Rule of Law Approaches to Countering Violent Extremism

Join the rule of law community for a day of sharing lessons learned and best practices in this critical area.

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May 4, 2017
9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. ET

Georgetown University Law Center
Gewirz Student Center (G-12)
600 New Jersey Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20001
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Introduction

The relationship between the rule of law and contemporary efforts to counter violent extremism is complex and multifaceted, raising challenging questions such as:

- What gaps in the rule of law contribute to violent extremism?
- How can we ensure that justice sector responses prevent rather than provoke extremist violence?
- What rule of law interventions work to strengthen communities and foster peaceful resolution of disputes?

The annual American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) Contemporary Rule of Law Issues Conference will tackle these questions, convening leading scholars, rule of law development professionals and policymakers for a daylong exchange of lessons learned.

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 4, 2017

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Dean William Treanor, Georgetown University Law Center and Judge Margaret McKeown, Chair, ABA Rule of Law Initiative

The Rule of Law, Violent Extremism and Policy Responses: What Do We Know?

This introductory discussion will survey the current literature about the relationship between gaps in the rule of law, violent extremism and policy responses.

Moderator: Judge Margaret McKeown, Chair, ABA Rule of Law Initiative

Speaker:
- Rosa Brooks, Georgetown University Law Center

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00 p.m.

Rule of Law Responses: Effective Criminal Justice Responses

Violence requires a criminal justice response and accountability for perpetrators, and yet such responses are sometimes characterized by extreme measures that violate international standards and themselves contribute to radicalization. How can criminal justice approaches effectively deter violent extremism? What models and best practices work?

Moderator: David Luban, Georgetown University Law Center

Speakers:
- Chris Engels, The Commission for International Justice and Accountability
- Nadia Gerspacher, United States Institute of Peace
- Stephen Rapp, Special Advisor, ABA Rule of Law Initiative Board

Rapporteur: Laura Donohue, Georgetown University Law Center

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12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  Luncheon and Keynote Discussion  
Thinking about Extremism in the 21st Century  

Moderator: The Honorable James E. Baker, (ret.) Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, Chair, ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security and Visiting Professor (Georgetown University Law Center)  

Speakers:  
• Harvey Rishikof, Chair, Advisory Committee, ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security  
• Dina Temple-Raston, Correspondent, National Public Radio  

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.  
Rule of Law Responses: Expanding Personal Freedoms and Opportunity  

Research suggests that personal experiences with the state may affect radicalization. How do individuals experience corruption, disenfranchisement, discrimination, violence and a lack of accountability? What role does economic opportunity play? How do these experiences affect radicalization? And what kinds of interventions can make a difference?  

Moderator: Nick Robinson, Yale Law School  

Speakers:  
• Muhammad Fraser-Rahim, Quilliam International  
• Dr. Benjamin Nickels, National Defense University  
• Shannon Green, Center for Strategic and International Studies  
• Michele Brady, ABA Rule of Law Initiative  

Rapporteur: David Koplow, Georgetown University Law Center  

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3:00 – 3:30 p.m.  Coffee Break

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Rule of Law Responses: Building Community Resilience

Community resilience can be another critical element of an effective response to extremist violence. What strategies work to strengthen communities, foster peaceful resolution of disputes and build community resilience to violent extremism?

Moderator: Mike Jobbins, Search for Common Ground

Speakers:

• Angela Martin, United States Agency for International Development
• Georgia Holmer, United States Institute of Peace
• Lury Nkouessom, ABA Rule of Law Initiative

Rapporteur: Marty Lederman, Georgetown University Law Center

5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Guiding Principles and Lessons Learned: Rapporteurs' Summary Discussion

Moderator: Linda Bishai, ABA Rule of Law Initiative

Rapporteurs:

• Laura Donohue, Georgetown University Law Center
• David Koplow, Georgetown University Law Center
• Marty Lederman, Georgetown University Law Center

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  Networking Reception

Agenda subject to change.

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In collaboration with our in-country partners—including government ministries, judges, lawyers, bar associations, law schools, court administrators, legislatures and civil society organizations—we design programs that are responsive to local needs and that prioritize sustainable solutions to pressing rule of law challenges. We employ rigorous and innovative monitoring and evaluation approaches in assessing the quality and effectiveness of our programs.

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