

# Pearls in Policing



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## Assignment 2015-2016

### International Action Learning Group (IALG)

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#### **Introduction**

The rise of violent extremism, whether through ultra-nationalists, anti-globalisationists, religious fundamentalists or lone actors, has underscored the critical need for law enforcement agencies to become more effective in combating radicalisation. As established at the 2015 Pearls in Policing conference, more effective strategies will likely entail a shift in focus from the de-radicalisation of already radicalised individuals to addressing and averting pre-radicalisation within at-risk populations. Broad and inclusive partnerships, particularly with governments, NGOs, community organisations and civil society groups, will be essential.

#### **Assignment**

The task of the 2015-2016 International Action Learning Group and the Academic Group is therefore to:

- Establish the principles that should govern a preventative approach from law enforcement to combatting radicalisation, as part of a broader holistic approach to the problem that includes de-radicalisation and rehabilitation.
- Research and critically appraise innovative and emerging strategies for combatting radicalisation that are preventative rather than reactionary.
- Identify and examine the partnerships necessary to improve the success of such strategies, not only between agencies, but also at the local and community level in areas in which law enforcement has traditionally struggled.