

# This Workshop will Focus on...



1. Individuals convicted of terrorism related offences;
2. How (if at all) they used the internet;
3. Behavioural correlates;
4. How these behaviours can be detected, prevented, disrupted.



# Who We Are...



- **Dr. Noemie Bouhanna (UCL) – Criminology**
- **Dr. Maura Conway (DCU) – Politics/International Relations**
- **Ms. Emily Corner (UCL) – Criminology**
- **Ms. Lisa McInerney (DCU) – Politics/International Relations**
- **Ms. Amy Thornton (UCL) – Criminology**
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NETWORK OF EXCELLENCE FOR RESEARCH  
IN VIOLENT ONLINE POLITICAL EXTREMISM



# Online Radicalization

*The State of the Art*



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# Literature Review Process...



online radicalization



Articles ( include patents)  Case law

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## Key Issues and Research Agendas in Lone Wolf Terrorism

R Spaaij, MS Hamm - *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 2014

## Ireland's Ho Chi Minh trail? The Republic of Ireland's role in the Provisional IRA's bombing campaign, 1970–1976

GÓ Faoleán - *Small Wars & Insurgencies*, 2014

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# Open Access



online radicalisation



Scholar

Ungefähr 8.030 Ergebnisse (0,07 Sek.)

Meine Zitate



Artikel

Tipp: Suchen Sie nur nach Ergebnissen auf **Deutsch**. Sie können Ihre Sprache in den Scholar-Einstellungen festlegen.

Meine Bibliothek

[ZITATION] Countering **online radicalisation**: A strategy for action  
[T Stevens](#), PR Neumann - 2009 - ... for the Study of **Radicalisation** and ...  
Zitiert von: 42 Ähnliche Artikel Zitieren Gespeichert Mehr

Beliebige Zeit

Seit 2014

Seit 2013

Seit 2010

Zeitraum wählen...

Combining social network analysis and sentiment analysis to explore the potential for **online radicalisation** [PDF] von dcu.ie

[A Bermingham](#), [M Conway](#), [L McInerney](#)... - ... Analysis and Mining ..., 2009 - ieeexplore.ieee.org

Abstract The increased **online** presence of jihadists has raised the possibility of individuals being radicalised via the Internet. To date, the study of violent **radicalisation** has focused on dedicated jihadist websites and forums. This may not be the ideal starting point for such ...

Zitiert von: 32 Ähnliche Artikel Alle 8 Versionen Zitieren Gespeichert

Nach Relevanz sortieren

Nach Datum sortieren

**Jihadi video and auto-radicalisation**: evidence from an exploratory YouTube study [PDF] von dcu.ie

[M Conway](#), [L McInerney](#) - Intelligence and Security Informatics, 2008 - Springer

... States. Evidence to support the potential for **online radicalisation** is presented. Findings relating to jihadists are discussed. Keywords: jihad, jihadi video, martyr, YouTube, Iraq, **online radicalisation**, auto-radicalisation. 1 Introduction ...

Zitiert von: 33 Ähnliche Artikel Alle 10 Versionen Zitieren Gespeichert

Web-Suche

Seiten auf Deutsch

Patente einschließen

Zitate einschließen

[ZITATION] Countering **Online Radicalisation**: A Strategy for Action

PR Neumann, T Stevens - ... for the Study of **Radicalisation** and Political Violence, 2009

Zitiert von: 3 Ähnliche Artikel Zitieren Speichern

Alert erstellen

Exploring the form and function of dissident Irish Republican **online** discourses [PDF] von dcu.ie

[L Bowman-Grieve](#), [M Conway](#) - Media, War & Conflict, 2012 - mwc.sagepub.com

... The second major area to which research on **online** Irish Republicanism, particularly **online** VDR, could contribute then is in the burgeoning field of studies into processes of violent **online radicalisation** which has been dominated to date by studies into violent jihadists' **online** ...



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# Straw Poll



## What % of these articles do you think:

- Utilized some form of data
  - *Primary*
  - *Secondary*
- Focused on individuals convicted of terrorism offences
- Focused on individuals on extremist forums
- Utilized theory from
  - *Psychology*
  - *Criminology*



# Straw Poll Answers



## % of these articles that:

- Utilized some form of data (6.5%)
  - *Primary (2% but mostly focused on forums/social media)*
  - *Secondary (4.5%)*
- Focused on individuals convicted of terrorism offences (3.5%)
- Focused on individuals on extremist forums (2.5%)
- Utilized theory from
  - *Psychology (1%)*
  - *Criminology (0%)*



# This Workshop Will...



**Test some of the assumptions made in the literature:**

## **Assumption 1**

“During the past two or three years, however, face-to-face radicalization has been replaced by online radicalization” (Sageman, ‘The Next Generation of Terror,’ 2008, see also *Leaderless Jihad*)





# Assumption 2



“It has been initially identified that radicalisation is basically having two versions which are online and offline”

(Omotoyinbo, ‘Online Radicalisation: The Net or the Netizen?, 2009)



# Assumption 3



“Approaches aimed at restricting freedom of speech and removing content from the Internet are not only the least desirable, they are also the least effective.”

(Neumann, *Countering Online Radicalization in America*, 2013)



# Assumption 4



“This review emphasizes the need to promote digital literacy among youth, in order to both protect them, and to enable them to benefit from the Internet.”

(Gaeraerts, ‘Digital Radicalization of Youth,’ 2012)





# Today and Tomorrow We Will...

1. Provide a comparative analysis of a sample of lone actor terrorists who did and did not utilize virtual learning/communications (Emily Corner)
2. Provide a preliminary set of results based on our Biographies Database (developed through the VOX-Pol project) (Amy Thornton)
3. Discuss the need for systemic analysis to turn findings into interventions and evaluate them (Noemie Bouhana)
4. Look for input from you re. what we've missed and possible next steps

