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Film Screening on the Prevent Duty: Tuesday 5th March 2024, Sheffield

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/pais/research/projects/internationalrelationssecurity/neoliberalterror/neoliberal-terror/dueregard/>

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**Explaining Prevent to staff and students in higher education**

GOV.UK

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explaining-prevent-to-staff-and-students-in-higher-education/explaining-prevent-to-staff-and-students-in-higher-education>

**Prevent programme strengthened a year on from independent review**

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**Standards and Compliance Unit launched to oversee Prevent**

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**1,350 WORKING DAYS TO ASSESS RACIAL IMPACT OF PREVENT; POLICE DATA MISSING, INDEPENDENT REVIEW SILENT**

Rights and Security International

<https://www.rightsandsecurity.org/impact/entry/1350-working-days-to-assess-racial-impact-of-prevent-police-data-missing-independent-review-silent>

**PREVENT AND THE PRE-CRIME STATE: HOW UNACCOUNTABLE DATA SHARING IS HARMING A GENERATION**

Open Rights Group

<https://www.openrightsgroup.org/publications/prevent-and-the-pre-crime-state-how-unaccountable-data-sharing-is-harming-a-generation/>

Book

**Radicalisation, counter-radicalisation, and Prevent: A vernacular approach**

Lee Jarvis, Andrew Whiting and Stuart Macdonald

<https://manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/9781526172730/>

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Callum Parke

<https://www.essexlive.news/news/essex-news/wickford-man-who-plotted-kill-9070725>

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**What would a Labour Government do about Islamist extremism?**

Paul Goodman

<https://conservativehome.com/2024/02/02/what-would-a-labour-government-do-about-islamist-extremism/>

**UK Government Report: ‘Lord of the Rings’ Fans May Be Potential ‘Far-Right’ Terrorists**

Catholic Voice

<https://catholicvote.org/uk-government-report-lord-of-the-rings-fans-may-be-potential-far-right-terrorists/>

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Nadeine Asbali

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Robert Edwards

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2462881/amp>

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Tom Cotterill

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13114353/british-troops-referred-prevent-nazi-terrorism-increases.html>

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**Prevent counter-terror scheme failures leave public at risk - ex-adviser**

BBC

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-68363058>

**Surge in counter-terrorism referrals in UK armed forces**

George Allison

<https://ukdefencejournal.org.uk/surge-in-counter-terrorism-referrals-in-uk-armed-forces/#google_vignette>

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Ian Acheson

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Andrew Snowdon – letter

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/letters/shamima-begum-citizenship-appeal-israel-hamas-war-antisemitism-labour-b2501360.html?r=67717>

**Bodyguards for MPs as extremism threat rises: Israel-Hamas conflict is ‘generational moment' of radicalisation, police chief warns as Rishi Sunak says protests being ‘hijacked'**

Lizzie Dearden and Edward Malnick

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Soraya Ebrahimi

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/uk-news/2024/02/28/new-body-to-investigate-complaints-about-prevent-counter-terror-scheme/>

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