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co-author of the book *"No te equivoques, Trump no es liberal"* (Ed. Planeta Deusto, 2017) and is the author of numerous newspaper articles. He has been recognized with diverse distinctions, including the Grand Cross of Isabel the Catholic, the Grand Cross Ouissam Alauita and the Grand Cross of Saint John of the Order of Malta, as well as other Spanish and international decorations.

Lord Toby Harris

He has been a member of the UK House of Lords since 1998. In Parliament, he is a member of the Joint Committee on National Security Strategy and Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Policing. In 2016, he conducted an Independent Review for the Mayor of London on London's Preparedness to Respond to a Terrorist Attack. He chairs National Trading Standards, which is responsible for delivering national and cross-boundary consumer protection enforcement activity and is the UK Coordinator of the Electric Infrastructure Security Council. In 2014/15, at the request of the Minister for Prisons, he led an Independent Review into the Deaths of Young People in Prison Custody, which was the most substantial review of penal policy for thirty years. From 2000-2004, he was the first chair of the Metropolitan Police Authority and subsequently was appointed by the Home Secretary to oversee the national and international functions of the Metropolitan Police - primarily its role in counter-terrorism and security. He was an elected politician in London for 26 years, was Leader of Haringey Council, Chair of the Association of London Government, and Leader of the Labour Group on the London Assembly. He is a former member of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union.

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Daniel Koehler

He studied Religion, Political Science and Economics at Princeton University and Free University Berlin. After having finished the postgraduate program 'Master of Peace and Security Studies' at the University of Hamburg he specialized on terrorism, radicalization, and de-radicalization. He worked as a de-radicalization and family counselor in multiple programs and developed several methodological approaches to de-radicalization, especially family counselling programs around the world. Daniel Koehler is also the co-founder of the first peer reviewed open access journal on de-radicalization (www.journal-derad.com), which he created together with the German Institute on Radicalization and De-Radicalization Studies (GIRDS) in 2014. In June 2015 GIRDS Director Daniel Koehler was named a Fellow of George Washington University's Program on Extremism at the Center for Cyber and Homeland Security. In 2016 he was appointed to be the first court expert on de-radicalization in the United States of America at the District Court in Minneapolis. He has since then conducted risk assessment and de-radicalization evaluations of terrorist offenders in prison and trained expert personnel from various US Government agencies. Since 2016 he also works with the Ministry of the Interior in Baden-Württemberg/Stuttgart to help coordinate the state wide prevention network against violent extremism and radicalization.

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Campaign: From Violence to Politics (2016) and *When Does Terrorism Work?* (2018). His work has also been published in the following scholarly journals: *Afers Internacionals*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Mediterranean Politics*, *Nations and Nationalism*, *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, *Politics*, *Revista Española de Ciencia Política*, *South European Society and Politics*, *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, and *West European Politics*.

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Dr. Lorenzo Vidino is the Director of the Program on Extremism at George Washington University. An expert on Islamism in Europe and North America, his research over the past 15 years has focused on the mobilization dynamics of jihadist networks in the West; governmental

counter-radicalization policies; and the activities of Muslim Brotherhood-inspired organizations in the West. The author of several books and numerous articles, Dr. Vidino's most prominent work is *The New Muslim Brotherhood in the West*, a book published in 2010 by Columbia University Press. Dr. Vidino has testified before the U.S. Congress and other parliaments; advised law enforcement officials around the world; and taught at universities in the U.S. and Europe. He regularly provides commentary to diverse media outlets (including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, PBS, CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, BBC, Al Jazeera, Al Arabiya...) and is a columnist for the Italian daily La Stampa. In 2016, he was appointed by Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi as Coordinator of the National Commission on Jihadist Radicalization.

Tim Wilson

He went to school in Cambridge and university in Oxford. His intellectual interests in conflict derive from working as a community worker in both North Belfast and East London in the later 1990s. Trained as an historian, his chief interest is in the widely differing effects political violence can have across different contexts. In over ten years of teaching and researching at top universities (Oxford, St Andrews, Queen's Belfast) he has worked widely both on terrorism committed by governments, and by their opponents. Both his teaching and research have been recommended for prizes: indeed, his first book *Frontiers of Violence* – a grassroots comparison of different patterns of ethnic violence – was nominated for the Royal Historical Society's prestigious Whitfield Prize in 2010. He is currently working upon a second book that seeks to ask why militant violence in Western societies has taken the forms that it has over the past 150 years, provisionally entitled: *Terrorists: A Social History of Political Violence*. He assumed the Directorship of CSTPV in September 2016.

