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NATO Advanced Research Workshop focuses on *A Review of the Existing Terrorism Risk Assessment Instruments* in Berlin, Nov. 29-30

Over the past decade, counterterrorism professionals and researchers have accelerated the search for screening instruments to better identify the types of individuals who are most likely to be recruited into terrorist organizations or become inspired to individually commit terrorist acts.

Most recent lone actor attacks across Europe and North America involved individuals already known to law enforcement and national security agencies. Many of these individuals were assessed either as low or non-immediate threat, and, therefore, most were not subject to intensive monitoring.

As a response to these attacks and to further prevention efforts, a NATO supported Advanced Research Workshop (ARW), titled *A Review of the Utility of Existing Terrorism Risk Assessment Instruments and Policies: Is There the Need for Possible New Approaches?* will be held at the Max Planck Society’s conference venue, the Harnack House in Berlin on November 29 and 30, 2019.

**Dr Raymond Corrado** from Simon Fraser University and **Dr Ariel Merari** from Tel Aviv University organized this workshop and are its co-directors. **Dr Gunda Woessner** from the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law is the primary organizer of the Berlin workshop.

Speakers and panellists will include academic and policy experts from different disciplines and government security agencies from 14 NATO member and partnership countries and who have been involved in terrorism risk assessment. The research presentations and the policy panel discussions will focus on using, evaluating, or developing terrorist risk profiling instruments.

This closed workshop will further NATO’s Science for Peace and Security’ (SPS) key priorities, identifying best practices for risk assessment and management of individuals at risk for anti-state terrorism, to be used by counter terrorism specialists among NATO member and partnership countries. The ARW research papers and policy panel themes will be the basis for an edited NATO book publication.

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