



AVERT RESEARCH NETWORK

research for the public good

About AVERT

The AVERT (Addressing Violent Extremism and Radicalisation to Terrorism) Research Network is a multidisciplinary, multi-institutional research network based in Melbourne, Australia and is supported by Deakin University's Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation (ADI). AVERT Research Network members conduct research into a wide array of topics related to terrorism, political violence, radicalisation and violent extremism, and their prevention.

Our Network is composed of highly engaged and informed researchers from a variety of universities and institutions. The Network and its members collaborate with a diverse range of academic, community, government and civil society stakeholders.

The AVERT Research Network was established in 2018 and has a growing membership base of more than 70 Research Members from around the world. The Network also has many Affiliate Members who are practitioners, policy makers and early career researchers.

The Network is led by the AVERT Convener, supported by the AVERT Coordinator and its operations are governed by an Executive Committee and Steering Committee made up of its members. More information on the current Convener, Coordinator and Committee members can be found on our website.

We receive institutional support from ADI and receive annual funding from the Australian Department of Home Affairs to support specific program activities. The Network also seeks and receives funding for other specific research and engagement activities.

AVERT believes in conducting meaningful evidence-based research for the public good.

We research a wide array of topics related to terrorism and other forms of political violence, radicalisation, extremism and violent extremism.

We focus on some of the big challenges around violent extremism and terrorism, including:

What are the drivers and contributors to terrorism and violent extremism on individual and societal levels?

How are the dynamics and risks of terrorism and violent extremism changing and evolving?

What prevention strategies are most effective?

How can we divert and disengage those already on pathways to extremist violence?

We engage with a diverse range of academics, community members, civil society organisations and government agencies. We partner with these sectors to deliver:

- qualitative and quantitative analysis and insights;
- participatory and collaborative research design and methods;
- social policy research;
- methodology assessment and review;
- ethically collected, analysed and managed research data;
- multi-method and multi-discipline approaches;
- rigorous commitment to peer review, dialogue and debate.

We are committed to fostering productive dialogue by bringing together a range of perspectives and voices on relevant issues.

Who we are

We are a network of highly experienced researchers from a range of disciplines, including:

- sociology
- political science
- international relations
- cultural studies
- information systems
- digital, media and communication studies
- international and regional area studies
- religious studies
- psychology
- education
- criminology

Our diverse, cross-disciplinary backgrounds mean that our Network is well equipped to deal with highly complex research problems.

You can find specific areas of focus on individual members' profile pages on our website.

Mission and Objectives

Research for the public good

We aim to understand and reduce the social harms created by violent extremism

The AVERT Research Network brings together a wide variety of stakeholders to understand and reduce the social harms created by violent extremism and terrorism, as well as to understand the effects countering violent extremism and counterterrorism can have on our communities.

AVERT is committed to participatory and collaborative research across sectors.

Our Guiding Principles



Serve as a genuine and **inclusive** consortium of research experts and contributors across sectors



Collaboration, not competition; synergies, not silos



Transparency, trust and respect in how we engage with all stakeholders and partners



Commitment to **evidence-based research** drawing on both theoretical insights and empirical data



Research outcomes that **inform** effective policy and practice



Sharing new knowledge and outcomes



Innovation and rigour in research design and methodologies



Cultivating **relationships** for the benefit of participants in research enterprises



Constructive critique and **dialogue**

AVERT Network Activities

AVERT runs an annual program of activities to disseminate the latest research in CT/CVE and to promote academic-practitioner knowledge sharing.

Activities include:



An annual **three-day symposium** featuring cutting-edge research and opportunities for academic-practitioner engagement.



Webinar/seminars throughout the year in which leading experts present practitioner-relevant research.



Annual **workshops** with practitioners that allow them to incorporate new research into their work.



A biannual **newsletter** that includes the latest news of the AVERT Research Network and its members.



AVERT Commentary **publications** that provide shortform analyses from top researchers on key issues.

Our research and activities do not stay in academia but are disseminated, translated, and applied by government and communities across various contexts.

Join our Network

AVERT welcomes new members to join our network

The AVERT Research Network has a growing membership base of more than 70 Research Members from Australia and around the world. The Network also has many Affiliate Members of practitioners, policy makers and early career researchers.

To find out more information about membership criteria and how to apply, please visit, www.avert.net.au/research-membership

Members have access to:

- Research resources uploaded and curated by AVERT members
- Advance notice of AVERT events, seminars, symposia, workshops, master classes and roundtables
- Priority registration and ticketing to all AVERT events
- The AVERT Research Newsletter that includes research member news, up to date funding opportunities, calls for papers and job opportunities
- Cross sector engagement and collaboration opportunities
- Forums to share their latest research, news and activities

We are committed to nurturing new and emerging researchers. This important work is facilitated by AVERT's HDR Coordinator. We welcome early career researchers to join as Affiliate Members.

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