

Invitation

Current Challenges, Emerging Trends, and Innovative Prevention Practices: Germany–Canada Symposium on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE)

*Symposium of **The Embassy of Canada**, the **German Council on Preventing Extremism (BAG RelEx)** and the **Canada Centre for Community Engagement and Prevention of Violence***

March 3, 2026 | 09:00am – 02:30pm (CET) |

Embassy of Canada to Germany, Leipziger Platz 17, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE) continues to be a strategic priority for both Germany and Canada. This symposium will convene 30–50 senior experts, practitioners, and decision-makers from both countries to take stock of current developments and reflect on shared challenges. Building on an already strong bilateral exchange, the event seeks to further strengthen cooperation, encourage mutual learning, and explore perspectives for future collaboration.

At its core, the symposium offers a space for strategic dialogue on the evolving landscape of prevention efforts. It will reflect on national experiences, institutional developments, and broader societal dynamics shaping P/CVE in both countries, highlighting common ground as well as distinct approaches. In doing so, the event aims to contribute to a deeper, forward-looking understanding of how prevention frameworks can adapt to changing contexts.

Following an opening plenary, two thematic panels will provide structured opportunities for focused exchange. Combining brief expert inputs with moderated discussion and audience engagement, the sessions are designed to foster meaningful conversation and strengthen connections across policy, research, and practice.

*Kindly register by email with **Miriam Katharina Heß** (miriam.hess@bag-relex.de) no later than 24 February 2026.*

Please note that places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

- 09:00am** *Arrival and Registration*
- 09:30am** *Welcome Remarks by Ambassador Vera Alexander (Embassy of Canada to Germany)*
- 09:45am** *Keynote*
Dr. Julia Ebner (Co-Director, Institute for Strategic Dialogue)
- 10:15am** *Opening Panel: Milestones and Momentum - Shaping the Future of P/CVE in Canada and Germany*
Honey Deihimi (Director General, Democracy and Civic Engagement, Ministry for Education, Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth); **Brett Kubicek, PhD** (Chief Advisor Research and Strategy, Canada Centre for Community Engagement and Prevention of Violence); **Jamuna Oehlmann** (CEO, German Council on Preventing Extremism (BAG RelEx)); **Shlomit Broder** (CEO, Digital Public Square)
- 11:15am** *Coffee Break*
- 11:30am** *Thematic Panel I: Current Challenges and Emerging Trends for P/CVE efforts*
Franziska Schröter (Friedrich Ebert Stiftung), **David O'Brien** (Yorktown Family Services), **Felix Neumann** (Konrad Adenauer Foundation), **Miriam Katharina Heß** (BAG RelEx)
- 12:30pm** *Lunch*
- 1:00pm** *Thematic Panel II: P/CVE in Canada and Germany*
Kaan Orhon (Grüner Vogel e.V.), **Sharif Mahdy** (Students Commission of Canada), **Dunya Elemenler** (Sozialdienst muslimischer Frauen e.V.), **Sakina Abushi** (ufuq.de)
- 2:00pm** *Concluding Reflection and Closing Remarks*
- 2:30pm** *Networking, Coffee, End of Event*