

THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS:
Analyzing Dutch policy on counter terrorism and preventing violent extremism
through a gender lens

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Speakers

Azadeh Moaveni



Azadeh Moaveni is a writer, researcher and academic who has been covering the Middle East for two decades. She started reporting in Cairo in 1999 while on a Fulbright fellowship, and has worked across the region for years, covering Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, and Tunisia. Her work has focused throughout on how women and girls are impacted by political instability and conflict, as well as the interplay between militarism, Islamism and women's social and political rights. A Pulitzer finalist, she is the author of *Lipstick Jihad*, *Honeymoon in*

Tehran, and co-author, with Iranian Nobel Peace Laureate Shirin Ebadi, of *Iran Awakening*. Her latest book, *Guest House for Young Widows, Among the Women of ISIS*, was shortlisted for the Bailie Gifford Prize and the Folio Rathbone prize. She writes for the *London Review of Books*, the *Guardian*, and the *New York Times*, among other publications. She lectures in journalism at New York University's London campus, and directs the Gender and Conflict Project at the International Crisis Group, where her latest research has focused on women's involvement in al-Shabaab and Boko Haram, and the challenges of demobilising women who affiliated with the Islamic State.

Huib Mijnaerends, CT Special Envoy NL

Huib Mijnaerends (50) is currently serving as Counter Terrorism Special Envoy of the Netherlands as well as Head of the Counterterrorism & National Security Division at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague.

Before assuming this role, Huib held several other posts at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague as well at Dutch embassies and Representations in Belgium, the USA, Afghanistan, Germany and Venezuela.

Huib especially enjoys working in multilateral settings because of the cultural diversity and new insights that come with it. He gets energized by bringing people together around topics that matter and considers getting Ricky Martin on stage at the United Nations in New York one of his biggest achievements.

Huib finalized his studies European Studies at the University of Amsterdam in 1996. He is married and has two children and enjoys travelling, thrillers and tacos.



Elanie Rodermond



Dr. Elanie Rodermond is assistant professor in criminology at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and researcher at the Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement (NSCR). Her research focuses on women offenders, the life-course of extremist offenders and their family members, and post-release outcomes of extremist offenders. Elanie is board member of the Dutch Society of Criminology and co-chair of the working group 'Radicalization, Extremism and Terrorism' of the European Society of Criminology.

Letta Tayler

Letta Tayler is an Associate Director in the Crisis and Conflict Division. She leads the division's work on terrorism and counterterrorism. Her focus includes the Islamic State and Al-Qaeda, counterterrorism policy at the United Nations, drone strikes and other targeted killings, and measures in countries around the world on foreign ISIS suspects and family members. Tayler has worked in more than three dozen countries as a human rights defender and in her previous capacity as a journalist. She has been a featured guest on *The BBC*, *CNN*, *Fresh Air*, *Al Jazeera*, and *Democracy Now!* As a foreign correspondent with *Newsday*, Tayler was one of the first Western reporters to detail prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib and chronicled events including the US invasion of Iraq and the bombings of Tora Bora. She also served as Latin America bureau chief. Tayler graduated Magna Cum Laude from Barnard College and holds a Master's in International Human Rights Law from the University of Oxford.



Tamara Buruma



Tamara Buruma is a partner at Prakken d'Oliveira Human Rights Lawyers. As a criminal defence lawyer, Tamara Buruma focuses on international criminal cases with a political component. She has represented clients suspected of genocide and war crimes and often represents persons whose extradition is being sought. As an expert in the field of anti-terrorism measures, she acts both as a defence lawyer in criminal cases and as counsel in (European) administrative cases regarding sanction regimes. She has represented several men and women accused of being members of IS or other terrorist organizations, as well as people suspected of financing terrorism. She was one of the lawyers involved in the case against the Netherlands in which repatriation of a group of women and children was requested.

Katharine Fortin

Katharine Fortin is Assistant Professor of the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights at Utrecht University. She has published widely on the legal framework pertaining to non international armed conflicts and her monograph *The Accountability of Armed Groups under Human Rights Law* won the 2018 Lieber Prize. She serves as Executive Editor of the *Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights* and is editor of the *Armed Groups and International Law* blog. She is currently carrying out a three year research project funded by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) on civilian agency, armed groups and international law. She is a qualified solicitor in the UK and previously worked at Norton Rose Fulbright, the Council of Churches of Sierra Leone, the International Criminal Court and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

