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## **WOMEN'S ROLES IN DE-RADICALIZATION & REHABILITATION IN THE MENA REGION**



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#### **1. Background**

The role of women in de-radicalisation and rehabilitation has perhaps not received the attention that it deserves. However, there is increasing awareness of the importance of investigating the variety of roles that women play in the public and private spheres in de-radicalization and rehabilitation. Indeed, Claire Hutchinson, NATO Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security noted during the FemWise Workshop at JFC Naples in October 2019, that "we need to collectively engender our programmes to better respond to the emerging security concerns."

Recent research carried out by the NSD-S HUB in the MENA region also emphasizes the need to involve more women in programmes for returnees, including women who have taken part in terrorist violence. It is therefore critical to invest in gendered analysis of de-radicalization and rehabilitation. This is even more pressing as violent extremist groups are known to have adopted a gendered strategy to progress their agendas.

#### **2. Objective**

The aim of this project is to discuss best practices in the region, emerging areas for potential action and key obstacles to strengthening women's roles in this area. For this purpose it is essential to gather practitioners and academics from across the MENA region in order to get the broadest possible regional perspective.

#### **3. Discussions**

The discussions will explore four areas:

1. WHO - ROLES: What roles do women have in de-radicalization and rehabilitation in the public and private spheres? What roles can women, including previously radicalized women, have to strengthen de-radicalization and reintegration programs in the medium-term?
2. HOW – PROGRAMS/PROCESSES: What are the processes of de-radicalization and reintegration and what impact does gender have in these processes? What is missing from current programmes and what new pathways can be devised for the future?
3. WHERE – DOMAINS: In what domains (family, community, schools, prisons, refugee camps, NGOs, online, local and national political spheres) does de-radicalization and rehabilitation currently take place? What domains should be further included? Which domains allow greater/lesser access to women?
4. WHAT – ACTION: What areas require and would benefit from greater attention and support? What support can NATO offer to strengthen women's participation?

## 4. External Participants

### Participant

### Short CV

**Prof. Laura Sabrina MARTUCCI PhD**  
**University of Bari Aldo Moro, UNIBA**



<file:///C:/Users/jnp.martinez/Downloads/CV%20l.s.%20martucci%202021.pdf>

Since 2015, Aggregate Professor of Comparative Ecclesiastical Law and, since 2019, Professor in charge of Law of Ecclesiastical Entities - University of Bari Aldo Moro, Department of Law.

Since 2017, Professor and contact point of the Dean of the University of Bari Aldo Moro. Selected by the Public Prosecutor for the drafting of "Guidelines for the intervention action of social mediators in the recovery paths aimed at de-radicalization".

Coordinator of the Masters programme in "Prevention of radicalization of terrorism and policies for interreligious and intercultural integration".

Member of the Italian delegation at the Metropolitan Police London (Counter Terrorism Command - New Scotland Yard) as academic advisor in Islamist radicalization.

**Prof. Harmonie TOROS PhD**  
**Kent University**



<https://www.kent.ac.uk/politics-international-relations/people/2275/toros-harmonie>

Harmonie Toros' research lies at the crossroads between conflict resolution/conflict transformation, peace studies and terrorism studies. She has published seminal work developing a critical theory-based approach to terrorism and examining the transformation of conflicts marked by terrorist violence. She has carried out extensive field research in Europe, the Middle East, South East Asia and Africa, researching state and non-state armed groups as well as investigating the human experience of war from combatant and non-combatant perspectives. Her current research focuses on incorporating war experience into the study of conflict, examining some of the key methodological and epistemological challenges involved in translating war experience into knowledge. In 2015, Mrs. Harmonie was awarded the University's Inaugural Research Prize (Early Career Researchers Category). She is an editor of the journal *Critical Studies on Terrorism* and a member of the International Studies Association (ISA) and British International Studies Association (BISA).

**Amb. Soad SHALABY, Director  
of Egyptian African Center for Women**



<https://womenmediators.net/mediators/egypt/>

Soad Shalaby is an Egyptian diplomat who has served her country for 40 years including as Ambassador to several countries. She is presently the Director General of the Egyptian African Centre for Women and is serving her second term as a member of the Board of the Tana High Level Forum. She is a founding member of FemWise, the Mediterranean Women Mediators Network (MWMN) and a member of the Global Alliance of Regional Women Mediator Networks contact group. She was elected Member of the Committee of Elders of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa for a 5-year term. Elected twice, she served for ten years as Member of the Council of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in Sanremo. From 2007 to 2012, she was the Director of the Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding. Her career includes being: a selected member of the AU Panel of Experts for the Evaluation of the African Standby Force in 2014; a member of the expert group which launched the report of the AU Mediation Support Unit (MSU); a member of the POW team for the Evaluation of the present Kenyan pre-Presidential Election; and the head of the COMESA team for monitoring the parliamentary election in the Kingdom of Swaziland. She has completed many courses such as the AU Senior Mission Leaders Course and the Clingendael Institute Course on Negotiation and Mediation as a tool for conflict resolution. She has published several articles, nationally and internationally on WPS, and is a regular commentator and a guest speaker on African issues on Nile TV international, and many regional and international conferences.

**Prof. Emna JEBLAOUI, PhD University  
Prof. and President of the International  
Institute for Human Development**



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Born in Tunis, PhD Emna JEBLAOUI is the President of the International Institute for Human Development, which promotes multiparty dialogue and recently launched the Women for Peace and Security Project. Since 1999, she has taught translation and Islamic studies at the University of Manouba. From 2013-2015, she served as a consultant and coordinator at the Training Center of the Tunisian Assembly managed by UNDP, where she advised on civil society and multiparty democratic dialogue and suggested a variety of scenarios of mediation and confidence building. She is a recognized expert on Tunisian civil society and human rights, sits on the advisory board of various NGOs and is a founding member of numerous organizations working on transition issues. She is also a member of the Bab Bhar bureau of the Tunisian League for Human Rights (LTDH).

**Prof. Fatima SADIQI,**  
**University of Fez, Morocco**



[https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Fatima\\_Sadiqi](https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Fatima_Sadiqi)

Ms. Fatima Sadiqi is a Professor of Linguistics and Gender Studies (University of Fez, Morocco). Her work focuses on women's and gender issues in modern North Africa, the Middle East and the Mediterranean world. She is author and editor of numerous volumes and journal issues, including *Women, Gender and Language* (Brill 2003), *Women and Knowledge in the Mediterranean* (Routledge 2013), *Moroccan Feminist Discourses* (Palgrave Macmillan 2014), and *Women's Movements in the Post-"Arab Spring" North Africa* (2016). Her current research interest resides in the intersection between violent extremism and gender in North Africa. She is currently finalizing a book on Daesh Ideology and Women's Rights in North Africa.

**Prof. Samira El MASSOUDI,**  
**Freelance Consultant**



Prof. Samira El MASSOUDI was President of the Libyan Women Union Tripoli during the period of 2012-2014. She is experienced in community issues, including peace, migrants and refugees and gender equality. She has specific experience in Libya on numerous human rights projects with knowledge in all related topics including preventing and managing violence, legal issues particularly concerning vulnerable groups, Libyan transitional justice strategy, disarmament, terrorism, women's equality, peace and restoring Rule of Law.

**Mrs. Zineb BENALLA**  
**Visiting Professor Alkhawayan**  
**University, Morocco**



<https://www.facebook.com/eireneassociates/posts/zineb-benalla-recipient-of-the-international-studies-association-peace-studies-s/2464470523637112/>

Mrs Zineb BENALLA is an international expert and consultant in Peace/Countering Violent Extremism, Counter-Terrorism and Peace Building who spent years working in Violent Extremism hotspots in the Maghreb, Sahel and the Middle East. Ms. BENALLA has considerable experience working with International organizations, civil society, communities, religious leaders, traditional leaders and policy makers. She was nominated for the international Women of Courage Award in 2015 for her work in preventing and countering violent extremism and building peace in the Sahel and Maghreb regions. She won The International Studies Association Peace Section and Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies Global South Peace Award in 2020 for her work and research on gender equality and Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism in the Maghreb and Sahel.

Zineb BENALLA is the CEO and Founder of Eirene Associates.

**Dr. Chafiaa DJOUADI, researcher at the University of Toulouse Jean Jaurés in France, representing FEMWISE (AU)**



With a Doctorate in human geography, Ms. Chafiaa Djouadi is a Researcher and European Projects Manager for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading To Violence at the EFTS Mixed Research Unit, University of Toulouse Jean Jaures, France. She is an associate member of the UNESCO chair PREV, Prevention of radicalization and violent extremism, Canada.

Mrs. Djouadi is a gender expert and worked within the UNDP for the realization of a gender database of MDG 3 in the MENA zone, gender equality and women empowerment.

She is also an expert in public policy and sustainable development. She has worked for governments and international organizations to promote the peaceful and violence-free development of Africa. As a member of FemWise, she is a Peace Ambassador of the AU and acts as a mediator in Preventive Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution (UN Security Council resolution 1325).

Mrs. Djouadi is an election observer for several African countries. In this role, she aims to analyze the engagement of women in political life and in the promotion of peace.

**Dr. Ayat J. NASHWAN  
Yarmouk University**



<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Ayat-Nashwan>

Dr. Ayat J. NASHWAN is an associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Social Work at Yarmouk University, in Irbid, Jordan. She was the first female Director of the Refugees, Displaced Persons and Forced Migration Studies Center at Yarmouk University from 2018 to 2019. Dr. Ayat received her Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, College of Social Work. Dr. Nashwan's research is focused on Arab immigrant families across their lifespan in the US, and Refugees and forced migrants in Jordan.

## 5. Recommended Reading

"Victim" or "Security Threat": Gendered Narratives on Women Returnees to the MENA Region by the NSD-S Hub in collaboration with Dr. Harmonie Toros, Reader in International Conflict Analysis at the University of Kent, UK.

<https://thesouthernhub.org/publications/nsds-hub-publications/gendered-narratives-on-women-returnees-to-the-mena-region>

Roles of Women in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE) in Tunisia by Neila Fekla, National Counter-Terrorism Commission (Tunisia).

<https://ebooks.iospress.nl/volume/enhancing-womens-roles-in-preventing-and-countering-violent-extremism-p-cve>

An Overview of Women's Roles in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE) by Sara ZEIGER and Rogelio ALONSO/Hedayah, the International Center of Excellence for Countering Violent Extremism, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos.

<https://ebooks.iospress.nl/volume/enhancing-womens-roles-in-preventing-and-countering-violent-extremism-p-cve>

Prisons: Rehabilitation and Reintegration (Dec 2020) By RAN1 staff.

[https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/networks/radicalisation\\_awareness\\_network/docs/spotlight\\_prisons\\_reintegration\\_reintegration\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/networks/radicalisation_awareness_network/docs/spotlight_prisons_reintegration_reintegration_en.pdf)

Women as 'new security actors' in preventing and countering violent extremism in Mali

<https://academic.oup.com/ia/advance-article-pdf/doi/10.1093/ia/iiab039/37115489/iiab039.pdf>

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<sup>1</sup> The RAN is a network of frontline practitioners who work daily with both those vulnerable to radicalization and those who have already been radicalized. As civil society representatives, social workers, youth workers, teachers, healthcare professionals, local authority representatives, police officers and prison officers, they are engaged in both preventing and countering violent extremism in all its forms and rehabilitating and reintegrating violent extremists. Since it was founded in 2011, the RAN has attracted over 6,000 practitioners, who collectively represent all EU Member States.

## 6. Details and Agenda

**Venue:** Allied Joint Force Command Naples, NSD-S Hub, Non-NATO-Entities room.

**Language:** English

**Legal time:** Central European Time (CET)

<b>Monday 14 June, 2021</b>	
	Arrival of Moderator and Prof. Sabrina MARTUCCI (UNIBA) and check-in at the Hotel.
<b>Tuesday 15 June 2021: VIRTUAL STUDY DAY</b>	
<b>08:30-09:00</b>	Registration for online Study Day participants and technical check.
<b>09:00-09:10</b>	<b>Introduction by the NSD-S Hub Director</b>
<b>09:10-09:25</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductory Session by the Moderator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Remarks</li> <li>• Introductions</li> <li>• Overview of the Agenda</li> </ul>
<b>09:25-10:35</b>	<b>Gender-based analysis and the role of women in Preventing Violent Extremism</b>
<b>09:25-09:40</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Emna JEBLAOUI: Role of gender and misogyny in violent extremism and its prevention;</li> </ul>
<b>09:40-09:55</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Ayat J. NASHWAN / Women’s participation in PVE projects in Syrian refugee centres;</li> </ul>
<b>09:55-10:10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Chafiaa DJOUADI / Best practice of gender-sensitive PVE campaigns in the MENA region;</li> </ul>
<b>10:10-10:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions &amp; Discussions.</li> </ul>
<b>10:30-10:45</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:45-11:35</b>	<b>Gender Dimension of de-Radicalization in the MENA region</b>
<b>10:45-11:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amb. Soad SHALABY: Regional perspectives on de-radicalization and gender roles;</li> </ul>
<b>11:00-11:15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof Fatima SADIQI / Gendered discourses and constructions in de-radicalization programmes in the MENA region;</li> </ul>
<b>11:15-11:35</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions &amp; Discussions.</li> </ul>
<b>11:35-12:25</b>	<b>Women in the process of De-radicalization and Reintegration: Case Studies</b>
<b>11:35-11:50</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Samira El MASSOUDI: Experiences from Libya;</li> </ul>
<b>11:50-12:05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Zineb BENALLA: Gender narrative of radicalized Moroccan women and the role of women in the reintegration of returnees;</li> </ul>
<b>12:05-12:25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions &amp; Discussions.</li> </ul>
<b>12:25-12:40</b>	Wrap up and end of session
<b>Wednesday 16 June 2021 : WORKING GROUP</b>	
<b>09:00-11:00</b>	Hub working group, composed of selected Hub staff, Professors Sabrina Martucci and Harmonie Toros, to prepare discussions and questions with panellists.
<b>11:00-12:30</b>	Hub working group to discuss more specific questions and outcomes of the event (on-line) with panellists.
<b>12:30</b>	Hosted Lunch (Hub working group)
<b>13:30 to 17:00</b>	Hub working group to prepare a paper on the outcome of the event.

## 7. Technical details

**Platform:** The meeting will take place virtually on the Zoom platform. In order to join the meeting, the participants will need a computer/tablet/smartphone device with a camera, microphone and a reliable internet connection. Mrs. Harmonie Toros will act as moderator during the discussions and the NSD-S Hub staff will assist the event from the control room. Details about the technical requirements can be found at the following links:

- Computers  
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362023-System-Requirements-for-PC-Mac-and-Linux>
- Mobile phones/tablets:  
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201179966-System-Requirements-for-iOS-iPadOS-and-Android>

Participants are encouraged to **download and familiarize themselves with the Zoom platform prior to the meeting**. Zoom can be downloaded at: <https://zoom.us/download>

If prompted, a standard free account can be created.

The use of a headset is strongly recommended (i.e. headphones or earphones with microphone) in order to ensure the quality of sound.

**The meeting will start on Monday 15 June, 2021 at 08:30 Central European Time. Please join the meeting on Zoom punctually in order to check connectivity and resolve any technical issues.**

### Best Practices:

The following is a list of best practices which will be employed during the meetings with remote simultaneous interpretation:

- 1) Apply the 'one mic rule'. Mute the mic while not speaking: rule number one for remote meetings or conference calls.
- 2) Turn the video on if you are speaking.
- 3) Speak clearly into the microphone.
- 4) Try to reduce background noise (choose a quiet room).
- 5) (Optional) Use a headset with an integrated noise-cancelling microphone.

### **For Questions and discussions:**

At the end of every session there will be a time for questions and discussions. Contributions are always welcomed. During every session participants will be able to post questions in the chat. These questions could be addressed to one or all the panellists/moderator and the administrator. Please, identify you and your organization when you post the question.

## 8. Questionnaire for event preparation<sup>2</sup>

- What contribution does a gender-based analysis provide to the understanding of violent extremism and its prevention?
- What roles do women have in de-radicalization and rehabilitation in the public and private spheres and what roles can women, including formerly radicalised women, play to strengthen de-radicalization and re-integration programmes in the medium-term?
- In what domains (family, community, schools, prisons, refugee camps, NGOs, online, local and national political spheres) does de-radicalization and rehabilitation currently take place? What domains should be further included? Which domains do women have greater/lesser access to?
- Can we identify cases of good and bad practices for the region in de-radicalization and reintegration?
- What areas require and would benefit from greater attention and support and what support can NATO offer to strengthen women's participation?

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<sup>2</sup> This questionnaire tries to orientate presentations and discussions during the SD according to the four areas explained in point 3 of this document: 1. WHO-ROLES; 2. HOW-PROGRAMS/PROCESSES; 3. WHERE-DOMAINS; 4. WHAT-ACTION