PANEL SESSION 6: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – “ALL FOR ONE, AND ONE FOR ALL”**

This panel will look at both the ‘Whole-of-Government’ and ‘Whole-of-Society’ approach in the form of community engagement in countering radicalisation. Based on the premise that the ‘whole is greater than the sum of its parts’, this panel will examine the challenges, success and lessons learned in the field of community engagement.

3:30 P.M. : *Tea Break*

3:45 P.M. : **PANEL SESSION 7: COUNTERING THE NARRATIVE – ‘IT ALL STARTS WITH A STORY’**

The terrorist narrative appeals to different people in different ways. Therefore, it is vital that the counter-narrative recognises this and subsequently develops various alternative messages utilising different kinds of messengers. This panel will specifically look at the dynamics and challenges of utilising victims of terrorism, former terrorists as well as prominent figures such as religious leaders and celebrities to drive the message that violence does not work and to subsequently propose credible alternatives. This panel will also look at the challenges in institutionalizing such a framework as well as the methodology to craft such an approach

5:15 P.M. : Closing Ceremony  
End of Symposium

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