## Research

CREST has a network of over 100 researchers, in the UK and overseas. As well as building the capacity of research on understanding, countering and mitigating security threats, CREST is also committed to developing the next generation of researchers with over 15 doctoral students in the UK.

### Core research

We have five core programmes of research running for three years in six universities. These include a range of researchers and doctoral students working on projects in the following areas:

- Actors and Narratives
- Ideas, Beliefs and Values in Social Context
- Understanding and Countering Online Behaviour
- Eliciting Information
- Protective Security and Risk Assessment

### Get involved

- Read the project posters, which outline the research and activities they are undertaking.
- Look at the posters by our doctoral students, describing their projects.
- Speak to CREST researchers who are presenting and willing to talk.

### Commissioned research

Over the last two years we have commissioned eighteen projects to address requirements raised by our stakeholders.

### Find out more

- Take a look at the posters outlining what these commissioned projects have done, or will be doing, with their funding from CREST.
- Researchers on these projects are here too - look for their presentations or speak to them during the breaks.

### Get involved

- Apply to research with us – look for opportunities on our website, in our newsletter and on social media.
- Fund research with us – see our poster on commissioning new research and speak to our Director, Paul Taylor, for more information on how you can use CREST to provide you with research by commissioning through us.

## Communication

Our world-leading research is irrelevant if practitioners, policymakers and other stakeholders do not get to hear about it. CREST communicates its research through guides, its website, a quarterly magazine, the media, specialist publications and face to face through networking events.

### Guides

CREST produces guides, research briefs as well as blogs, articles, research digests and other accessible and informative outputs based on our research.

These are available to download for free from our website.

### Networking

CREST has a programme of events where it engages in face-to-face discussion of its research with stakeholders. These range from roundtables that have included two-hourly discussions on terrorist financing and transmission of ideas, to conferences on topics such as interviewing.

These events are opportunities for researchers and practitioners to engage in discussion about what works, what could be useful and what the latest evidence can tell us.

### Find out more

- Where appropriate we publish reports from these events on our website.

### Get involved

- If you’d like to meet with our researchers through an informal roundtable, or through a larger event, talk to the relevant researcher or Deputy-Director Kim Knott.

### Funding

CREST is funded by the UK’s security and intelligence agencies and its six founding partners (the universities of Bath, Birmingham, Cranfield, Lancaster, Portsmouth, and West of England). Its funding is administered by the Economic and Social Research Council [ESRC Award ES/N009614/1]. The ESRC ensures the academic independence and rigour of CREST’s work.

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Core research

**Actors and Narratives**—What are the narratives of people who get involved in, and disengage from, terrorism? This Programme examines the narratives of people who get involved in, and disengage from, terrorism. The outputs enrich our understanding of individual motivations, which inform methods of threat assessments and intervention. Led by Dr. Cerwyn Moore at the University of Birmingham.

**Ideas, Beliefs and Values in Social Context**—Where and how are extremist ideologies transmitted and young people radicalized? This Programme improves our understanding of where and how extremist ideologies are transmitted and young people are radicalized, in order for de-radicalisation strategies and counter-narratives to be better designed and targeted. Led by Professor Kim Knott at Lancaster University.

**Understanding and Countering Online Behaviour**—How is the Internet used in recruitment, radicalisation and organisation of threats to national security? This Programme develops our understanding of the use of the Internet in recruitment, radicalization and organization of threats to national security, as well as develop ways in which it can be harnessed to mitigate such threats. Led by Professor Adam Johnson at the University of Bath.

**Eliciting Information**—How can the nature of social and cognitive processes contribute to promoting complete recall and accurate deception detection? By examining the nature of social and cognitive processes within intelligence-gathering interactions, this Programme develops techniques that promote accurate and complete recall, while facilitating deception detection. Led by Professor Aldert Vrij at the University of Portsmouth.

**Protective Security and Risk Assessment**—How can we better develop security as a social practice? This Programme broadens our understanding of the social processes that characterise effective ‘collaborative’ security, giving stakeholders the tools to both elicit better risk information and make better risk decisions. Led by Professor Debi Ashenden at the University of Portsmouth.

Commissioned research

In 2016 we commissioned ten projects to address requirements raised by our stakeholders. We will commission a further round of projects in 2017.

**Find out more**

All ten of our projects have short posters here outlining what they will be doing in their CREST-funded projects. Researchers on these projects are here too – look for their presentations or speak to them during the breaks.

**Get involved**

Apply to research with us - look for our call for research in late 2016 – on our website, in our newsletter and on social media.

**Fund research with us** – see our poster on commissioning new research and speak to our Director, Paul Taylor, for more information on how you can use CREST to provide you with research by commissioning through us.

- Sharing information with authorities concerning violent extremist activity and involvement in foreign conflict, Professor Paul Thomas, University of Huddersfield & Professor Michele Grossman, Victoria University, Australia
- Minimal Social Exclusion: A Means To Increased Information Gain In Human Intelligence Interviews?, Professor Par Anders Granhag, University of Gothenburg
- How Does Isis Online Propaganda Demonstrate Mechanisms Of Radicalisation? Assessing Cognitive Mechanisms With A Quantitative Analysis, Dr. Stéphane Bacle, University of Exeter
- From The Diasporatisation To The Transnationalisation Of Ethnic Politics: Understanding When Extremism Gives Way To Moderate Politics – The Case Of Sri Lanka, Dr. Christopher McDowell, City University London
- An Exploratory Study Of Expertise And Inertia In Emergency Service Responses, Professor Laurence Alison, University of Liverpool
- Applying Criminological Paradigms To Terrorist Decision Making RegardingSecurity And Risk, Dr. Paul Gill, University College London
- Ethno-national, Religio-cultural Or Anti-Muslims? Investigating Sikh Radicalisation In Britain, Dr. Jasjit Singh, University of Leeds
- Differences In The Ability To Spot Rare, Non-salient Or Hidden Targets, Professor Nick Donnelly, University of Southampton
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Bite-size guides

- Introductory primers on Islam, Sunni/Shia differences, beliefs and practices, conversion, and Islamic and Islamist groups.
- Short guides on far right extremism, the counter-jihad movement, conspiracy theory, reciprocal radicalisation.
- Introductions to diasporas, and their impact on conflict zones and other security threats.

CREST funds and supports the public information website which provides expert scholarly articles and summaries on radicalisation, extremism, fundamentalism and terrorism, http://www.radicalisationresearch.org