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## BESPRECHUNGEN

**Daniel Köhler, Understanding Deradicalization. Methods, tools and programs for countering violent extremism. (Routledge, Contemporary Terrorism Studies) 2017.**

A truck being driven through a Christmas market in Berlin in December 2016, a gunman shooting dozens in a night club in Istanbul on New Year's Day 2017, a bomb exploding on a metro line in St. Petersburg in April 2017, a suicide bomber taking the lives of concertgoers in Manchester, UK, in May 2017... Further from home, attacks in Baghdad, Kabul, Quebec, and many other places paint a picture of growing and increasingly indiscriminate, terrorizing violence being applied across the world. Processes of radicalization and potential de-radicalization hence recently have been dominating the news as well as many political and academic discussions. Rare is the multilateral organization or think tank which does not, in the form of conferences, papers, projects, etc. endeavour to understand the motives behind and causes for violent extremism, as well as map ways to curb the violence and address root causes which drive its strategic acceptance.

The book "Understanding Deradicalization" by Daniel Köhler, director of the small German Institute on Radicalization and De-radicalization Studies (GIRDS), therefore falls onto fertile ground, and must be welcomed by those in the various fields interested in preventing, countering or transforming violent extremism with great curiosity and expectation.

Köhler's monograph, which builds on his previous writing and practice as, among

others, de-radicalization and family counsellor, is ambitious in its positioning as a bridge between academic and practical perspectives, and its purpose "to help practitioners and researchers to understand the field of deradicalization better and to make their work easier" (p. 8). The book is intended as a guidebook for practice, to enable a full harnessing of the potential of de-radicalization programmes "for increasing resilience against terrorism and improving security" (ibid.). The book's initial assessment is widely shared in academic and policy circles, namely, that there is – more acutely felt because of its political and community urgency – a notable lack of conceptual clarity and unified theoretical understanding about pathways of radicalization and de-radicalization, which is seen to severely hamper any effective work in dealing with the violence of extremists.

Following the Introduction which presents the core focus of the book (on programming in de-radicalization), chapter 2 delineates the state of the art, setting out the methodological background and sources. It looks at push and pull factors for disengagement/de-radicalization and distils a variety of factors and processes which may qualify de-radicalization, e.g. voluntary/involuntary; individual/group level; physical/psychological removal; permanent/temporary or affective, continuance (pragmatic) or normative (ideological) de-commitment. De-radicalization programming is understood as "any method, activity, or program designed to reduce individual or collective physical and ideological commitment to a group, milieu or movements designat-

ed as 'extremist' or violently radical" (p. 29). With regards to promising de-radicalization strategies, the importance of pro-social ties, such as family and friends as well as alternative identity groups, is highlighted throughout the book (p. 51). Chapter 3 provides an extensive literature review, drawing on relevant works also from related fields, such as criminology, the study of new religious movements, violent youth gangs and general role change. (While works from the DDR arena are considered, less attention is paid to the emerging work on non-state armed groups and their transformation from violent into political actors, a gap that might be usefully filled especially as the dis-engagement of groups appears as the next bigger challenge beyond the dis-engagement of individuals.) Across all fields, the author asserts that the reasons for ending a 'radical career' are often closely linked to the motives for becoming radicalised in the first place, and rightly places emphasis on understanding the process of radicalization as a pre-requisite for being able to provide effective programmes for de-radicalization: "... violent radicalization is essentially understood as a process of de-pluralization of political values and concepts, while de-radicalization consequently is a process of re-pluralization" (p. 65). Ideology, albeit a pragmatic version of it, is seen to play a central role in such processes (along, it should be noted, with psychological, social and organisational factors). Chapter 4 crosses into the terrain of de-radicalization programming, discussing programme goals and effectiveness, of which to date there is anecdotal rather than systemat-