

Countering Terror Abroad and at Home

Analysing Counterterrorism Efforts on an International and European Level

25 April 2017

Venue: Budapest Music Center (Budapest, Mátyás str. 8, 1093)

Concept

The aim of the conference is to shed light on recent developments of research in the field of International Relations and concrete policy recommendations to decision-makers concerning asymmetric warfare, terrorism, and radicalization both globally and on a European level.

More than 50 years of experience has accumulated in the field of terrorism studies since the deadly year of 1967, and 15 years have already passed since the collapse of the twin towers in New York City. A lot of previous research and many conclusions are still valid and relevant today, especially with regard to the European member-states.

After the opening ceremony, the speakers will discuss topics from two different but interconnected perspectives to identify their most important aspects. The roundtable discussion will be divided into two panels, each with a different moderator. The topics of the panels are related to the counter-terrorism and radicalization.

First Panel: Counterterrorism - Methods and Practices

Experts will examine the major aspects of international terrorism, such as tactics and social phenomena. Speakers such as Mark M. Lowenthal have first-hand experience in decision-making in the field of counter-terrorism. Meanwhile, Marie-Helen Maras, author of the book “Counterterrorism” and Alfred Rolington, author of the book “Strategic Intelligence for the 21st Century”, are both distinguished experts of issues related to intelligence services.

Second Panel: Radicalisation in the European Union and its Neighbourhood

Speakers will examine radicalization of young ethnic groups in European societies from the viewpoint of sociology, psychology, and political science. Thus, the aim of the discussion is to seek answers to the questions of counter-terrorism with the help of theoretical methods as well as practical intelligence approaches.

Program

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.10 Welcoming speeches

- **Ádám Kégler**, Deputy Director for International Affairs, Antall József Knowledge Centre
- **Frank Spengler**, Head of Representation, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (TBC)

9.10 – 9.30 Keynote speeches

- **József Boda**, Major General (Ret.), Dean, Faculty of Law Enforcement, National University of Public Service
- **István Balogh**, Head of Department for Security Policy Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

9.30 - 11.00 Panel 1.

Title: Counterterrorism - Methods and Practices

Speakers:

- **Marie-Helen Maras**, Associate professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- **Mark M. Lowenthal**, CEO, Intelligence and Security Academy
- **Alfred Rolington**, Director, Cyber Security Intelligence, Ltd.

Moderator:

- **Péter Marton**, Associate professor, Corvinus University of Budapest

Coffee break

11.30 - 13.00 Panel 2.

Title: Radicalisation in the European Union and its Neighbourhood

Speakers:

- **Kristina Eichhorst**, Coordinator for Counterterrorism and Conflict Management, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- **Attila Kovács**, Associate professor, Comenius University of Bratislava

Moderator:

- **Zsolt Csepregi**, Head of the Security Policy Office, Antall József Knowledge Centre

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