



# INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY GOVERNANCE

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## COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

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The Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) course explores how extremists emerge and become violent in different ways and contexts. Participants focus on what governments and civil society can do to prevent, counter, and reverse the process of radicalization. Special attention is given to learning how governments can determine push-pull factors that promote extremist violence. If needed, the course includes detailed instruction and dialogue on the topic of religious fundamentalism – what it is; how it emerges; why it is mostly non-violent; appropriate engagement methods for government; etc. In addition, numerous mini case studies of different types of violent extremism are presented to encourage participants to consider the range of options available for innovative, context-appropriate CVE strategies.

### OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- ◆ Understand push-pull factors and how they lead to radicalization and, potentially, extremist violence.
- ◆ Propose strategies to use push-pull factors to respond to extremism.
- ◆ Understand typical CVE errors and develop more successful approaches.
- ◆ Build professional networks between and among CVE and conflict management practitioners.

### TOPICS

The delivery format combines lectures, discussion, and practical small-group activities. As a mobile course, the materials will be tailored to the specific audience and desired outcomes. Course topics may include:

- ◆ The radicalization process
- ◆ Push-pull factors and government actions
- ◆ Approaches to countering violent extremism
- ◆ Extremism in the ranks
- ◆ Stimulating defection or disengagement from violent groups
- ◆ Prison, rehabilitation, and reintegration

### PARTICIPANTS

This course can be taught to 30–40 participants. Governments in consultation with U.S. Embassies are asked to draw participation from a wide spectrum of military and civilian officials in mid- to senior-level positions. The content is relevant for those concerned about extremist violence within the uniformed ranks, within one's country, or encountered during international operations. Civil society members are also welcome participants as they enrich the learning experience and outcomes for all.

## INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY GOVERNANCE (ISG) EDUCATION PORTFOLIOS

ISG's tailored education and professional development courses help build a comprehensive knowledge base and strengthen partner capacities to confront complex security and defense challenges. Courses are designed to cultivate individual understanding of complex issues; foster peer-to-peer learning; and build international communities of practice.



## FACULTY

ISG's faculty team is grounded in professional experience from academic, military, government, and civil sectors. The core faculty are augmented by experts drawn from other parts of government, and U.S. and international subject matter experts drawn from universities, industry, think tanks, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

## ENROLLMENT

Courses are conducted as part of the U.S. Government's Security Cooperation efforts. Interested partner nation personnel should contact their government's international cooperation section, or the relevant U.S. Embassy's Security Cooperation organization for selection processes and enrollment. Interested U.S. citizens may contact ISG to discuss availability.

## FUNDING

Educational programs are primarily implemented through Title 22 authorized programs, including International Military Education and Training (IMET), Foreign Military Sales (FMS), Peacekeeping Operations (PKO), and various Title 10 authorized programs, including the Maritime Security Initiative (MSI) and Regional Defense Fellowship Program (RDFP).

## ABOUT ISG



The Defense Security Cooperation University's (DSCU) Institute for Security Governance (ISG) is the Department of Defense's leading implementer for Institutional Capacity Building (ICB) and one of its primary international schoolhouses. As a component of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), ISG is charged with building partner institutional capacity and capability through tailored advising, education, and professional development programs grounded in American values and approaches.