

INTRODUCTION TO THE DEFENCE AND SECURITY ADVISORY NETWORK REPORT

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Since 2019, the Defence and Security Advisory Network has been actively promoting new research in the security and public safety spheres. This report is the first publication in a new research series intended to highlight the research discussed at the 2021 Defence and Security Advisory Network (DSAN) workshop. This workshop brought together international experts from various backgrounds such as tactical, academic, practitioner, intelligence, and defence, to highlight emerging research and perspectives for engaging with memes and community resilience. DSAN is a forum designed to bring together experts in defence, security, intelligence, diplomacy and other fields and organizations. DSAN operates as a hub for dialogue, publishing and providing a point of contact for researchers and practitioners to coordinate, collaborate on research, and exchange ideas on the nature of security threats and responses.

DSAN was created with the aim of providing a home for Pacific and West Coast based security and defence scholars but has since expanded to include international scholars to accommodate the interconnectedness of security and defence spheres. The network establishes a defence and security research hub which maintains a centralised list of research interests, biographies, and papers - both research and opinion pieces on members' current work, which focuses on a range of topics including the extent to which violent transnational movements affect the stability of the nation-state and the prevention of the normalization of extremism rhetoric through various research projects - and provides a forum for researchers to discuss their current work on the nature and causes of divisive discourse within online communities and how to address emerging challenges for the defense and security fields.

DSAN also encourages workshop guests to engage in critical discussion on the emerging research and new perspectives in the fields of security and defence on the West Coast and beyond, with 2021 placing a particular interest in understanding security concerns in both physical and virtual realms.

The following pieces are a compilation of the presentations and discussion panels that took place during this workshop. This year's event consisted of four panels with each representing several international perspectives: Canada, the United Kingdom, Sweden, and the United States.

As the world has continued to adapt to life during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has equally adapted to new mechanisms of socialization, memes have become a culturally effective form to share and spread information, including extremist thoughts and security concerns. This year's event, therefore, focused on soft violence, mass identity movements, iconology, and the potential threat of online extremist communities in order to create a dialogue and provide a better understanding on how to build a more resilient future.

About the Panelists



Candyce M. Kelshall has over 25 years of experience working in the intelligence space in respect of designing, conceptualizing, and creating curriculum for the professional development and enhancement of intelligence analytic, desk, case, and field officers. She has written fusion center doctrine and conceptualized standing operating orders for several agencies based across the Commonwealth. In addition, she has also written several textbooks on Structured Analytic Techniques for national security and is currently completing a text on intelligence failures. Kelshall is the President of the Canadian Association for Security and Intelligence Studies (CASIS) Vancouver, the Founder/Director of the Canadian Centre for Identity-Based Research (CCIBC), and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Intelligence, Conflict, and Warfare (JICW). She also teaches at the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC), the British Columbia Institute for Technology (BCIT) in Canada, the University of Buckingham in the United Kingdom, and the University of Ottawa's Professional Development Institute. She is a member of the Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security, and Society (TSAS), the Oxford Intelligence Group, and Yale School of Medicine's Virtual IPE Committee on Security. She has also collaborated with the Network Contagion Research Institute and Simon Fraser University's Big Data Hub.



Natalie Archutowski is the Executive Officer of the Canadian Centre for Identity-Based Conflict (CCIBC) and a Research Scientist on the Violent Transnational Social Movement Research Team at the Canadian Centre for Identity Based Conflict. Ms. Archutowski has previously authored "Indicators and Signposts of Change" in "Introduction to Structured Analytical Techniques for National Security Analysts: Tradecraft Coursework" and "The Cultural Grid" in

“Structured Analytical Techniques for Law Enforcement: Tradecraft Coursework and Tabletop Exercises.” Ms. Archutowski has also been an instructor for workshops on Structured Analytical Techniques for more than fourteen different law enforcement, security and public safety agencies.



Sophia Moskalenko earned her Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania in 2004. As a research fellow at the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (NC-START), she has worked on projects commissioned by the Department of Defence, Department of Homeland Security and Department of State. Her research on terrorism and radicalization has been presented in scientific conferences, government briefings, radio broadcasts and international television newscasts. With Clark McCauley, she's the author of award-winning *Friction: How conflict radicalizes them and us* (2017, OUP), *The Marvel of Martyrdom: The power of self-sacrifice in a selfish world* (2009, OUP) and *What Everyone Needs to Know About Radicalization* (2020, OUP).



Tina Askanius is an Associate Professor in media and communication studies at the School of Arts and Communication at Malm University. Her research broadly concerns the relationship between social movements, media technologies and processes of mediation. She holds a PhD in media and communication studies from Lund University, where she defended the thesis *Radical Online Video. YouTube, video activism and social movement media practices* in November 2012. The overarching question of how to understand the changing relationship between media, civic engagement and political mobilisations in an age of digital and ubiquitous media was at the heart of her doctoral thesis and still shapes her profile and orientation as a researcher today. Her published work mainly concerns the relationship between social movements and social media in the context of social justice movements including the climate justice movement and feminist movements, and extreme right movements, including the neo-Nazi movement. She is currently working on a four-year research project, *Digital radicalisation, analogue extremism?* (The Wallenberg Foundation 2018-2021) on the media practices of extreme right movements in Sweden as well as a three-year project (MSB 2020-2023) on the role of media in violent extremism examining far-right political mobilisations in the context of Sweden, Canada and the US specifically.



Amanda Champion is currently a PhD student at Simon Fraser University's School of Criminology. Her general research interests fall in the area of psychological theory applied to research questions in criminology and the mapping of pathways to suicidality and violence. More precisely, her interests in the MA program encompassed the intersection of crime, computer-mediated communication, technology, and sexuality. She recently completed her MA thesis research on the negative impacts associated with technology-facilitated sexual violence (TFSV) and pathways to suicidality, under the supervision of Dr. Richard Frank. She explored key explanatory variables such as bullying, depression, and perceived burdensomeness and how these related to suicidality among victims of TFSV. From a policy perspective, these pathway model findings may inform suicide prevention programs specific for TFSV victims. A related research interest for Amanda within the area of computer-mediated communication and sexuality has been misogynist terrorism and pathways to radicalization and violent extremism. Amanda's goal in the PhD program is to identify both the profile of motivations within an online subcultural sample and the potential level of threat these online communities pose to public safety.



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