

Editorial: The Power of Knowledge in Combating Violent Extremism

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Knowledge is paramount in the fight against violent extremism. A thorough comprehension of the intricacies and subtleties linked to radicalization and extremism paves the way for a comprehensive and anticipatory response to this escalating global menace.

The significance of knowledge in addressing the growing threats of violent extremism cannot be overstated. Successfully understanding, countering, and mitigating extremism hinges on an in-depth recognition of its root causes, outward manifestations, and operational methodologies. Integrating legal, scientific, and cognitive approaches into security frameworks is crucial in this context. Such integration ensures a holistic understanding of the phenomenon, its complexities, and its evolving dynamics, thereby equipping policymakers and practitioners with tools to implement effective countermeasures.

These are among the core motivations behind the launch of MENAVEX Journal. This publication aspires to serve as a platform for interdisciplinary dialogue and knowledge-sharing on violent extremism and related fields. By combining scholarly rigor with actionable insights, MENAVEX aims to bridge gaps between research and practice, contributing to the global fight against extremism and its underlying causes.

We are pleased to present the first volume of MENAVEX Journal, which features various articles reflecting the multifaceted nature of violent extremism. This volume includes exploring the complex and multifaceted dimensions of violent extremism. This issue delves into critical topics such as far-right extremism and its use of manifestos, lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic on counter-terrorism, prison radicalization in Bangladesh, the challenges of Islamophilia in combating

Islamophobia, and advancing peace through religious-based narratives. Other highlights include analyses of gaps in religious understanding leading to radicalization, state and non-state competition in international humanitarian law, juvenile delinquency prevention lessons from Japan, the digital reproduction of extremism, bibliometric studies on nuclear security culture, and the reintegration of women returning from conflict zones. These articles provide a comprehensive understanding of violent extremism and its diverse challenges.

We must acknowledge and apologize for the delay in publishing this inaugural issue due to technical and administrative challenges. However, we remain steadfast in releasing the journal biannually and ensuring its continuity.

Finally, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the academic, scientific, and professional circles who welcomed this initiative and supported us in establishing its scientific, advisory, and editorial structures. Their contributions have been invaluable in bringing this journal to fruition.

Together, we look forward to advancing the discourse on combating violent extremism and fostering a deeper understanding of its underlying dynamics.

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