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Call for abstracts

**7th Nordic Conference on
Violent Extremism**
Global shifts, local solutions



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The Research Unit on Radicalization and Prevention of Extremism (RURPE) at the Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, in collaboration with the Danish Centre for Documentation and Counter Extremism (CDE), are pleased to open this call for papers for the 7th Nordic Conference on Violence Extremism.

**The conference will take place at Aarhus University
September 25 - 26, 2025.**

The aim of the Nordic conferences on violent extremism is to bring together researchers primarily based at Nordic research institutions to present empirical and theoretical research on violent extremism and prevention hereof. Furthermore, the conference seeks to enhance the conversation and interaction between researchers and practitioners working in the field. It welcomes research-based submissions by practitioners and participation by practitioners as conference attendees.

The conference is genuinely multi- and inter-disciplinary, interested in both theory and practice, and encourages problem-solving as well as critical submissions. Participants who will not present papers are also welcome to attend the conference.

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The 7th Nordic Conference on Violent Extremism in 2025 will pay particular attention to the challenges of providing national and local solutions to challenges of violent extremism, which are often tied to global developments - both online and offline. The conference particularly welcomes research which addresses such complexities.

FORMAT AND CONTRIBUTIONS

The conference invites abstracts of proposed paper presentations and of full panels. A panel will consist of three-four thematically related papers, as well as a chair. Each paper should be presented within 15 minutes. A panel will last 80 minutes, including time for discussion and Q&A. Upon receiving the submitted proposals, the programme committee will group the accepted submissions into thematic panels.

The conference invites papers and full panels addressing all relevant themes, including:

- + Global shifts, local solutions: How to provide local solutions to challenges of violent extremism linked to developments, groups, individuals abroad?
- + The intersection between hate speech, hate crimes and violent extremism.
- + Effective prevention and interdiction. What measures work online/offline and how can effects be studied and evaluated?

- + Conspiracy theories and misinformation. How does the spread of such information contribute to political polarization and violent extremism?
- + Locations and spaces of violent extremism: What characterizes the neighborhoods, spaces and milieus in which radicalization to violent extremism happens?
- + Trends in domestic and international violent extremism: What are the new or re)emerging form of violent extremism in the Nordic countries and elsewhere?
- + Violent groups and individuals: How do violent groups contribute to radicalization of individuals and when and why do individuals carry out violence alone??
- + New technologies - risks and solutions: How does AI play into political polarization, violent extremism and how can it be used in prevention?
- + The intersection of violent extremism and crime more broadly: How is criminal activity linked to violent extremism? What is the relation between gang violence and violent extremist activity?
- + The role of mental disorders: When and how do clinical disorders contribute to violent radicalization? What is the role of psychiatric institutions and mental health services in prevention of violent extremism?

CONFIRMED KEYNOTES

- Clare Allely, Professor, University of Salford
- Bart Schuurman, Professor, Leiden University
- Joseph Uscinski, Professor, University of Miami

KEY DEADLINES:

- Paper abstracts and panel suggestions: April 15, 2025
- Notification of acceptance: May 1, 2025
- Conference registration: August 1, 2025

No conference fee is charged. Please feel free to disseminate this call.



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