**The Prevent duty, ‘extremism’ and ‘radicalisation’**

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EVENTS

**Jawaab's launch: Young Muslim Aspirations**

Wed 7 Mar 2018 - 6.30pm - 8.30pm @ Amnesty International, EC2A

<http://bit.ly/YoungMuslimAspirations>

**Counter-terrorism in the NHS: Evaluating Prevent Duty Safeguarding in the NHS**

19th March at The University of Warwick's premises in the Shard, London

Dr Charlotte Heath-Kelly invites you to a research briefing on the implementation of the Prevent Duty in the healthcare sector. The research team will launch their project report on.

For more information, and to register your attendance, please email <c.heath-kelly@warwick>.ac.uk Please note: attendance will work on a first come first served basis! And you must register in advance.

Research Participants Sought

Tarek Younis, a British Academy fellow, is looking for NHS participants to fill this very short survey on Prevent in the NHS. Please share it with friends and family working in the NHS, whatever their position: <https://ucl.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/prevent-in-healthcare-survey-final>

Call for Papers

**Call for articles looking at the geographies of Prevent**

This special edition for Discover Society seeks to examine the where of Prevent. An analysis on the differences may reveal the disparities in the state’s engagement with various institutions and areas. We are looking for articles which examine the ‘where’ of Prevent across different geographical areas and sectors. We welcome articles from individuals across all disciplines.

For further information contact Shereen Fernandez at [s.fernandez@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:s.fernandez@qmul.ac.uk)

Reports and Papers

Hugh Starkey (2018): Fundamental British Values and citizenship education: tensions between national and global perspectives, Geografiska Annaler: Series B, Human Geography, DOI: 10.1080/04353684.2018.1434420

<http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/CeBETgPFv9ZwfxgrcVue/full>

Book

**Countering Extremism in British Schools?**

**The Truth about the Birmingham Trojan Horse Affair**

By John Holmwood and Therese O'Toole

<https://policypress.co.uk/countering-extremism-in-british-schools>

Government

**Draft Sentencing Council guideline on terrorism**

House of Commons Justice Committee

<https://t.co/J1zl4svrAH>

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**Senior Ofsted official backs headteacher over hijab ban for under eights**

Richard Adams

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2018/feb/01/ofsted-chief-backs-headteacher-over-hijab-ban-for-under-eightsv>

**National Union of Students’ campaign has become a 'vehicle for extremist interests', report warns**

Camilla Turner

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2018/02/01/national-union-students-campaign-has-become-vehicle-extremist/>

**Extremists use schools to pervert education, says Ofsted head Amanda Spielman**

Rosemary Bennett

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/ofsted-chief-extremists-use-schools-to-pervert-education-lf0thkwjp>

**Religious extremists 'trying to pervert education'**

Hannah Richardson

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-42902864>

**Darren Osborne guilty: Anti-Muslim rhetoric from far-right leaders played 'major role' in radicalisation of Finsbury Park attacker, police say**

Tristan Kirk

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/darren-osborne-guilty-antimuslim-rhetoric-from-farright-leaders-played-major-role-in-radicalisation-a3755991.html>

**Man radicalized by TV drama guilty of ramming van into Muslims near London mosque**

Reuters Staff

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-security-finsbury/man-radicalized-by-tv-drama-guilty-of-ramming-van-into-muslims-near-london-mosque-idUSKBN1FL5T2?il=0>

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**Police to 'look at role of internet' in radicalising home-grown terrorists after Finsbury Park attacker found guilty**

Staff and agencies

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/far-right-darren-osborne-police-terrorism-radicalise-a8190386.html>

**Far-right extremists justify attacks by blaming Muslims, says 7/7 detective**

<https://news.sky.com/story/far-right-extremists-justify-attacks-by-blaming-muslims-says-77-detective-11232477>

**I’m a worshipper at Finsbury Park Mosque, and here’s what Darren Osborne’s attack taught me about radicalisation**

Avaes Mohammad

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/darren-osborne-guilty-finsbury-park-mosque-manchester-attack-radicalisation-a8191311.html>

**Darren Osborne was radicalised in a society that’s become comfortable with hate**

Matthew Collins

<https://www.newstatesman.com/2018/02/darren-osborne-was-radicalised-society-s-become-comfortable-hate>

**Finsbury Park attack: Terrorists could launch atrocities 'within hours of reading extremist material' online, police warn**

Lizzie Dearden

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/finsbury-park-attack-trial-darren-osborne-online-radicalisation-terror-far-right-material-internet-a8190196.html>

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**‘Radicalisation’ has become a redundant concept**

Kenan Malik

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/feb/04/darren-osborne-radicalisation-redundant-concept>

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**Push for change, Sara**

Our Readers

<https://www.conservativewoman.co.uk/readers-comment-push-change-sara/>

**What possible evidence does Ofsted chief have to suggest religious extremists are ‘perverting’ education?**

Chris Allen

[The Conversation](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftheconversationuk.cmail19.com%2Ft%2Fr-l-jrkiulx-huhkztlz-f%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C5c390e5b7636411603ca08d56d2aad80%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636534952420706003&sdata=s4a2NFEqs12UDN3Q6zOq8gIyUrLgSbXkk%2BS0q2KEwDM%3D&reserved=0)

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**Nursery slammed for failing to see risk of choking, trapped fingers and radicalisation**

Rachael Dodd

<https://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/nursery-slammed-failing-see-risk-1177612>

**Suffragettes compared to Nazis in Prevent-linked 'extremism' lesson plan**

Simon Hooper

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/suffragettes-extremism-respect-prevent-teach-amber-rudd-theresa-may-vote-1948640227>

**Why We Must Reject the ‘Commission for Countering Extremism’**

<https://www.islam21c.com/politics/must-reject-commission-countering-extremism/>

**Jacob Rees-Mogg says heckling good for politicians**

Sean Coughlan

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-42975537>

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**200,000 FE staff are now trained in Prevent**

Paul Offord

<https://feweek.co.uk/2018/02/08/200000-fe-staff-are-now-trained-in-prevent/>

**We don't need a commission for countering extremism in the UK**

Siema Iqbal

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/columns/do-we-really-need-commission-deals-extremism-1857184875>

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**ANALYSIS: Is Islamophobia Britain’s next big challenge?**

Sajeda Momin

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/perspective/features/2018/02/09/ANALYSIS-Are-Islamophobic-radicals-Britain-s-next-big-challenge-.html>

**EXCLUSIVE: Sunday Times 'twisted' hijab ban story to stoke debate, teachers say**

Amandla Thomas-Johnson & Simon Hooper

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/exclusive-sunday-times-twisted-newham-school-st-stephens-hijab-ban-controversy-teachers-say-ofsted-1000827475>

**South Wales Police's new top cop Matt Jukes on radicalisation, prostitution and the force's challenges**

Ruth Mosalski

<https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/local-news/south-wales-polices-new-top-14265360>

**While we’re celebrating suffragettes, children are being taught they were extremists**

Emily Apple

<https://www.thecanary.co/uk/2018/02/09/celebrating-suffragettes-children-taught-extremists/>

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**Schoolchildren are being taught 'offensive' lessons showing suffragettes alongside other 'extremist activity' by the Nazis, ISIS and the IRA**

Michael Powell

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5377087/Lesson-likens-suffragettes-tactics-Nazis-IRA-ISIS.html>

**'Hijab ban' headteacher quizzed by school inspectors after admitting 'huge error'**

Simon Hooper

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/hijab-ban-headteacher-quizzed-inspectors-over-decision-making-concerns-301290165#sthash.87MoiunV.uxfs>

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**Tech companies have no incentive to monitor their content – so governments need to give them one, sharpish**

DAVID IBSEN

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/02/12/tech-companies-have-no-incentive-monitor-content-governments/>

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**Britain must back region's fight against extremists, think tank reports**

Damien McElroy

<https://www.thenational.ae/world/britain-must-back-region-s-fight-against-extremists-think-tank-reports-1.704060>

**The Government Has Spent £600,000 On An Online Extremism Detector, But No Major Websites Are Signed Up**

Mark Di Stefano & Jim Waterson

<https://www.buzzfeed.com/markdistefano/the-government-has-spent-ps600000-on-an-online-extremism?utm_term=.aoZwM92L1E#.km9oRrBGQw>

**Britain urged to boost anti-terror ties with Gulf**

CHRIS SANDS

<http://www.arabnews.com/node/1245311/world>

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**These children have been given an education in peace**

Sam Yarwood

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**A View from the CT Foxhole: Neil Basu, Senior National Coordinator for Counterterrorism Policing in the United Kingdom**

Raffaello Pantucci

<https://ctc.usma.edu/view-ct-foxhole-neil-basu-senior-national-coordinator-counterterrorism-policing-united-kingdom>

**Prevent must be ‘revamped’ says UK’s top counter-terrorism police officer**

Jamie Merrill

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**200 Isis fighters who came from UK cannot return**

Fiona Hamilton & John Simpson

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**Facebook ‘tried to buy’ support of anti-extremist**

Andrew Gilligan

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/facebook-tried-to-buy-support-of-anti-extremist-klvqv2f8m>

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**Council branded ‘inadequate’ after Ofsted warns of radicalisation risk**

Billy Camden

<https://feweek.co.uk/2018/02/19/council-branded-inadequate-after-ofsted-warns-of-radicalisation-risk/>

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**How do you tackle radicalisation? With polar bears at primary school**

Liz Lightfoot

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2018/feb/20/how-tackle-radicalisation-primary-school-birmingham>

**Students must have the right to avoid talks which offend them, university chief says**

Camilla Turner

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2018/02/20/students-must-have-right-avoid-talks-offend-university-chief/>

**REVEALED: How SOAS is facing growing pressure to comply with Prevent**

Simon Hooper

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/soas-prevent-student-boycott-pressure-906578286>

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**Sunderland City Council's further education provision 'inadequate'**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-tyne-43148594>

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**Job advert offers glimpse into secretive work of Home Office 'propaganda' unit**

Simon Hooper

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/ricu-prevent-sara-khan-making-stand-2137827676>

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**'We need to help people in Derby at risk of being radicalised online' after city terrorist is jailed**

Isaac Crowson

<https://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/news/derby-news/munir-mohammed-derby-terrorism-trial-1252231>

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**France announces Prevent-like counter-radicalisation programme**

MEE Staff

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**Education secretary Damian Hinds plans crackdown on illegal schools as fears of radicalisation grow**

Sian Griffiths and Iram Ramzan

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/education-secretary-damian-hinds-plans-crackdown-on-illegal-schools-as-fears-of-radicalisation-grow-3rzgrkzcc>

**RETURN OF JI-BRIDES ISIS Jihadi brides returning to Britain are being de-radicalised – with YOUR cash**

Aletha Adu

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/5666964/isis-jihadi-brides-returning-britain-deradicalised-taxpayer/>

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**Counter terrorism conference improves awareness**

Amy Pantall

<http://www.gazetteandherald.co.uk/news/16047883.Counter_terrorism_conference_improves_awareness/>

**Law killer Robbie McIntosh monitored for signs of radicalisation after converting to Islam behind bars**

Stefan Morkis

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/local/dundee/607808/law-killer-robbie-mcintosh-monitored-for-signs-of-radicalisation-after-converting-to-islam-behind-bars/>

**Four far-right plots thwarted last year, says counter-terrorism chief**

Jamie Grierson

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/feb/26/four-far-right-plots-thwarted-last-year-says-counter-terrorism-chief-mark-rowley>

**Muslim groups hit back at counter-terror police chief over extremism speech**

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**Online extremism: UK government’s Islamic State blocking tool is neat but incomplete**

Raheel Nawaz

[theconversation.com](https://theconversation.com/online-extremism-uk-governments-islamic-state-blocking-tool-is-neat-but-incomplete-92226?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2027%202018%20-%2095658224&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2027%202018%20-%2095658224+CID_74e4b4bd55c7c2d31dfe796b39b0b6ac&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Online%20extremism%20UK%20governments%20Islamic%20State%20blocking%20tool%20is%20neat%20but%20incomplete)

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John Jeffay

<https://www.thescottishsun.co.uk/news/scottish-news/2288515/dundee-law-killer-robbie-mcintosh-dog-walker-linda-mcdonald-templeton-woods-muslim-radicalisation/>

**Let terrorists off jail because they may become more radicalised inside, say MPs**

Martin Bentham

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/let-terrorists-off-jail-because-they-may-become-more-radicalised-inside-say-mps-a3776571.html>

**Tougher sentences for lower-level terrorism ‘may make offenders more dangerous’**

PA

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Thomas Haworth

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