

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**THE TWO FACES OF COUNTER-TERRORISM: IMPLICATIONS FOR  
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS LAW**

*Conference closing the SNSF project: “Preventing and Combating Terrorism and Violent  
Extremism: Towards a Legal-Empirical Approach”*

*Friday 13 December 2024*

*Maison de la Paix, Auditorium Ivan Pictet B*

*Ch. Eugène-Rigot 2*

*Organized by Prof. Gloria Gaggioli and her team “Counter-Terror Pro LegEm” of the  
University of Geneva*

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**PRESENTATION**

The Counter-Terror Pro LegEm team is proud to host a conference on “The Two Faces of Counter-Terrorism: Implications for International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law” to celebrate the completion of its scientific research project. Having identified a clear disconnect between international legal analyses and social science models in relation to terrorism, the project “Preventing and Combating Terrorism and Violent Extremism: Towards a Legal-Empirical Approach”, which is funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) and hosted by the University of Geneva, has embraced an interdisciplinary endeavour to bridge this gap and enhance legal assessments of counter-terrorism measures under both international human rights law (IHRL) and international humanitarian law (IHL).

The conference, which will take place on Friday 13 December 2024 at the Maison de la Paix, will provide an opportunity to explore the two-faceted nature of research conducted over the past years by presenting four interactive panels on the main thematic outputs of the project: radicalisation, effectiveness of counter-terrorism measures, membership, and coalitions of groups labelled as terrorist. Reflective of the legal-empirical methodology as well as the twin-track IHRL-IHL perspective of the project, the dualistic essence of the conference will be epitomised with both

lawyers and social scientists sharing their knowledge and perspectives on the same topical issues in each panel, thus allowing for an open and balanced analysis of counter-terrorism and violent extremism matters.

## **PROGRAMME**

**10:00 – 10:05**            **Welcome** – **Prof. Luc Thévenoz** – *Professor at the University of Geneva, Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Geneva, Switzerland*

**10:05 – 10:15**            **Introduction** – **Prof. Gloria Gaggioli** – *Principal Investigator of the “Preventing and Combating Terrorism and Violent Extremism: Towards a Legal-Empirical Approach” Project, Professor in International Law at the University of Geneva, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Geneva, Switzerland*

<p><b>10:15 – 11:00</b>            <b>Keynote speech</b> – <b>Prof. Fionnuala Ní Aoláin</b> – <i>University Regents Professor at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, United States of America, Professor of Law at the Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland, and Honorary King's Counsel, Former Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while Countering Terrorism (online)</i></p>
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**11:00-11:15**            **Coffee break**

**11:15 – 12:15**            **Panel 1. Radicalisation and Deradicalisation or Disengagement**

**Moderator: Dr. Pavle Kilibarda** – *Postdoctoral Researcher for the “Preventing and Combating Terrorism and Violent Extremism: Towards a Legal-Empirical Approach” Project at the University of Geneva, Teaching Professional for Boston University’s Geneva Programme, Switzerland*

### **Panellists:**

**Dr. Ahmed Ajil** – *Postdoctoral Researcher in Criminology, Counterterrorism and Criminal Justice at the University of Lucerne, Switzerland, Expert in Political Mobilisation and Violence, Counterterrorism, Migration and Security*

**Prof. Mirjam Eser Davolio** – *Professor of Social Work at the Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland, Educational Scientist and Expert on Extremism and Radicalisation, Leader of a Government-Funded Study on Prevention and Intervention*

**Dr. Michael Moncrieff** – *Postdoctoral Researcher and Empirical Studies Lead for the “Preventing and Combating Terrorism and Violent Extremism: Towards a Legal-Empirical Approach” Project at the University of Geneva, Teaching Professional for Boston University’s Geneva Programme, Switzerland*

**Dr. Yosuke Nagai** – *Founder and Executive Director of Accept International, an NGO focusing on violent extremism and armed conflict in Japan, Member of the Youth Advisory Board for the United*

*Nations Human Settlements Programme, former Visiting Fellow at The Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights*

**12:15 – 13:15            Lunch**

**13:15 – 14:15            Panel 2, Effectiveness of Counter-Terrorism and Administrative Measures**

**Moderator: Dr. Michael Moncrieff** – *Postdoctoral Researcher and Empirical Studies Lead for the “Preventing and Combating Terrorism and Violent Extremism: Towards a Legal-Empirical Approach” Project at the University of Geneva, Teaching Professional for Boston University’s Geneva Programme, Switzerland*

**Panellists:**

**Dr. Hiruni Alwishewa** – *Postdoctoral Researcher for the “Preventing and Combating Terrorism and Violent Extremism: Towards a Legal-Empirical Approach” Project at the University of Geneva, Switzerland*

**Dr. Erika Brady** – *Senior Lecturer in Policing and Deputy Course Director of the Bachelor of Science in Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime at Canterbury Christ Church University, United Kingdom*

**Dr. Pavle Kilibarda** – *Postdoctoral Researcher for the “Preventing and Combating Terrorism and Violent Extremism: Towards a Legal-Empirical Approach” Project at the University of Geneva, Teaching Professional for Boston University’s Geneva Programme, Switzerland*

**Ms. Tanya Mehra** – *Senior Research Fellow and Programme Lead, International Center for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT), The Hague, Netherlands*

**14:15-14:30            Coffee break**

**14:30 – 15:30            Panel 3, Membership – Between IHL and Criminal Law**

**Moderator: Prof. Gloria Gaggioli** – *Principal Investigator of the “Preventing and Combating Terrorism and Violent Extremism: Towards a Legal-Empirical Approach” Project, Professor in International Law at the University of Geneva, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Geneva, Switzerland*

**Panellists:**

**Prof. Hanne Cuyckens** – *Assistant Professor at the University of Leiden, Netherlands*

**Mr. Jérôme Drevon** – *Senior Analyst in Jihad and Modern Conflict for International Crisis Group, former Adviser for Non-State Armed Groups for the International Committee of the Red Cross, former Research Fellow at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, the University of Oxford and the University of Manchester (online)*

**Dr. Michael Moncrieff** – *Postdoctoral Researcher and Empirical Studies Lead for the “Preventing and Combating Terrorism and Violent Extremism: Towards a Legal-Empirical Approach” Project at*

*the University of Geneva, Teaching Professional for Boston University's Geneva Programme, Switzerland*

**Mr. Ilya Sobol** – *PhD candidate in International Law at the University of Geneva, former CANDOC for the “Preventing and Combating Terrorism and Violent Extremism: Towards a Legal-Empirical Approach” Project at the University of Geneva (online)*

**15:30-15:45                      Coffee break**

**15:45 – 16:45                      Panel 4. Coalitions and Classification of Armed Conflicts**

**Moderator: Dr. Eugénie Duss** – *Postdoctoral Researcher for the “Preventing and Combating Terrorism and Violent Extremism: Towards a Legal-Empirical Approach” Project at the University of Geneva, Research Fellow at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Switzerland*

**Panellists:**

**Prof. Martha Bradley** – *Associate Professor of Public International Law and International Humanitarian Law at the University of Johannesburg, South Africa, Affiliated Researcher at the South African Research Chair for International Law of the University of Johannesburg, South Africa*

**Prof. Gloria Gaggioli** – *Principal Investigator of the “Preventing and Combating Terrorism and Violent Extremism: Towards a Legal-Empirical Approach” Project, Professor in International Law at the University of Geneva, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Geneva, Switzerland*

**Prof. Mohammed Hafez** – *Professor and Former Chair of the Department of National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, United States of America, Specialist in Islamist Movements and Political Violence*

**Mr. Hichem Khadhraoui** – *Executive Director at Center for Civilians in Conflict, Former Senior Field Manager and Head of Protection for Near and Middle East at the International Committee of Red Cross, Former Director of Programmes and Field Operations at Geneva Call, Switzerland*

**16:45 – 17:00                      Concluding remarks**