

CALL FOR CHAPTERS

Gender and counter violent extremism: Perspectives, approaches and lessons learnt

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The scholarship capturing the national approaches to counter-terrorism and counter-violent extremism (CVE) has largely been generic, thereby mostly mentioning gender in passing. There is an emerging body of scholarship encompassing gender and CVE, but this body of literature mostly focuses on measuring domestic policy against international standards or international agendas that attempt to make gender a more central point of the CVE policy space. CVE has become a globalised concept; this, despite its exact history being unclear and therefore often contested. Additionally, extremism and terrorism impact different genders differently. Hence, there is a need to focus on national approaches to CVE and their relationship to gender.

The debates on the conceptualisation, application and adaptability of CVE to differing contexts has in some cases helped to stall the progress of CVE on the international scale. The book will adopt a CVE policy-centric approach as its method of inquiry which is to be guided by the following questions:

- What is the current status of the gender and CVE within the greater counter-terrorism regime?
- How do different states approach the nexus between CVE and gender? In other words, is there an acknowledgement in the policy that terrorism impacts men and women differently?
- Do regional similarities in approach emerge, and if so, how can these trends be used to further the multilateral approach to gender and CVE?
- If the approaches discussed in this volume have a unique national identity, what can be done to ensure coherence on regional and international levels?
- What lessons can be learnt from the various state\country profiles contained in the volume to facilitate good practice in the realm of gender and CVE?
- Does CVE best describe the approach taken by the states investigated in the volume?
- Do any unique domestic factors influence the direction a particular state takes pertaining to gender and CVE?
- Has an inclusive conceptualisation of gender (if applicable) yielded a more inclusive policy?

The above questions should serve as a guide for the compilation of state-specific profiles on national approaches to CVE and how gender is incorporated into these approaches (if at all). The main objective of this volume is understanding different approaches to gender and CVE at a national level so as to help encourage reflection on what lessons could be learnt between states as well as what factors cause

divergence in multilateral settings so that they can be understood and hopefully addressed.

The state-specific profiles will help formulate an analysis that wishes to illustrate the factors of convergence and divergence in approaches to gender and CVE and what lessons can be learnt to aid CVE cooperation both within the multilateral and bilateral space.

The editors welcome abstracts on national (state) approaches to CVE and gender for consideration of no more than 300 words in length. Abstracts should be submitted to Sven Botha by the **30th of July 2021** via email: 219119824@student.uj.ac.za.

Abstracts will be chosen based on adherence to theme, quality, originality and regional diversity.

The book proposal for the proposed volume will be submitted to Bristol University for consideration.