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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Through the Lens of Social Constructionism: The Development of Innovative Anti-Corruption Policies and Practices in Bulgaria, Greece and Romania, 2015–2000

Roxana Bratu, Dimitri Sotiropoulos and Maya Stoyanova – Slavonic and East European Review: February 2017

Examining corruption concerns and anti-corruption practices of Bulgaria, Greece and Romania, this article focuses on how corruption perceptions, policies and assumptions shape anti-corruption practices.

<http://www.eliamep.gr/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Bratu-Sotiropoulos-Stoyanova-Anticorruption-in-South-Eastern-Europe-January-2017.pdf>

A Breakthrough in Guatemala’s Fight Against Judicial Corruption

Judge Claudia Escobar – The Global Anticorruption Blog: 16 February 2017

The International Commission Against Impunity in Guatemala has been lauded as a model for other countries to follow. The commission recently prosecuted its first corruption case against a high-ranking official and handed down the first sentence under the country’s 2012 anti-corruption law.

<https://globalanticorruptionblog.com/2017/02/16/guest-post-a-breakthrough-in-guatemalas-fight-against-judicial-corruption/>

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Civil Society on Returning Stolen Assets to Highly Corrupt Governments

<https://globalanticorruptionblog.com/2017/02/15/to-experts-attending-february-14-16-meeting-on-managing-disposing-of-stolen-assets/>

US Congress Members Support CentAm Anti-Corruption Efforts

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/us-congress-members-support-centam-anti-corruption-efforts>

Don’t Flood the Swamp: Reviving the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/dont-flood-the-swamp-reviving-the-foreign-corrupt-practices-19468>

Gender-Responsive Work on Land and Corruption: A Practical Guide

http://files.transparency.org/content/download/2106/13436/file/2017_LandandCorruptionGenderGuide_EN.pdf

As Romania’s Crisis Continues, Spotlight on Corruption

<http://www.voanews.com/a/romania-crisis-continues-spotlight-corruption/3727892.html>

Ukraine’s Corruption-Battling Cops Bemoan Growing Resistance

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-02-16/corruption-battling-cops-in-ukraine-bemoan-growing-resistance>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Report Finds Major Flaws in Proposals to Further Militarize Mexico's Drug War

Deborah Bonello – InSight Crime: 15 February 2017

A recent congressional study of draft versions of Mexico's Internal Security Law found the proposals would actually expand the power of the military in the drug war rather than regulate the military and public security officials.

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-analysis/senate-report-finds-major-flaws-mexico-militarized-drug-war>

Afghanistan: UNODC launches first synthetic drugs assessment in the country

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC): 14 February 2017

UNODC published its first Afghanistan Synthetic Drugs Assessment report, which examines the presence of synthetic opioids in a country dominated by poppy production. The purpose was to bring attention to the synthetic drugs' production, use and trafficking in Afghanistan.

http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/frontpage/2017/February/afghanistan_unodc-launches-first-synthetic-drugs-assessment-in-the-country.html?ref=fs3

Full report:

Afghanistan Synthetic Drugs Situation Assessment

http://www.unodc.org/documents/Reports/2017_Afghanistan_Synthetic_Drugs_Assessment_report.pdf

For more on this theme:

What's in store for marijuana in the Sessions Justice Department?

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/fixgov/2017/02/15/whats-in-store-for-marijuana-in-the-sessions-justice-department/>

Cocaine Trafficking Network Highlights Puerto Rico's Role as Transit Point

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/airport-cocaine-trafficking-network-points-puerto-rico-role-transit-point>

Congress' cannabis caucus ready to 'bump heads' with anti-pot Trump attorney general

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/congress/article133225924.html>

US Accuses Venezuela VP of Major Role in International Drug Trafficking

<http://www.voanews.com/a/us-accuses-venezuela-vice-president-of-major-role-in-drug-trafficking/3723586.html>

4 Things Reporters Get Terribly Wrong About 'New' Drugs

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/4-things-reporters-get-terribly-wrong-about-new-drugs_us_58a62336e4b07602ad530231

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

New study finds timber harvesting in Madagascar out of control

Traffic: 14 February 2017

A new report by the eco-activist group Traffic says that at least 350,000 trees were cut down in protected areas in Madagascar over a five-year period, demonstrating the lack of governmental control over protected timber.

<http://www.traffic.org/home/2017/2/14/new-study-finds-timber-harvesting-in-madagascar-out-of-contr.html>

Scanning the barcode of wildlife

Lalini Pedris – Mongabay: 14 February 2017

A project to establish a DNA barcode for wildlife is being used to combat poaching. The project collects and sequences the DNA of protected species, which investigators then use to determine the origin of illicitly trafficked animals.

<https://news.mongabay.com/wildtech/2017/02/scanning-the-barcode-of-wildlife/>

For more on this theme:

EU-Africa collaboration essential for effective implementation of anti-trafficking plan

<http://www.traffic.org/home/2017/2/10/eu-africa-collaboration-essential-for-effective-implementation.html>

Fighting rhino poaching in India CSI style

<http://www.atimes.com/article/fighting-rhino-poaching-india-csi-style/>

Field Notes: Predicting how the pet trade spreads infectious disease

<https://news.mongabay.com/2017/02/field-notes-predicting-how-the-pet-trade-spreads-infectious-disease/>

Efforts vs illegal logging intensified

<http://www.sunstar.com.ph/davao/local-news/2017/02/12/efforts-vs-illegal-logging-intensified-525353>

Government continues rhino stats silence

<http://travel.iafrica.com/bulletinboard/1045077.html>

Wildlife Crime Included as a Top Law Enforcement Priority

<https://www.nrdc.org/experts/andrew-wetzler/wildlife-crime-included-top-law-enforcement-priority>

The Campaign To End the Aquarium Trade In Hawaii Surges Ahead

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/the-campaign-to-end-the-aquarium-trade-in-hawaii-surges_us_58a38fccc4b0e172783aa1ef

ORGANIZED CRIME AND MONEY LAUNDERING

Top Secret: Countries Keep Financial Crime Fighting Data to Themselves

Barbara Kowalczyk-Hoyer and Max Heywood – Transparency International:

15 February 2017

Published data on money-laundering prevention and enforcement in countries with the world's largest banks is scarce and out of date, according to a Transparency International report.

http://files.transparency.org/content/download/2107/13440/file/2016_Top_Secret_financial_data_report_EN.pdf

Big U.S. banks to push for easing of money laundering rules

Joel Schectman, Karen Freifeld and Brett Wolf – Reuters: 16 February 2017

Financial institutions in the United States are challenging the government regulations for reporting potential criminal activity. They complain that the requirements are too stringent and are ineffective for catching wrongdoers.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-banks-moneylaundering-exclusive-idUSKBN15V1E9>

For more on this theme:

Education as a tool to preventing crime and promoting a culture of lawfulness

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/frontpage/2017/February/education-as-a-tool-to-preventing-crime-and-promoting-a-culture-of-lawfulness.html?ref=fs5>

Anti-money laundering, terror financing measures reviewed

<http://nation.com.pk/business/17-Feb-2017/anti-money-laundering-terror-financing-measures-reviewed>

Why lawyers are a crucial line of defence for tackling money laundering

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/money/criminal-activities/anti-money-laundering-solicitors-front-line-defence/>

Ending money laundering and terrorist financing in Pakistan

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1326912/ending-money-laundering-terrorist-financing-pakistan/>

Philippines' Duterte says anti-money laundering body to show his bank accounts

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-philippines-duterte-senator-idUSKBN15W1NK>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Argentina's Fight for the End of Human Trafficking

Kate Terán – Council on Hemispheric Affairs: 15 February 2017

Argentina is struggling with human trafficking. As a nation that is a source and destination for human trafficking – where prostitution is legal but working in a brothel is not – the country is searching for effective ways to confront an industry that acts with impunity.

<http://www.coha.org/argentinas-fight-for-the-end-of-human-trafficking/>

IOM Develops Mobile App to Help Prevent Human Trafficking in Slovakia

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM): 14 February 2017

IOM, which has identified 213 victims of trafficking in Slovakia over the past 10 years, has developed a mobile app that provides warning signs and tips for traveling safely abroad.

<https://www.iom.int/news/iom-develops-mobile-app-help-prevent-human-trafficking-slovakia>

For more on this theme:

Improving the Responses to the Migration and Refugee Crisis in Europe

<http://bruegel.org/2017/02/improving-the-responses-to-the-migration-and-refugee-crisis-in-europe/>

Beyond the migration and asylum crisis. Options and lessons for Europe

<https://www.aspeninstitute.it/en/programs/E-book/beyond-migration-and-asylum-crisis-options-and-lessons-europe-0>

Clearing Up Misconceptions on Cross-Border Migrant Smugglers: An Interview with Gabriella Sanchez

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/clearing-misconceptions-cross-border-migrant-smugglers-interview-gabriella-sanchez>

Traffickers growing bold, reckless with refugees' lives

<http://www.dw.com/en/traffickers-growing-bold-reckless-with-refugees-lives/a-37567552>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Tallinn Manual 2.0: Defending Cyberspace

Rachel Ansley – Atlantic Council: 15 February 2017

According to Henne Schuwer, the Netherlands' ambassador to the United States, the onus is on the international community to maintain peace and security on the internet. "We have to all band together to make sure that this Internet, this cyberspace ... will be a peaceful movement around the world from which we all benefit," he said.

<http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/tallinn-manual-2-0-defending-cyberspace>

For more on this theme:

(Global) International Law and Cyber Operations - Launch of the Tallinn Manual 2.0

<http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/events/past-events/international-law-and-cyber-operations-launch-of-the-tallinn-manual-2-0>

(U.S.) Net neutrality, the FCC, and the digital divide

<https://www.brookings.edu/podcast-episode/net-neutrality-the-fcc-and-the-digital-divide/>

(Global) What's Next for ICANN in the Absence of U.S. Oversight? An Interview With Kal Raustiala

<http://blogs.cfr.org/cyber/2017/02/16/4666/>

INTERNET FREEDOM

How Twitter's New Censorship Tools Are The Pandora's Box Moving Us Towards The End Of Free Speech

Kalev Leetaru – Forbes: 17 February 2017

The implementation of a program to end hate speech on Twitter may actually be the start of the censorship that brings it down. Depending on how the program is executed and what it determines as hate speech, Twitter risks crossing the fine line between being a "safe space" and censorship.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/kalevleetaru/2017/02/17/how-twitters-new-censorship-tools-are-the-pandoras-box-moving-us-towards-the-end-of-free-speech/#3436e4093e52>

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(Venezuela) Venezuela Aims to Block CNN Spanish-language Service on Internet

<http://www.voanews.com/a/venezuela-aims-block-cnn-spanish-language-service-on-internet/3727925.html>

(Malta) Registering websites attacks the very basis of internet freedom, experts say

<http://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20170217/local/registering-websites-attacks-the-very-basis-of-internet-freedom.639836>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Tech groups gear up for FISA surveillance fight

Grant Gross – CIO: 16 February 2017

Companies are banding together with activists to ensure the United States does not extend a controversial provision that gives the National Security Agency broad authority to monitor the communications of U.S. citizens overseas.

<http://www.cio.com/article/3170942/security/tech-groups-gear-up-for-fisa-surveillance-fight.html>

For more on this theme:

(U.S.) Apple vs. FBI one year later: Still stuck in limbo

<https://www.cnet.com/news/apple-vs-fbi-one-year-later-still-stuck-in-limbo/>

(U.S.) Cybersecurity in the Trump Administration: What Should We Expect?

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/cybersecurity-trump-administration-what-should-we-expect>

(Global) Reclaiming Defender's Advantage in Cybersecurity

<https://www.thecipherbrief.com/article/exclusive/tech/reclaiming-defenders-advantage-cyber-security-1092>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

How Democracies Lose in Cyberwar

Moisés Naím – The Atlantic: 13 February 2017

Russia has taught the world a lesson about conducting warfare without laying a hand on a kinetic weapon. The asymmetrical nature of Moscow's combat demonstrated the broad reach of Russia and its ability to exploit the weaknesses of a democratic nation.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2017/02/democracy-cyber-war/516351/>

For more on this theme:

(Russia, Global) Russia's Cyberattacks Put Transatlantic Security in 'a Whole Different Light'

<http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/russia-s-cyberattacks-put-transatlantic-security-in-a-whole-different-light>

(U.S., Global) The Rules of the Brave New Cyberworld

<http://foreignpolicy.com/2017/02/16/the-rules-of-the-brave-new-cyberworld/>

(Russia, China) A Fancy Bear Finds Its Way Into the Middle Kingdom

<http://blogs.cfr.org/cyber/2017/02/15/a-fancy-bear-finds-its-way-into-the-middle-kingdom-cyber-china-russia/>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Public sector can't deliver New Urban Agenda alone, World Economic Forum warns

Gregory Scruggs – Citiscope: 17 February 2017

Citing an infrastructure project that rendered all of New York City as a Wi-Fi hot spot, the World Economic Forum says partnerships between the public and private sectors are key to implementing the United Nations' goals to improve life in cities around the world.

<http://citiscope.org/story/2017/public-sector-cant-deliver-new-urban-agenda-alone-world-economic-forum-warns>

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(U.S.) Internet Archive offers to host PACER for free

<https://www.fedscoop.com/internet-archive-offers-host-pacer-free/>

(U.S.) #RSAC: Threats and Opportunities — States Confront the Cyber-Challenge

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/rsac-threats-and-opportunities/>

(U.K.) Under attack: the UK exposed to constant hostile cyber threats

<http://www.information-age.com/uk-constant-threats-cyber-attacks-123464417/>

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

#RSAC: The War in Cyberspace: Why We Are Losing — and How to Fight Back

Michael Hill – Infosecurity Magazine: 14 February 2017

U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul, chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, told participants at the RSA Conference 2017 in San Francisco: “Nation-states are using cyber tools to steal our country’s secrets and copy our intellectual property.” He added that “faceless hackers are snatching our financial data and locking down our health care information; terrorists are abusing encryption and social media to crowdsource the murder of innocent people. Web-based warfare is becoming incredibly personal.”

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/rsac-the-war-in-cyberspace/>

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(Global) ‘Digital Geneva convention’ urged to stop countries from launching cyber attacks

<http://www.itworldcanada.com/article/digital-geneva-convention-urged-to-stop-countries-from-launching-cyber-attacks/390738>

(U.K.) Government is quietly asking suppliers to pick up the tab for cyber security

<http://www.computerweekly.com/opinion/Government-is-quietly-asking-suppliers-to-pick-up-the-tab-for-cyber-security>

(U.K.) Russian and Chinese hackers are targeting us ‘daily’, warns expert

http://www.oxfordtimes.co.uk/news/15096860.Russian_and_Chinese_hackers_are_targeting_us___39___daily___39___warns_expert/

CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

In infrastructure plan, a big opening for rural broadband

Blair Levin and Carol Matthey – Brookings: 13 February 2017

As developing nations struggle to bring internet connectivity to rural portions of their countries, one would think the resources of industrialized nations would have conquered the problem. Not so, according to the most recent broadband report on rural connectivity in the United States.

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/the-avenue/2017/02/13/in-infrastructure-plan-a-big-opening-for-rural-broadband/>

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(Africa) New pan-African WiFi network launched

<http://www.itwebafrica.com/network/333-africa/237410-new-pan-african-wifi-network-launched>

(Egypt) ‘We are not going to wait until 2063’

<http://www.itwebafrica.com/ict-and-governance/254-egypt/237411-we-are-not-going-to-wait-until-2063>

(U.S., Canada) Trump, Trudeau commit to cooperation on cyber

<http://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/319268-trump-trudeau-commit-to-cooperation-on-cyber>

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Uganda and Malawi sign pact to fight cybercrime and build capabilities

Edgar Rwakenya – SC Magazine UK: 16 February 2017

Aiming to increase capabilities and information sharing, Uganda and Malawi signed a memorandum of understanding and agreed to increase collaboration to defeat cyber crime.

<https://www.scmagazineuk.com/uganda-and-malawi-sign-pact-to-fight-cybercrime-and-build-capabilities/article/638441/>

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(U.K.) The Queen officially opens GCHQ’s National Cyber Security Centre

<http://www.wired.co.uk/article/national-cyber-security-centre-open-gchq>

(India) India has a big role to play in fighting the virtual war against cyber crime

<http://www.dailyo.in/technology/hacking-cyber-crime-internet-war/story/1/15715.html>

(U.S.) FBI is ‘moving towards’ predictive cybercrime-fighting tools, assistant director says

<https://www.fedscoop.com/fbi-moving-towards-predictive-cybercrime-fighting-tools-assistant-director-says/>

INFORMATION SHARING

Australia to get data breach notification regime

Rohan Pearce – Computerworld: 13 February 2017

The Privacy Amendment was passed by Australia's Parliament to institute mandatory data breach notification in the event of a cyber attack. The law covers most Australian government agencies, businesses with an annual turnover in excess of \$3 million, and critical smaller organizations, such as those handling health data.

<http://www.computerworld.com.au/article/614151/australia-get-data-breach-notification-regime/>

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(U.S.) FBI to private sector: work with us

<https://fcw.com/articles/2017/02/16/fbi-cyber-rsa-carberry.aspx>

(U.K.) Antiquated stress testing methods could pose a threat to European banks

<http://www.information-age.com/antiquated-stress-testing-methods-pose-threat-european-banks-123464525/>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Government Needs To Take Immediate Actions to Strengthen US Cybersecurity, GAO Says

Homeland Security Today: 14 February 2017

Gregory C. Wilshusen, director of information security issues at the United States General Accountability Office (GAO), says it has repeatedly warned that the federal government is not doing enough to protect information systems and critical infrastructure from cyber threats.

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/government-needs-to-take-immediate-actions-to-strengthen-us-cybersecurity-gao-says/ca3ce962dc9d978ee2883f83bcb992a5.html>

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(Global) Security Council Calls on Member States to Address Threats against Critical Infrastructure, Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2341 (2017)

<http://www.un.org/press/en/2017/sc12714.doc.htm>

(U.S.) Is Critical Infrastructure Ready for Cyberattacks?

<http://www.itbusinessedge.com/blogs/data-and-telecom/is-critical-infrastructure-ready-for-cyberattacks.html>

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ISIS

Jordan Steps Up its War on ISIS in Syria

Shehab al-Makahleh – Atlantic Council: 14 February 2017

Jordan is increasing its counterterrorism efforts against ISIS. After meetings with Russian and United States officials, Jordan launched airstrikes in coordination with Moscow and may signal closer ties between the two nations.

<http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/jordan-steps-up-its-war-on-isis-in-syria>

ISIL & Drones: Understand the Network to Defeat the Network

Noah B. Cooper – Small Wars Journal: 15 February 2017

ISIS has been using weaponized, unmanned aerial vehicles in conducting attacks against coalition forces. The use of such drones is unprecedented and demonstrates ISIS' ability to adapt and exploit the weaknesses of coalition forces.

<http://smallwarsjournal.com/jrn/art/isil-drones-understand-the-network-to-defeat-the-network>

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Suicide attack on Pakistani shrine kills 72, claimed by Islamic State

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/least-25-reported-dead-suicide-attack-pakistani-shrine-153618727.html>

Taking Aim at the 'Caliph'

<http://soufangroup.com/tsg-intelbrief-taking-aim-at-the-caliph/>

The Islamic State's 'business model' is failing, study says

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2017/02/17/the-islamic-states-business-model-is-failing-study-says/?utm_term=.7b0a325e64d6

Captive Islamic State militant says mass rapes were 'normal'

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-mosul-prisoners-idUSKBN15W1N0>

Pakistan under threat from Islamic State: Envoy

<http://indianexpress.com/article/world/pakistan-under-threat-from-islamic-state-envoy-4530241/>

As Islamic State loses territory, it seeks to survive online

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/as-islamic-state-loses-territory-it-seeks-to-survive-online/2017/02/13/56356f08-f150-11e6-8d72-263470bf0401_story.html?utm_term=.b4b7a3153644

Islamic State Calls on Supporters to Target Religious Scholars

<http://www.voanews.com/a/islamic-state-targets-scholars-in-latest-propaganda-campaign/3727394.html>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Designating the Muslim Brotherhood

Mohammad Alhassani – American Security Project: 15 February 2017

The Muslim Brotherhood has long been a thorn in the side of those who seek to determine if the group deserves designation as a terrorist organization. The question is complex at best. The current U.S. administration is once again considering such a designation and must weigh all the facts before making a decision.

<https://www.americansecurityproject.org/designating-the-muslim-brotherhood/>

Tahrir al-Sham: Al-Qaeda's latest incarnation in Syria

BBC: 12 February 2017

Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, formerly known as the al-Nusra Front, has merged with four smaller Syrian groups and is now calling itself "Tahrir al-Sham." Despite claims that the group broke ties with al-Qaida, experts believe the group was simply rebranding itself rather than actually breaking from the larger organization.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-38934206>

For more on this theme:

The Muslim Brotherhood and the Question of Terrorism

<https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2017/02/muslim-brotherhood-designation/516390/>

Cameroon evolves to thwart Boko Haram's changing tactics

http://www.defenceweb.co.za/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=46867:cameroon-evolves-to-thwart-boko-harams-changing-tactics&catid=56:diplomacy-a-peace&Itemid=111

Al-Shabaab Magazine: 'We'll Keep Marching Till We Reach the State of Maine'

<https://pjmedia.com/homeland-security/2017/02/11/al-shabaab-magazine-well-keep-marching-till-we-reach-the-state-of-maine/>

Somalia: Ethiopian Lauds Defense Forces for War On Al-Shabaab

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201702160134.html>

Nigeria has discovered oil in Boko Haram's heartland—but that isn't necessarily good news for locals

<https://qz.com/910697/nigeria-has-discovered-oil-in-boko-harams-heartland-but-that-isnt-necessarily-good-news-for-locals/>

Al-Qaeda Using US Preoccupation With ISIS To Spread To India, Warns US Expert

<http://www.ndtv.com/india-news/al-qaeda-using-us-preoccupation-with-isis-to-spread-to-india-warns-us-expert-1660389>

RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Why do we use the term ‘radicalization’?

Alan Philips – Chatham House: 16 February 2017

Highlighting a number of Chatham House pieces, this overview asks why the word “radicalization” is used when discussing the recruitment to extremist terrorism. The links in this article give a multitude of answers.

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/expert/comment/why-do-we-use-term-radicalization>

Human Rights and Countering Violent Extremism – What’s the connection?

Shannon Green – Center for Strategic & International Studies: 15 February 2017

This podcast explores the topics of radicalization, extremists who act on their own and how nations can go about countering the things that draw people to extreme ideologies.

<https://www.csis.org/podcasts/smart-women-smart-power-podcast>

For more on this theme:

Public Opinion Survey Data to Measure Sympathy and Support for Islamist Terrorism: A Look at Muslim Opinions on Al Qaeda and IS

<https://icct.nl/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/ICCT-Schmid-Muslim-Opinion-Polls-Jan2017-1.pdf>

Counter-Radicalisation at the Coalface: Lessons for Europe and Beyond

<https://rusi.org/publication/newsbrief/counter-radicalisation-coalface-lessons-europe-and-beyond>

Radicalization and the Travel Ban

<https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2017/02/travel-ban-isis/516288/>

Doubling Down Against the Jihadist Message

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COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

Women Are Key to Counterterrorism

Jamille Bigio and Rachel Vogelstein – U.S. News & World Report: 8 February 2017

Citing a recent Council on Foreign Relations report, the authors argue that investing in women as a counterterrorism tool and, more specifically, a counterradicalization resource is more valuable than many other efforts because of the unique position women hold in the family and community.

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**Why counter-narratives are not the best responses to terrorist propaganda:
Challenges, risks and alternatives**

Ann-Sophie Hemmingsen and Karin Ingrid Castro Møller – Danish Institute for International Studies: 10 February 2017

The idea of counternarratives gained popularity as governments and organizations sought to prevent the recruitment and radicalization of extremists. The Danish national action plan on countering and preventing radicalization and extremism takes a different approach. This report discusses the challenges of using counterpropaganda specific to the Danish framework.

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How to hunt a lone wolf: Countering terrorists who act on their own

Daniel L. Byman – Brookings: 14 February 2017

Attacks by individual extremists are difficult to identify and prevent, but the author maintains that governments can do several things to lessen the likelihood of attacks and prepare for those that are inevitable.

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