



# **Radicalization of Youth!?**

**Causes and prevention of  
violent extremism**

**International Conference  
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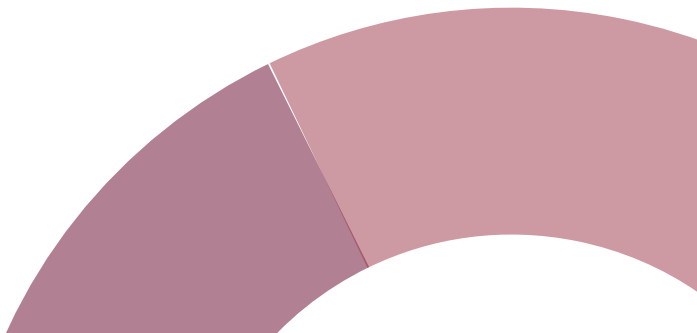


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Rising inclination of young people towards radical groups as well as obtrusive presence of intolerance in digital space becomes more and more disturbing especially in the context of current political discourse on migration, social rights or gender equality. At the same time, we are witnessing that the values of human rights, tolerance and democracy are being challenged not only by young people but across our societies and even by public representatives and authorities.

IUVENTA – Slovak Youth Institute believes that there is already a huge experience to be shared by various stakeholders which needs to be reflected, evaluated or even confronted and questioned in open discussion. The conference aims to offer the platform to bring together diverse perspectives, opportunity to share the experience and search for further answers on how we could empower young people through youth work.

On behalf of the whole IUVENTA team, we wish you inspiring days full of new information and fruitful discussions!



## Facilitators of the conference:



### **Lukáš Zorád**

Lukáš Zorád is currently working for an NGO PDCS providing professional training and facilitation services, consultancy and advisory services in areas of conflict resolution, support of dialogue in the society, citizen participation and civil society development in Slovakia and abroad. He is involved in several projects focused on the issue of radicalization.

### **Tatiana Cárová**

Tatiana Cárová is a trainer and facilitator of non-formal and experiential learning activities. She is currently a member of pool of trainers of National Agency Erasmus+ and a global education consultant at People in Need Slovakia.



# Tuesday, 12th March 2019

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## 14:00 -14:30 Welcome and Opening of the conference



### **Róbert Hronský**

Robert Hronský is a Director General of IUVENTA – Slovak Youth Institute since 2018. He is also manager of a Volleyball team and devoted supporter of development of sporty and active lifestyle of young people. Before his work in the youth field he was a manager in national broadcasting RTVS and Financial Administration of the Slovak Republic. Róbert Hronský studied mass media communication in Trnava University.

### **Ivan Hromada**

Ivan Hromada is serving as a director of the Department of Youth at the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic and since 2018 he's been elected Vice-Chair of the European Steering Committee on Youth at the Council of Europe. His previous executive experience has included serving as Director-General at the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic, where he was responsible for European affairs. Afterwards Ivan spent more than 10 years working in Brussels for the Permanent Representation of Slovakia to the EU on topics related to education, youth and sport. In 2010 he was a President of the Board of Governors of the European Schools. In 2016 during the first Slovak EU Presidency he chaired the Council's Education Committee.



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## 14:30 -15:30 The Role of Youth Work in Prevention of Radicalization (Panel discussion)

We will kick off the conference with discussion about the core concepts and our understanding of what is the essence of youth work. How do we understand the process of radicalization of youth? And what role should be taken by youth workers? Do we have any common understandings or are there several approaches to the issue of prevention in youth work?

### PANELISTS:



#### Lana Pašić

Lana Pašić is a Researcher and Development Consultant in the area of youth participation and citizenship, governance, youth in post-conflict transition contexts, prevention of youth radicalization, education, inequality and inclusion. Lana is a member of the Pool of European Youth Researchers (PEYR) with the Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of youth. She holds MPhil degree in Development Studies from the University of Oxford.

#### Dariusz Grzemny

Dariusz Grzemny is a youth worker in Poland and a trainer/consultant in educational projects across Europe dealing with anti-discrimination and human rights education. He worked at the Amnesty International Secretariat as a human rights education advisor, at the Council of Europe as an educational advisor and there he was also involved in the development and implementation of the No Hate Speech Movement campaign. He is a member of the Pool of Trainers in the Youth Directorate of the Council of Europe and the author of several educational materials on human rights education.





### **Viera Žúborová**

Viera Žúborová is a political scientist studying the issues of youth, ethnicity, post-communism, as well as populism, extremism, social movements, and civil society, currently member of the team in Bratislava Policy Institute. She worked for 10 years at Trnava University on various positions (vice-dean for research and strategic projects, head of the Political Science and European Studies department, Assistant Professor). She also worked as an executive editor of the Slovak Journal of Political Science. In 2016, she became a senior research fellow at the think-tank Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs (CENAA).

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**15:45 – 16:45 Research and Analyses:** Parallel workshops led by research representatives. Participants will discuss and work with conclusions and recommendations provided by researchers.

## **WORKSHOP 1**

### **Mitja Sardoč: Radicalization, Violent Extremism and Conflicting Diversity**

Mitja Sardoč is a senior research associate at the Educational Research Institute in Ljubljana (Slovenia). In his presentation he will address both conceptual and empirical issues associated with radicalization and violent extremism on one hand and also other contextual, definitional and conceptual issues (e.g. the problem of indoctrination, moral panic, multiculturalism of fear, Islamophobia, cultural distance, conflicting diversity etc.) with a particular focus on youth on the other.



### **György Tatár: Populism and Radicalization Cycle**

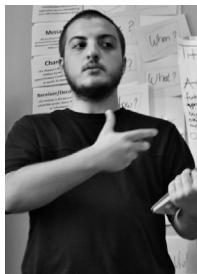
György Tatár is a researcher at Budapest Centre for Mass Atrocity Prevention, which is an Unbiased NGO building capacity for prevention of extreme crimes. In his presentation, he will talk about features of populism from the aspect of radicalization and ways of countering it.

## **Alena Kopányiová a Eva Smíková: Contribution of Developmental Psychology to Understanding Radicalization**

Alena Kopányiová is a psychologist at Research Institute of Child Psychology and Pathopsychology, which is the only workplace in the Slovak Republic focusing on the comprehensive research into the psychological aspects of children and youth development and on research into the conditions that affect it. In her presentation she will provide the insights into developmental psychology regarding the prevention of radicalization and extremism of children and youth



## **WORKSHOP 2**



### **Evangelos Deligiannidis: Cyber-radicalization: Dissemination of radical calls through social media and internet**

The social researcher Evangelos Deligiannidis representing the Panteion University of social and political sciences will highlight the necessity to contain the digital side of the radicalization process in individual and group level in relative research and analysis based on the evidence, which shows that the internet is one significant aspect of radicalization - a process which is taking place both offline and online. He will explore the ways in which social media are employed as indoctrination tool by radical and extremism groups.

### **Veronika Florian Šimková: Case study: Development of young neo-Nazi**

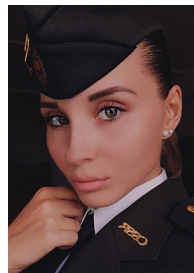
As a psychologist for children and youth at Pedagogical-psychological counseling and prevention center in Slovakia, Veronika Florian Šimková is often in contact with young extremists. In her case study she will introduce the development of radical attitudes and pathological behaviors of specific adolescent clients and will also point out the importance of preventive activities at schools considering her work with the classes in the field.





## **Michaela Zátureczká: Slovak conscripts - extremism and propaganda**

Michaela Zátureczká is 1st Degree Private and a student at Armed forces academy of general M. R. Štefánik in Liptovský Mikuláš. Presentation will offer deeper insight into the structures of para-militant organization Slovak conscripts. Their ties to Russia and Pan-Slavic facade of this organization. Their effect on young people and how Slovak people in general look at such organizations. Hidden manifestations of extremism, extremist views and possible threats that might arise from this para-militant organization. Talking about military contrasts between Slovak conscripts and Slovak Armed Forces. What should we do in order to prevent such organizations from establishing?



## **WORKSHOP 3**



### **Pavol Struhár: Attitudes of young people to democracy and extremism**

Pavol Struhár works as a lecturer at Department of Political Science at Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín. His interest lies in the topic of extremism and radicalism. In 2017 there was a research carried out about attitudes of young people to democracy, civic participation, human rights and extremism with more than 600 inhabitants of regions Trenčín and Žilina from 17 to 18 years old. Its main findings will be introduced in Pavol's presentation.

### **Maksymilian Kropinski: Improving Youth Work through Action Research**

The researcher at the Institute of the Middle and Far East of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow believes that working with refugees and educating the host societies are two sides of the same coin and focuses on an evidence-based approach to refugee acculturation process. Based on his research he will show how to convert anti-refugee and radical attitudes into measurable variables (such as prejudice scales or right-wing authoritarianism) and how to use the data to better understand and influence the youth.





### **Marianna Pétiová: How do parents, teachers and pupils understand the extremism**

Marianna Pétiová is a researcher at Center for Research, Technology and Information which is an institute governed by the Ministry of Education, Research, Science and Sport of Slovak Republic. She will introduce the results of longitudinal quantitative research which maps various perspectives of key actors at elementary and secondary schools in Slovakia – parents, teachers and pupils – and development in their opinions over past three or four years.

## **WORKSHOP 4**

### **Katarína Čavojská: Youth and radicalization: what recent data say**

Katarína Čavojská is the project coordinator at The Youth Council of Slovakia, which is the umbrella organization for 26 non-governmental organizations of children and youth. In October 2018 Youth Council of Slovakia conducted a representative survey about youth and their political attitudes, which shows constantly high popularity of extreme political parties. Katarína will provide insight into who those young people are and how can we understand them.



### **Michaela Ujházyová: (Un)radical narratives of radical youth**

Michaela Ujházyová is a program coordinator at IUVENTA – Slovak Institute of Youth responsible for educational and research programs focusing on human rights and prevention of extremism. Last year, IUVENTA in cooperation with Open Society Foundation conducted a qualitative research “Causes of radicalization of youth between 13 – 17 years” which aimed to uncover the narratives young people use to understand their role in society. During presentation we will discuss these narratives in context of prevention of extremism and development of potential young people have.

## **Jaroslav Mihálik: Understanding the patterns and causes of youth well-being and radicalization: towards a longitudinal survey design**



Jaroslav Mihálik is a researcher and academic staff, currently serving as Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, participant in European research scheme H2020. Longitudinal studies are powerful tools to explore and understand the patterns and causes of young people's attitudes towards their lives. There are significant child and young people's well-being inequalities which generate different patterns of their development. Longitudinal survey data may help us assessing how individuals change over time and explore these long-term effects which can lead to radicalization and extremism.

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## **18:00 – 19:00 What does the research offer us? (World café)**

The potential of research conclusions presented during previous session of parallel workshops will be explored more in groups with specific focus on how research and youth work can enrich each other.

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## **19:00 – 20:00 Good practices over Europe (Networking and sharing good practices)**

Many of you bring precious experience and examples of good practices, either through your Erasmus+ projects, cooperation with municipalities or projects supported via various other programs. This evening hour will combine the non-formal magic of networking with sharing experience between each other. Before the conference, the following participants announced their presentations:

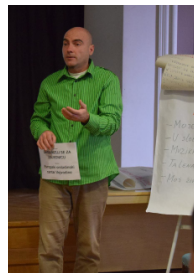


### **Maarit Suhonen: Project RadicalWeb: analyzing online radicalization & training professionals**

Maarit Suhonen is a social psychologist working in Save the Children's RadicalWeb project that aims to analyze and tackle online radicalization. Save the Children is an international non-governmental organization that promotes children's rights. The presentation will explain how Save the Children's project RadicalWeb trains professionals working with young people to detect and tackle online radicalization, and does research on it with a crawler tool.

## **Nebojsa Djerić: Presentation of European Youth Center of Vojvodina**

Nebojsa Djerić is a youth worker active in European Youth Center of Vojvodina and he will present the aims and objectives of European Youth Center of Vojvodina and youth project "Organize yourself for community"



## **Michail-Chrysovalantis Markodimitrakis: Tackling Xenophobia in EU's borderlands: A Youth Exchange Experiment**

Michail-Chrysovalantis Markodimitrakis is a member of the non-profit organization I-Participate, which provides consultations on issues of racism, xenophobia, and inclusion. In this presentation I will be discussing the results and outcomes of an Erasmus+ KA1 program I-Participate facilitated in December 2018, "Adventure of a lifetime", concerning the Syrian Civil War and its repercussions for refugees and local communities that host them. The participating organizations come from 4 countries: Greece, Turkey, Republic of North Macedonia, Germany, Italy.

## **Alina Barysnikova: INK- inclusion project**

Alina Baryšnikova is a special consultant working for Oslo municipality, Alna district. She will introduce us to INK- inclusion project, which is directed towards young people in the risk zone. The project is working with prevention of radicalization and violent extremism. Get to know Norwegian approach.



## **Maroš Chmelík: Not In Our Town - Banská Bystrica, Slovakia**

Maroš Chmelík - Executive Director of Center for Community Organizing. Why preventing violent extremism and radicalization among young people became a core of the civic platform Not In Our Town.

## **Mathioudakis Charalampos: United Catalyst, be a mentor for young migrants and refugees**

Mathioudakis Charalampos is a youth worker. Refugees' integration is a complex and multidimensional construct, referring to integration into the economic, health, educational and social contexts. Multiple factors contribute to how smooth refugees' integration occurs, including their experiences, their physical and mental health, or social support, which is the main focus of the presentation. Refugees' integration is a two-way process depending on how active the individual and how open the society is. "United Catalyst, be a mentor for young migrants and refugees" focuses on the elimination of prejudices and radicalization with the help of youth work, towards the refugee crisis.



## **Harald Weilnböck: CEE Prevent NET**

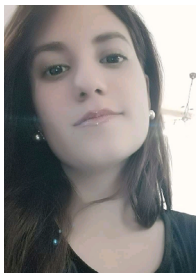
Harald Weilnböck is from organization „Cultures Interactive e.V. (CI) – NGO for Intercultural Education and Violence Prevention“. In light of increasing levels of intolerance, discrimination and group hatred in Europe, the CEE Prevent Net project aims at safeguarding young people by strengthening their resilience toward these phenomena and their skills to contribute to a peaceful and democratic society. 'Cultures Interactive' (NGO, Berlin) designed the CEE Prevent Net to focus on Central and Eastern Europe and Eastern Germany, since this region shares common socio-historic experiences and current challenges. The project builds on the previous European Fair Skills project, includes a transfer of good practices in an international summer school in Slovakia, peer coaching and youth workshops in each of the project countries (BU, CZ, HU, PO, SK) as well as the creation of a "Compendium of Good Practices" for the CEE region.



## **Georg Pirker: The Landscape of Justice**

Georg Pirker is responsible for coordinating the DARE network. At this session he will present the online app which was developed during the ETHOS project. The ETHOS project aims to create a European Theory of Justice. It is a cooperation of six research institutions across Europe, financed by the European Commission.





### **Hermione Nantia Sefentin: Intercultural Education and the part of Language in the Inclusion of the refugees in Greece. The example of «Agkalide»**

Hermione Nantia Sefentin is a scientist working on the field of Special & Inclusive Education. In contemporary Greek society, the presence of individuals or groups of people from a language and culturally diverse background, presents fundamental challenges not only for the scientific conceptualization of the consequences of such a presence, but also for the formation of policies and the adoption of practices which address the problems that emanate from the inclusion of such diverse individuals into Greek social and political institutions.

### **Veronika Kusyová and Ján Cingel'**

Veronika Kusyová is a researcher engaged in the Globsec project on preventing the youth radicalization in Albania, Bosnia, Kosovo and Macedonia, supported by SlovakAid and the Dutch Embassy in Macedonia. Ján Cingel' is a consultant and researcher who works for the Globsec office based in Bratislava. They will present partial results of the project still ongoing.



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### **Dana Rosová: Racism and extrémism in the life of young people**

Dana Rosová is a researcher, psychological counsellor and trainer, in her work she specializes on socio-pathological behaviour, racism, xenophobia, bullying between young people. She will share with us the results of a quantitative research on the impact, presence and forms of racism and extremism in everyday life of secondary school students in Slovakia. The research focused also on the effectiveness of prevention from the viewpoint of young people.





# Wednesday, 13th March 2019

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## 9:00 - 10:00 Keynote speech

### Oomar Shariff Mulbocus

Omar is a therapist & prevention intervention provider for West London Initiative. He was a former member from different extremist groups and based on his life experience he will explain the ways of ground operating from the group perspective as well as ideological pull factors around young people. In his case, the extremist group gave him a sense of purpose. Manipulated, brainwashed, groomed, young people are led to believe that violence is the only way to protect their identity. Omar will present the roadmap of exit strategy from Gang to Radical Extremist which evolves around 6 phases base on life experiences and while working in prison and rehabilitation.



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## 10:30 - 12:00 Youth work



### Field Trip 1 Kaspian: Presentation of history of KASPIAN and streetwork in local skatepark

Through fun, support and adventure Kaspian helps children and young people in Petržalka find their own way. Kaspian offers easily accessible (low-threshold) programs and services, which are free of charge, require no registration and an emphasis is placed on safety, professionalism and human approach. Social services, informal education, preventive, leisure activities and participation projects are tools helping young people to grow. Being the oldest low-threshold program in Slovakia Kaspian also trains and educates people interested in their work.

### Field Trip 2: MixKlub/Pentagon

MixKlub is a low-threshold centre for children and young people from 6 to 18 years old, which are at risk due to socially disadvantaged environment. Since 2007, we have expanded the activities with "Mixáčik" (Mixie) for children up to 6 years and their families. Through positive experience and building their self esteem, children and young people develop their self reliability, responsibility towards themselves and to others. They gain new experience of free time, creativity and models of behaviour. The important factor is, that we are not trying to change them, everything relies on their choice and commitment.





### **Zuzana Vašičáková Očenášová: Open Forum as a method of youth work**

Zuzana is a trainer, facilitator, mediator and works in education, counseling and conflict resolution. Using the methods of community forum and working with roles in the field, based on process oriented psychology world work formats, in the workshop we will be exploring our world beyond our own bubbles and widening the peep-hole through which we observe our polarized world.

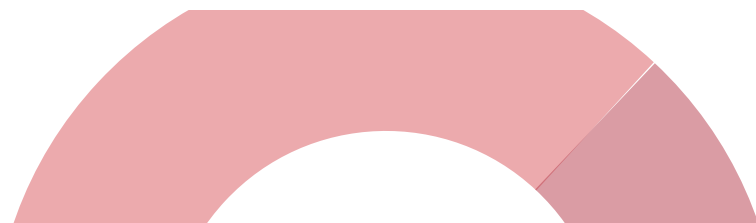
### **Imre Simon: Liaisons: Preventing violent radicalization through youth information**

Imre works in ERYICA to intensify European co-operation in the field of youth information work and services. He manages projects to develop youth information and counselling work. As a certified youth information trainer, he has been active in the training field in human rights education and global education. Imre will introduce the manual 'Liaisons', which contributes to equipping those in contact with youth with the necessary skills to help young people to build up their resistance and critical thinking, so as not to become attracted by extremist ideas and groups.



### **Lana Pašić: Youth Work Against Violent Radicalization: Theory, concepts and primary prevention in practice**

Workshop will start with briefly discussion of the concept of radicalization leading to violence, as well as opportunities which may turn young people towards radicalization. It will continue with a journey through six steps on the "ladder of radicalization", from psychological perceptions of injustice to violent acts. At the end we will examine youth work methods and approaches which can contribute at each of the levels to shape young people's attitudes, perceptions and behaviours.





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## 14:00 -15:15 From strategies to youth clubs (panel discussion)

Youth policy on European as well as national and local level has already reflected the risks of radicalization and increasing support of populism between youth. What strategic documents or initiatives shall we consider in practical youth work? What resources do we have and what are the challenges when we try to implement youth policy in our daily youth work?

### PANELISTS:

#### Georg Pirker

Since 2007 Georg Pirker is responsible for coordinating the DARE network, which is a European association of organizations conducting non formal education for democratic citizenship and human rights education with young people. He is an educator conducting trainings for trainers and qualifying programs in various fields of EDC/HRE in Europe and works at Association of German Educational Organizations as well. AdB is a german association, which is active in the same field.



#### Manfred Zentner

Manfred Zentner is a youth researcher at the Department of Migration and Globalization at the Donau-Universität Krems in Austria. He is working on the topics of identity development, youth cultures, and participation as well as youth policy. He is member of the Pool of European Youth Researchers and was nominated in various EU expert groups.



#### Juraj Lizák

Juraj Lizák is a youth worker with years of experience. He is the chief executive officer in NGO Slovak Scouting and voluntary chairman of Slovak Youth Council. Regarding scouting his main topics are prevention of radicalization and spreading the idea of positive patriotism. In wider area he is interested in quality standards of youth work.



## **Maroš Chmelík**

Maroš Chmelík is an Executive Director of Center for Community Organizing and will share the experience of youth worker and civic society activist. Among other thoughts, he will explain why preventing violent extremism and radicalisation among young people became a core of the civic platform Not In Our Town.



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## **15:45 - 17:15 Youth Work and Youth Policy (parallel workshops)**

### **WORKSHOP 1:**



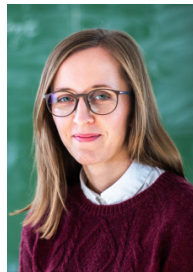
#### **Manfred Zentner: The contribution of youth work to preventing marginalisation and violent radicalisation**

In the EU expert group on “The contribution of youth work to preventing marginalisation and violent radicalisation” a toolbox was developed supporting youth workers in dealing with various forms of radicalisation. Besides presenting the handbook in the workshop, the possibilities of implementing the different recommendations in everyday youth work will be elaborated in a participative way. The workshop will deal with the questions, on which level of prevention a youth worker in a given situation can become active and how different models of good practice can be adapted to the local situation.

### **WORKSHOP 2:**

#### **Oliver Kossack and Zuzana Saboó: Narrative group work in schools: building social skills, promoting democratic attitudes, preventing violent extremism**

Zuzana Szabóová works for Centre for Community Organizing and an antifascist platform Not in Our Town. Currently, she is a coordinator of an educational program Schools for Democracy aiming to combat radicalization and extremism among youth. Moreover, she is a member of the Board of Amnesty International Slovakia, co-founder of the Artforum Bookstore and Literary Bastion in Banská Bystrica.





Oliver Kossack works at Cultures Interactive e.V. (CI), which targets the wide-spread right-wing extremist and neo-Nazi milieus which sprang up in Eastern Germany after reunification in the 1990s, and later on also included inner-city districts struck by migration-related radical ethnic and religious tensions. CI has since developed and piloted innovative and sustainable approaches and model projects to prevent and counter discrimination, group hatred and violent extremism and to promote capacity building in view of a resilient civil society. Special emphasis is placed on developing methods for vulnerable, difficult to engage or at-risk youth.

## WORKSHOP 3:

### Amar Abbas: Let's get radical!

Amar Abbas is a fellow of the Royal Society of Commerce, an Expert Adviser to the National Institute of Health and Social Care Excellence, CEO of Youth Action - a UK based youth development agency working on international programmes. Amar will share his viewpoint on how to engage the disengaged from the perspective of a practitioner of Youth Work and Policy formation for over 15 years both in the UK and around the world. Amar, a practicing Muslim, will also share his personal journey as well as range of successful interventions with his colleagues.



### Sotirios Sotiriou: The financial crisis as key-factor of the Radicalization of Youth

Sotirios Sotiriou is a student at the University of Piraeus, Department of International and European Studies and represents an NGO "Vision Network Athens (VNA)", which promotes intercultural contact in the fields of education, arts and sciences. Together with Sotirios we will examine the economic factors especially the recent financial crisis, which trigger the emerging phenomenon of radicalization of youth in the framework of the current affairs and the upcoming European elections.

## WORKSHOP 4:

### **Georg Pirker: Tools and methods for human rights education as prevention**

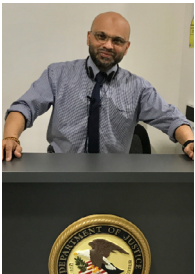


In the last 2,5 years an E+ project on the effects of populism, radicalisation and post-truth towards education for democratic citizenship and human rights was conducted with young people on the youth political level as well as on the pedagogical level. We will discuss some of the findings but we will also try to map if youth work in its current condition in European members states is adequately positioned to conduct prevention work, what youth work can do and where are the certain limits.

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## **17:45 - 18:45 Youth work and Research (parallel workshops)**

### **WORKSHOP 1 (lasts until 19:15):**



### **Oomar Shariff Mulbocus: Road map journey with an exit strategy**

Workshop will explain the journey from recruitment pathways from extremist to an active member of a group. Especially those who are involved in or about to be groomed in to any type of violence and extremism. Drawing from life experiences, we will explore the factors of similarities and ways of ground operating from the group prospective as well as ideological pull factors around young people searching for normality in the current society. It will also explore how young people search for power and status, relating to Dar Ul Harb/ Land of war. It will conclude with an alternate solution, looking at how to deconstruct the red zone area and work towards a transitional road map strategy.

## WORKSHOP 2:

### **Federica Demitchelli: Youth work against Violent Radicalization: the role of youth work in strengthening community resilience**

The workshop will present the outcomes of three years works in a wider international partnership, which Federica is part of, that is tackling the topic of violent extremism and radicalisation behavior among youth from different angles and trying to provide more and more constructive and pragmatic answers to the framework. The 2019 strategy is focusing in developing a set of specific competencies needed for youth workers directly involved in preventing violent radicalization and extremism and to foster international partnerships able to increase the sharing of practices.



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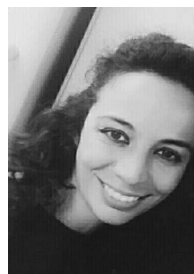


### **Heidi Maiberg: Conversation as the method of the deradicalization and disengagement of Islamists**

Heidi Maiberg currently works at the Asian Center and Center of Education Innovation at the University of Tartu. There she also gained a M.A in religious studies. Heidi would like to continue researching the topic of deradicalization and disengagement. Considering her research conducted as part of her thesis, the workshop will focus on methods and topics of conversation supporting the deradicalization and disengagement of Islamists based on 6 European countries practices: Sweden, Finland, Germany, Austria, United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

### **Lourdes Estrella Tello: Psychological and psychosocial factors of radicalization**

Based on her working experience with people of different backgrounds (prisons, working with immigrants, drugs etc.), Lourdes Estrella Tello will explain the importance of analyzing the psychological and psychosocial factors related to the radicalisation of immigrants. We will learn more about the causes of the violence of the immigrants as well as about the factors of mental health and changes in identity through the migratory process. The discussion will follow on what are the factors preventing the radicalization of immigrants and how can we take actions from our environment.



## WORKSHOP 4:



### Harald Weilnböck and Natália Pindrochová: EXIT Europe

The EXIT Europe develops methods and teams of mentoring to distance and exit from environments of violent extremism and group hatred. The project will work along an European south to east axis. Existing expertise on distancing and deradicalisation practice from the national Austrian program for the Prevention of and Exit from Violent Extremism, the German government's "Live Democracy!" prevention program, as well as the European Commission's RAN network. The EXIT Europe project is coordinated by the prevention department of the Austrian Ministry of Interior.

## 20:00 Movie & discussion evening



„When the war comes“, director Jan Gebert, produced by PINK, HBO Europe, Hulahop, , released 2018. Director Jan Gebert portrays a leader on the rise and touches on the very topical themes of nationalism and the mechanism of power. At first glance Peter lives the life of a typical European teenager – he lives with his parents, has a pretty girlfriend, he got into college. However, his real life is elsewhere – as the head of a paramilitary group called “Slovenski branci” that recruits hundreds of Slovak teenagers with the silent approval of the authorities. The group’s goal is simple – to prepare for war time and create a model community based on military drill, obedience and fear. Peter dreams that one day he will be able to convince the entire society – as a great politician.

## Discussion with

### Matej Kandrik: Youth in Uniform: Young People and National Defence Systems

Matej Kandrik is a programme manager for STRATPOL – Strategic Policy Institute which is an independent think-tank established for the research of international relations and security policy. Its primary focus lies in European security, Transatlantic relations, European Neighbourhood and Global Affairs.



# Thursday, 14th March 2019

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**9:00 - 10:00 Keynote speech: 25 Years of Streetwork with people on the margin of society - a critical look back**

## **Stefan Schuetzler**

Stefan is a social worker, according to him not for nor against political structures or ideologies. He was a part of a big Streetwork organization in Berlin, currently working in a job formation agency with special focus on socially and/or psychologically disadvantaged people. Since 1994 Stefan works with groups of different people in Berlin - Punks, House Squatters, Techno Kids, Alcoholics, Dopers, Football Fans etc. Even being different they all have one thing in common - being marginalized by the society as well as by themselves. Stefan will talk about the political content of the work with them with a special focus on right-wing extremism and/or orientation.



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**10:00 - 10:45 Where are the challenges and what gives us hope?**



## **Peter Ottens: Rolemodel 2.0**

Former college basketball player in the USA and the founder/director of YETS Foundation, which is a Netherlands based NGO using sports as a tool to empower youth at risk of social exclusion. Their self-designed YETS Methodology is a two year program which focuses on building strong trust relationships between the youth and pedagogical strong YETS Coach. Peter will explain youth in the disadvantaged communities don't lack inspiration or social skills but positive role models and a strong positive social network. The focus should be therefore changed from 'number of youth reached' to 'impact caused'. Implementation of 'Rolemodel 2.0' would strive for sustainable change within the communities youth is active in.





### **Henrieta Holúbeková: The Art of Living**

Henrieta Holúbeková, TEDxUK speaker, is a professional coach and trainer of non-formal education, teaching life skills for youth and adults. Working also as an educational advisor at Youth Department, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic. She has developed the programme „Lifeology“ which offers innovative education subject for upper-secondary education, where Teen mentors teach teens, how to understand parents, life and themselves. This educational programme was awarded by special price for developing talents in youth in 2016 and became one of the top 10 most innovative projects in Social Impact Award 2015.

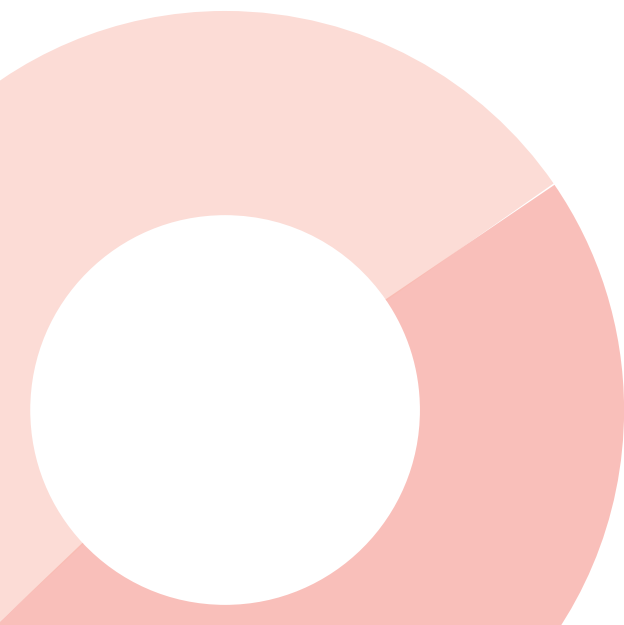
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### **11:00 - 12:30 Evaluation and Sum up**

Time to evaluate conclusions of the sessions, inspiring moments and demanding questions with specific focus on enhancing links between policy, research and field work.

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### **12:30 - 12:45 Closure and goodbye**





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to use opportunities for their better life".**

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- is responsible for administration of the grant scheme for Youth Programs 2014 – 2020. Information seminars, consultations, receiving and evaluation of applications and monitoring of supported projects,
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- international cooperation,
- promotion of recognition and improvement of the quality of youth work.

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- is responsible for implementation of grant programs ERASMUS+ for YOUTH AND SPORT, Grant program Erasmus + offers opportunities for youth organization and non-formal groups of youth to organize Youth Exchanges Mobility Projects
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