



## Innovative Ways to Deal with Violent Extremism

**Friday December 11, 2015 at 9.30**

**Hotel Le Commodore, Hamra, Beirut**

- 09:00 – 09:30 Arrival and registration
- 09:30– 09:45 Welcoming words by **Nils Wörmer** from the Konrad Adenauer Foundation; opening remarks and introduction to the topic by **Sam Menassa** from Maison du Futur

### Session 1 Preventing Violent Extremism: Innovative Approach

**Moderator: John Bell**

- 09:45 - 10:00 **Hassan Mneimneh**, Principal at Middle East Alternatives (Washington DC, USA). He served as scholar and policy analyst specialized in the Middle East, North Africa and the wider Islamic world affairs.
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Kristina Eichhorst**, Coordinator for Crisis and Conflict Management in the Headquarters of the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation (Berlin, Germany). Her expertise lies in terrorism, ethnic conflicts and institutional conflict management.
- 10:15 – 10:30 **Thomas Volk**, Coordinator for Islam and the Dialogue between Religions in the Headquarters of the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation. He publishes extensively on issues of Islam in Germany (Berlin, Germany).
- 10:30 – 11:00 Discussion
- 11:00 – 11:15 *Coffee break*

## Session 2 Understanding Extremism: Psychological Perspective

**Moderator: Hassan Mneimneh**

- 11:15 – 11:30      **John Bell**, Director of the Middle East and Mediterranean Program at the Toledo Center in Madrid. As a former Canadian and United Nations diplomat, he has over two decades of experience in Middle East politics and diplomacy.
- 11:30 – 11:45      **Ivan Tyrrell**, Director of the Human Givens College in the UK, and founder of the Human Givens approach of psychotherapy and clear thinking about emotional health, education and social issues. He is the author of numerous books on emotional health.( UK )
- 11:45 – 12:00      **Jean –Pierre Katribe**, Member of the Foundation for Human &Humanitarian Rights, and Strategic Relations Director at Quantum Communications. His work is centered on topics pertinent to the political sociology of Lebanon, federalism, human rights and international humanitarian law (Lebanon).
- 12:00 – 12:30      Discussion
- 12:30 – 13:30      *Lunch Break*

## Session 3 Dealing with Extremists: Applicable Methods

**Moderator: Hanine Ghadare**

- 13:30 - 13:45      General **Fuad Allam**, Former Agent in the State Security Investigations and Former Director of the Port Said security device. In his years of service he was specialized in fighting terrorist organizations claiming to work under the banner of Islam (Egypt).
- 13:45 – 14:00      General **Abdel Rahmann Sheitly**, Director of Administration and Member of the Lebanese Military Council at the Ministry of Defense (Lebanon).



- 14:00 – 14:15 **Max Taylor**, former Head of the Department of Applied Psychology at the University College Cork, and former Professor in International Relations at the University of St Andrews and Director of CSTPV (Ireland).
- 14:15 – 14:45 Discussion
- 14:45 – 15:00 *Coffee Break*

#### Session 4 Terrorism through the Eye of the Arab World

Moderator: **Sam Menassa**

- 15:00 - 15:15 **Oraib Al Rantawi**, Founder and Director of “Al Quds Center for Political Studies”. Writer and political analyst in the Jordanian daily newspaper “Ad Dustour”. His work centers around democracy and political reform in the Arab World (Jordan).
- 15:15 – 15:30 **Safa Hussain**, Deputy National Security Advisor NSC. Before 2003 he was Brigadier General in the Iraqi Forces and Director of R&D in the military industry (Iraq).
- 15:30 – 15:45 **Ubaidly Ubaidly**, journalist and researcher working for Arabic newspapers and magazines such as As Safir (Lebanon), Al Hadaf – (Palestine), Al Wasat (Bahrain) , Arab Alyawm (Jordan), Al Roya (Sultanate of Oman)(Bahrain).
- 15:45 – 16:15 Discussion
- 16:15 – 16:30 Closing Remarks