



Inaugural Otago National Security School

PROGRAMME

3 February 2020

Introduction

It is now eleven months since New Zealand was deeply shocked by a terror attack by a white supremacist at two Christchurch mosques, which killed 51 people. In the aftermath of this atrocity, Jacinda Ardern's Labour-New Zealand First coalition took a number of security measures including the swift banning of automatic weapons, the tighter regulation of foreign donations to New Zealand political parties, and an international initiative, known as the Christchurch Call, to curb online extremism. The question that lingers, however, is whether such measures are sufficient to help New Zealand adapt to a post-Christchurch security environment.

The focus of this School is on New Zealand National Security and the Post-Christchurch Era. A core issue examined here concerns the country's national security requirements before and after the Christchurch terror attacks. To explore this question, the School focuses on a number of interrelated themes. These include:

- The Global Security Context of New Zealand
- Identity, Racism and the Rise of Far-Right White Terrorism
- The Growth of Online Extremism
- The Challenge of Countering and Reversing Terrorism
- The Increase of Transnational Organised Crime
- The Security Challenges Presented by the Pacific Region

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Programme

10.10-10.55am Reception with drinks and nibbles

10.55am Opening of the School
Mihi whakatau: Mr Matt Matahaere,
Office of Māori Development,
University of Otago

Professor Harlene Hayne,
Vice-Chancellor,
University of Otago

Professor Robert Patman,
Director,
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11.10am Session 1 – **Mr Tony Lynch**,
Deputy Chief Executive of
the National Security Group,
Department of the Prime
Minister and Cabinet

“Continuities and changes in the
New Zealand national security
environment after the Christchurch
terror event.”

Chair: Professor Robert Patman,
Politics Programme,
University of Otago

12.00pm Session 2 - **Dr Kristy Campion**
Australian Graduate School of
Policing and Security,
Charles Sturt University

“Identity, racism, and the rise of
far-right white extremism”

**Chair: Associate Professor
Marcelle Dawson**,
Sociology, Gender Studies and
Criminology Programme,
University of Otago

12.40pm Lunch

1.10pm Session 3 (Video conference)
Mr Brian Fishman,
Policy Director, Counterterrorism
and Dangerous Organisations,
Facebook

“Counterterrorism online: Lessons
learned and future challenges”

Chair: Mr Peter Grace,
Politics Programme,
University of Otago

1.40pm Session 4 – **Ms Vidhya Ramalingam**,
Director, Moonshot CVE

“Opportunities and innovations to
counter violent extremism online”

Chair: Dr Dennis Wesselbaum,
Department of Economics,
University of Otago

2.20pm Session 5 – **Dr Justin Phillips**,
Department of Political Science
and International Relations,
Tauranga Campus,
University of Waikato

“The Christchurch Call, online
extremism, and big data”

Chair: Dr Anthony Smith,
Department of the Prime
Minister and Cabinet

3pm Afternoon tea

3.20pm Session 6 – **Mr Jeremy Wood**,
Director Policy and Partnerships,
New Zealand Police National
Headquarters

“Trans National Crime: A Strategic
Approach for New Zealand”

**Chair: Associate Professor
Ben Schonthal**,
Religion Programme,
University of Otago

4pm Roundtable on “New Zealand and the
security challenges of the Pacific in the
post-Christchurch era”
Dr Anna Powles,
Centre for Defence and Security
Studies, Massey University

Ms Lefaoali'i Meremine Auelua,
Senior Analyst on Pacific Affairs,
Ministry of Defence

Professor Neil Boister,
Head of Business and Law School,
University of Canterbury

Mr Paki Ormsby,
Director of Policy,
The Pacific Forum Secretariat, Suva

Chair: Professor Philip Nel,
Politics Programme,
University of Otago

5pm Closing of the School



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