

**Online seminar
“The challenges of far right and religiously motivated violent
extremism during the COVID-19 pandemic”**

**27 January 2021
15.00 – 19.00 Moscow Standard Time**

Program

- 15.00 – 15.20 **Opening remarks by the organizers:** Alexander Verkhovsky, director of the Informational and Analytical Center SOVA; Ekaterina Sokirianskaia, director of the Conflict Analysis and Prevention Center (CAPC)
- 15.20 – 15.40 **Violent extremism during the COVID-19 pandemic. What to expect in the future?**
- Dr. Jessica White, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), senior research fellow for the Terrorism and Conflict Prevention Project (London)
- 15.40 – 15.55 **Similarities between right wing and Islamist extremism**
- Friederike Wegener, expert at the European Commission, Global Network on Extremism and Technology (Brussels)
- 15.55 – 16.15 Audience Q&A
- 16.15 – 17.45 **Round table**
The murder of Samuel Paty: reactions and prevention
Moderators: Ekaterina Sokirianskaia, Alexander Verkhovsky

Presenters:

- Anne le Huerou, Ass. Professor at the University of Paris Nanterre, researcher at the Institute of Social Sciences
- Oleg Orlov, head of the Hot Spots program at Human Rights Center “Memorial” (Moscow)

Discussants:

- Olga Pavlova, department head at Moscow State Psychological and Pedagogical University (MGPPU) Department of Eastern Psychology: Ethnicity, Religion and Intercultural Communication, chairman of the Association for Psychological Assistance for Muslims (Moscow)
- Irina Starodubrovskaya, head of Political Economy and Regional Development Track at the Institute for Economic Policy, named after E.T. Gaidar (Moscow)
- Mainat Kurbanova, independent expert on radicalization prevention (Austria)

Discussion questions

- Freedom of speech vs. respect for the feelings of believers – is compromise possible?
- How to prevent lone-wolf attacks?

17.45 – 18.00 **Work with right-wing extremists in Germany**

Fabian Wichmann, case manager, 'Exit' (Germany), Co-Chair
RAN Communication & Narrative

18.00 – 18.15 **Prevention work in the EU and the Netherlands**

Wim Klei-Overklift Vaupel Kleyn, senior advisor and expert at
"Radar" (Netherlands) and the Radicalization Awareness
Network (RAN) and Fenna Keizer, advisor at "Radar"

18.15 – 18.30 Audience Q&A

18.30 – 19.00 **Conclusions and discussion of next steps**

The working languages of the workshop are Russian and English; simultaneous translation is provided.