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

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Save the date

**'Due Regard'**

London Film Screening about the Prevent Duty - 19th Feb

A research project at the University of Warwick, funded by the European Research Council, has produced a documentary film about the impact of Prevent referrals on individuals and their families. The film, 'Due Regard', will be screened at 3pm on 19th February at the Rennie Room at One Great George Street, London. The 40-minute documentary explores the stories of four families about whom Prevent referrals (concerning vulnerability to radicalisation) were made - by teachers, social workers, and police. Individuals often struggle to obtain information on why they have been referred, and by whom, leading to long battles with local authorities for relevant paperwork. This secrecy, alongside the racist and ableist stigmatisation that characterise most of the featured referrals, leaves deep wounds on those inappropriately referred.

After the screening, there will be a short discussion panel - allowing the audience to ask questions of the filmmaker (Dr Shahnaz Akhter), Dr. Layla Aitlhadj from our collaborating partners, Prevent watch (an organisation who provide support to all people referred to Prevent) and Ilyas Nagdee of Amnesty. Please come along! Tea and Coffee will be served at the conclusion of the event. Attendance is free of charge. Please register, to give us a sense of numbers - we look forward to seeing you there!

REGISTER: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/film-screening-on-the-prevent-duty-due-regard-tickets-799934434427?aff=oddtdtcreator>

Government

**How we ensure young people continue to be taught about the Holocaust and the lessons it teaches us today**

Department for Education

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/26/how-we-ensure-young-people-continue-to-be-taught-about-the-holocaust-and-the-lessons-it-teaches-us-today/>

Reports and Papers

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**Why the Prevent duty threatens long-term public security**

Prevent Watch

<https://www.preventwatch.org/why-the-prevent-duty-threatens-long-term-public-security/>

**Comedy of Terrors: National Security Fictions and the Origins of al-Qa'ida**

Darryl Li

<https://www.academia.edu/113898985/Comedy_of_Terrors_National_Security_Fictions_and_the_Origins_of_al_Qaida>

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**New terror laws needed to tackle rise of the radicalising AI chatbots**

Robert Mendick

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2024/01/01/terrorism-new-laws-ai-chatbots-new-group-violent-extremists/>

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**Government’s counter-terror scheme targets anti-vaxxers and eco protesters**

Emma Morgan

<https://inews.co.uk/news/prevent-monitoring-left-wing-ideology-political-decision-2810994>

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**Think tank urges new terrorism laws to combat AI-driven radicalisation**

Dev Kundaliya

<https://www.computing.co.uk/news/4160419/tank-urges-terrorism-laws-combat-ai-driven-radicalisation>

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**Young Britons exposed to online radicalisation following Hamas attack**

Marianna Spring

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-67884785>

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**Salford University lecturer and counter terrorism campaigner receives OBE**

Katherine Stephenson

<https://www.salfordnow.co.uk/2024/01/09/salford-university-lecturer-and-counter-terrorism-campaigner-receives-obe/>

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**Understanding Misinformation, Misogyny & Radicalisation in the Age of Digital Media**

Georgia Stewart (Shout Out UK)

<https://www.shoutoutuk.org/2024/01/10/misogyny-misinformation/>

**Anti-Terrorism scheme: North of Scotland referrals fall, but most are from far-right**

Ena Saracevic

<https://www.northern-scot.co.uk/news/anti-terrorism-scheme-north-of-scotland-referrals-fall-but-338466/>

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Nandini Archer

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/prevent-counter-terrorism-palestine-gaza-students-schools-universities/>

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**Met chief issues chilling new warning over UK terror threat surge**

Michael Knowles

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1856686/Terror-warning-UK>

**Heartbroken daughter of murdered MP Sir David Amess to sue police and Home Office for failing to prevent terrorist from slaughtering her father**

Dan Woodland

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12971799/daughter-MP-Sir-David-Amess-sue-police-Home-Office-prevent-terrorist.html>

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**Tory MP accuses Metropolitan Police of being PR for pro-Palestine protests**

Jewish News

<https://www.jewishnews.co.uk/metropolitan-police-accused-of-being-pr-for-pro-palestine-protests-by-tory-mp/>

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**Counter terror cops' fears as 11-year-olds referred to Prevent programme amid Israel-Gaza war**

LBC

<https://www.lbc.co.uk/news/children-radicalised-israel-gaza-war/>

**Israel-Gaza war behind surge in Islamist activity, says UK counter-terror head**

Vikram Dodd

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2024/jan/19/israel-gaza-war-behind-surge-in-islamist-activity-says-uk-counter-terror-head>

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**Gaza war creating a radicalisation moment, senior UK police officer says**

Tom Symonds

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-68035172>

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**Police warn of rising threat of terror attack in UK due to radicalisation sparked by Israel-Gaza conflict**

John Dunne

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/terror-attack-risk-uk-radicalisation-israel-gaza-conflict-b1133526.html>

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**Facemasks provide cover for violence and extremism**

Charles Moore

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2024/01/23/facemasks-provide-cover-for-violence-and-extremism/>

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**Online safety rules have ‘blind spot’ to radicalisation of children, terror watchdog warns**

Martin Bentham

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/ofcom-child-safety-rules-online-bill-radicalisation-terror-b1134556.html>

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**Matthew King: Wickford Man who planned terror acts has appeal rejected**

Lewis Adams & PA Media

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-essex-68160553>

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