

VIOLENT RIGHT-WING EXTREMISM: PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

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Speaker Bios



Mr. Viljar Hanssen is a **law student and survivor of the 2011 Utøya Terrorist Attack**. He suffered nearly fatal injuries when he was shot five times at the Utøya youth camp. Mr. Hanssen has openly and frequently discussed his experiences since that day in documentaries, books, and media interviews. Amongst those in the film “22. July” launched on Netflix in 2018.

Ms. Deeyah Khan is a **two-time Emmy Award-winning and twice BAFTA-nominated documentary film director**. She is considered one of Norway’s most successful filmmakers, known for working to create intercultural dialogue and understanding by confronting the world’s most complex and controversial topics. In 2016, she became the first UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for artistic freedom and creativity. She is also the recipient of a prestigious Peabody Award, a Royal Television Society Award, two Creative Diversity Network Awards and two BAFTA awards. Fortune named Ms. Khan as one of their most powerful women in 2016 and she has twice been included in London’s most influential list compiled by the Evening Standard.



Mr. Peter Romaniuk is a **Senior Fellow for the Global Center on Cooperative Security**. He is an Associate Professor of Political Science at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, the City University of New York, where he is also Assistant Director of the Center on Terrorism. He is currently working on a second edition of his 2010 book, *Multilateral Counterterrorism: The Global Politics of Cooperation and Contestation*. His articles have appeared in the Review of International Studies, the International Studies Encyclopedia, and the CPA Journal, as well as in leading volumes on terrorism and counterterrorism, terrorism financing, and multilateral sanctions.

Mr. Vladimir Voronkov was appointed **Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism** on 21 June 2017. He brings to the position more than 30 years of experience within the Foreign Service of the Russian Federation, working primarily on United Nations affairs, with responsibilities ranging from public diplomacy and social and economic development issues to intergovernmental affairs. Prior to his appointment, he was Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the International Organizations in Vienna.



‘White Right: Meeting the Enemy’. In the Emmy winning and BAFTA-nominated documentary film, Ms. Deeyah Khan sits down face-to-face with Neo-Nazis and white nationalists after receiving death threats as a result of giving a BBC interview advocating for diversity and multiculturalism. As she tries to get beyond the scare stories, behind the headlines to the human beings, Ms. Khan finds her own prejudices challenged and her own tolerance tested.