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Employment History

2018 – present	Senior Research Fellow	Leeds Beckett University
2017 – present	Self-Employed	Dr David Lowe Consultancy
2007 – 2017	Principal Lecturer	Liverpool John Moores University
1980 – 2007	Police Officer	Merseyside Police
1978 – 1980	Communications Officer	UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office

Qualifications

2010	PhD	Liverpool John Moores University
2003	MPhil	University of Liverpool
2001	LLB (Hons)	Liverpool John Moores University
1996	BA (Hons) Criminal Justice	Liverpool John Moores University

Teaching Qualifications and Awards

2013 – Fellow of the Higher Education Academy

2012 – LSU Teaching Awards –Received Amazing Teacher Award

External Roles

Expert witness on matters related to terrorism & security, criminal law and policing for both prosecution and defence. Among those I have worked for, I have assisted the Metropolitan Police's counter-terrorism unit, SO15, by providing expert witness evidence related to

terrorists' use of tradecraft techniques (counter surveillance). I have also assisted the Irish Chief State Solicitor's Office and An Garda Siochana (Irish police) with expert evidence related to state legislation compatibility requiring communications and internet service providers to retain telecommunications data and state agencies access to that data with EU law. I have also assisted the Irish Chief State Solicitor's Office with expert witness evidence with a murder conviction appeal in June 2018.

Working with the UK's Home Office's Prevent team on issues around the UK's Prevent strategy assisting in an advisory capacity the development of the strategy, which currently is on re-marketing Prevent. Also working with local Home Office Prevent and North East Police Prevent officers on a regional Prevent projects in the North East of England.

Academic Advisor to Merseyside Police's Prevent team (2015 - 2018)

External Member of UK Parliament's All Party Parliamentary Committee on a Fit and Healthy Childhood (My input is in relation to the UK Prevent Strategy and how extremism impacts on children and young people) (2017 – present)

Academic Fellow and member of The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple (one of the UK's four Inns of Court) (2013 - present)

citizenAID ambassador (2017 – present) - citizenAID is designed to guide the public to react safely, to pass effective messages to the emergency services, to prioritise the injured and to give lifesaving first aid following a terrorist attack

Member of UACES (the Academic Association for Contemporary European Studies) (2016-present)

Member of the Academic RiSC (February 2020 – present) The Academic Resilience & Security Community (Academic RiSC) is a network of universities formed to promote academic engagement in solving challenges in national security and resilience. Academic RiSC is recognized by the Home Office and other Government Departments as a portal to academia for this area.

Member of Counter Terrorism Advisory Network to Northeast Counter-Terrorism Unit (October 2020 – present)

Regular contributor to Westlaw's legal encyclopaedia, *Insight* on terrorism related law

Article reviewer for Taylor & Francis peer reviewed international journal *Police Practice & Research*

Article reviewer for Taylor & Francis peer reviewed international journal *Terrorism & Political Violence*

External Examiner Roles: Past and Present

External Examiner University of Buckingham for PhD viva (two separate viva's in September 2020)

External Examiner University of Sunderland for their law degree (contracted 2016-2020)

External Examiner at Leeds Beckett University for PhD viva (September 2017)

External Examiner at Coventry University College for their law degree (contracted 2013 – 2017)

External Examiner at University of Central Lancashire for their MSc in Counter-Terrorism and their MSc in Cybercrime (contracted 2012 – 2016)

External Examiner at Teesside University for their policing degrees (contracted 2010 – 2015)

External Examiner at University of Sunderland for PhD viva (March 2014)

Teaching

At Leeds Beckett University Law School, I teach on the LLB module UK Anti-Terrorism Law, but my main teaching role is in supervising post graduate dissertations and PhD students (I currently am supervising four PhD students).

Research Interests

My main research interests are in the area of terrorism and security, policing, criminal law and human rights.

Publications

Books

(2021) *Prevent Strategy: Helping the Vulnerable being drawn towards Terrorism or Another Layer of State Surveillance?*, London: Routledge, co-written with Robin Bennett, being published February 2021

(2019) *Terrorism and State Surveillance of Communications*, London: Routledge, co-written with Simon Hale-Ross, London: Routledge

(2018) *Terrorism: Law and Policy* London: Routledge, the book is a comparative study of law and policy, primarily between the UK, the US, Canada, Australia and the European Union

(2017) *Trends in Judiciary: Interviews with Judges from around the Globe Volume 3* Taylor & Francis, A collection of interviews with judges from Africa, Asia, Europe and North America co-edited with Dilip Das

(2015) *Policing Terrorism: Research studies into police counter-terrorism investigations* Boca Raton: Taylor & Francis

(2015) *Trends in the Judiciary: Interviews with judges from across the Globe Volume 2* Taylor & Francis. A collection of interviews with judges from Africa, Asia, Europe and North America, co-edited with Dilip Das

(2013) *Examining Political Violence: Studies in Terrorism, Counterterrorism and Internal War* Taylor & Francis, with Austin Turk and Dilip Das

Book Chapters

(2020) 'Race Hate Crime or Terrorism Related Legislation: Which is the most effective in dealing with extreme far right activity?' in Sylvana Douaihy (editor) *Les Raciness Religieuses de la Radicalization: fait ou fiction?* (Religious roots of radicalization: fact or fiction?), Presses de l'universite de Montreal

(2019) 'EU data protection law: Is it fettering police ability to investigate terrorist activity and organized crime?' in Hale-Ross and Lowe (editors) *Terrorism and State Surveillance of Communications*, London: Routledge

(2018) 'Data Protection and Rights to Privacy Involved in Intelligence Gathering and International Intelligence Exchange' in Cliff Roberson (editor) *Routledge Handbook on Social Justice* London: Routledge

(2017) 'Surveillance of Electronic Communications and the Law' in Sharon Morley, Jo Turner, Karen Corteen and Paul Taylor (editors) *A companion to state power, liberties and rights*, Policy Press

(2016) 'Interview with Jon Murphy, Chief Constable Merseyside Police' in Baker and Das (editors) *Trends in Policing: Interviews with Police Leaders Around the Globe volume 5*, Taylor & Francis

(2015) 'Handling Informers' in Eterno and Roberson (editors) *The Detectives Handbook* Taylor & Francis

(2015) 'The Suspect Interview in Counter-Terrorism Investigations' in Ralph Rotte (editor) *Focus on Terrorism* Nova Publishing

(2015) 'The Threat by Islamic State and Similar Groups to National Security: Time for the European Union to Reconsider Introducing the EU's Directive on the use of Passenger Name Record Data' in *Surveillance Systems and National Security of the 21st century: New Developments* Nova Publishing

(2013) 'The Treatment of the Mentally Disordered/Vulnerable Persons in Police Custody' in de Guzman, Das and Das (editors) *The Evolution of Policing: Worldwide Innovations and Insights* Taylor & Francis

(2010) 'Spooking the Spooks' in Cliff Roberson, Dilip K. Das, Jennie K. Singer (eds) *Police Without Borders: The Fading Distinction between Local and Global*, Taylor & Francis

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

(2020) 'Far-Right Extremism: Is it Legitimate Freedom of Expression or Hate Crime or Terrorism?' in peer reviewed journal *Terrorism and Political Violence* DOI: 10.1080/09R6133.2020.1789111

- (2019) 'The Christchurch Terrorist Attack, the Far-Right, and Social Media: What can we Learn?', *The New Jurist*, April 2019
- (2017) 'Prevent Strategies: Time to re-brand them and minimise divisiveness', *Forensic Research and Criminology International Journal*, volume 5 issue 1
- (2017) 'Prevent Strategies: The Problems Associated in Defining Extremism – the case of the UK', *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 40(11), 917-933
- (2016) 'The European Union's Passenger Name Record Data Directive 2016/681: Is It Fit for Purpose?', *International Criminal Law Review*, 16(5), 856-884
- (2016) 'Surveillance and International Terrorism Intelligence Exchange: Balancing the Interests of National Security and Individual Liberty', *Terrorism & Political Violence* 28(4), 653-673, DOI: 10.1080/09546553.2014.918880
- (2016) 'Prevent/Resilience Strategies: Are they Inclusive or Divisive?', *The New Jurist*, July 2016
- (2016) 'The Implications of the Schrems Decision and ending of the US-EU Safe Harbour Agreement', *The New Jurist* January 2016
- (2015) 'The Issues Islamic State's Communications Strategy Pose in Russia and the UK: A Comparative Study of Problems Faced and Ways to Counter Them', *The Russian Academic Journal*, 20(1), 23-42, written with Natalia Eremina (St Petersburg State University, Russia)
- (2015) 'Why in Widening Surveillance Powers of Electronic Communications, Co-Operation is needed with Internet and Communications Service Providers', *The New Jurist*, September 2015
- (2013) 'Recruiting Informants in Counter-Terrorism Investigations: Is Loss of Integrity a Noble Cause?', in *IPES Working Papers Series*
- (2011) 'Lack of Discretion in High Policing'. *Policing and Society*, 21(2), 233-247
- (2006) 'EU Criminal Law: In through the back door', *Journal of Academic and Legal Studies*, Volume 2, 30-38

Book Review

- (2015) 'Review of Holt, Burruss and Bossler's Policing Cybercrime and Cyberterror', *Criminal Justice Review*, 41(2) 248-249
- (2014) 'Review of Cian Murphy's EU Counter-Terrorism Law', *European Public Law*, 20(2) 361-363
- (2013) 'Review of Steve Peers' Justice and Home Affairs Law'. *European Public Law*. 19(1) 211-213

Online & Professional Articles

(2020) 'Manchester Arena Bombings: main lessons that have been learnt', *Counter IED Report*, October 2020, ISSN 2050-6732

(2020) 'Terrorist's Use of Tradecraft' in *Expert Witness Journal*, ISSN 2397-2769, June 2020

(2020) 'Terrorists' use of electronic communications', *Counter Terror Business*, 21st January 2020, ISSN 2399-4533, <https://counterterrorbusiness.com/features/terrorists'-use-electronic-communications>

(2019) 'London Bridge attack: why longer sentences for terrorist offences are not the answer', *PMP Magazine*, 6th December 2019, <https://vip.politicsmeanspolitics.com/2019/12/06/london-bridge-attack-why-longer-sentences-for-terrorist-offences-are-not-the-answer/>

(2019) 'London Bridge attack: why longer sentences for terrorist offences are not the answer', *The Conversation*, ISSN 2201-5639, 3rd December 2019, <https://theconversation.com/london-bridge-attack-why-longer-sentences-for-terrorist-offences-are-not-the-answer-128154>

(2017) 'Why the difference in operational clothing', *Counter Terrorism Business*, 17th July 2017 <http://www.counterterrorbusiness.com/features/why-difference-operational-clothing>

(2017) 'Plugging into EU Justice and Home affairs policing', *The UK in a Changing Europe*, 7th June 2017 <http://ukandeu.ac.uk/plugging-into-eu-justice-and-home-affairs-policies/>

(2017) 'Manchester attack: as bombs return, what can be done to make venues safer?' *The Conversation*, 23rd May 2017 <https://theconversation.com/manchester-attack-as-bombs-return-what-can-be-done-to-make-venues-safer-78199>

(2017) 'Run, hide, tell – treat? The public now has a role to play in Westminster-style attacks', *The Conversation*, 28th March 2017 <https://theconversation.com/run-hide-tell-treat-the-public-now-has-a-role-to-play-in-westminster-style-attacks-75253>

(2017) 'Terrorism in Westminster: London had expected attack for some time and police reaction was rapid', *The Conversation*, 22nd March 2017, <https://theconversation.com/terrorism-in-westminster-london-had-expected-attack-for-some-time-and-police-reaction-was-rapid-75024>

(2016) 'Jo Cox murder reminds us that terrorism comes in many forms', *The Conversation* 25th November 2016 <https://theconversation.com/jo-cox-murder-reminds-us-that-terrorism-comes-in-many-forms-69372>

(2016) 'Nice attack reminds France the state can't keep you safe 100% of the time', *The Conversation* 15th July 2016 <https://theconversation.com/nice-attack-reminds-france-the-state-cant-keep-you-safe-100-of-the-time-62558>

(2016) ‘Jo Cox killing: what can be done to protect MPs – and British democracy?’, *The Conversation* 16th June 2016 <https://theconversation.com/jo-cox-killing-what-can-be-done-to-protect-mps-and-british-democracy-61193>

(2016) ‘How can French authorities prevent a terrorist attack during Euro 2016?’, *The Conversation* 10th June 2016 <https://theconversation.com/how-can-french-authorities-prevent-a-terrorist-attack-during-euro-2016-60834>

(2016) ‘Fact Check: could someone be extradited without evidence under a European Arrest Warrant?’, *The Conversation* 20th May 2016 <https://theconversation.com/fact-check-could-someone-be-extradited-without-evidence-under-a-european-arrest-warrant-59629>

(2015) ‘Sinai crash: what do we really know?’, *The Conversation* 5th November 2015 <https://theconversation.com/sinai-crash-what-do-we-really-know-50262>

(2015) ‘Europol tasked with online search-and-destroy mission to combat Islamic State’, *The Conversation* June 2015 <http://theconversation.com/europol-tasked-with-online-search-and-destroy-mission-to-combat-islamic-state-43748>

I am a contributor to Westlaw’s legal encyclopaedia *Insight* that I regularly update and have articles on:

(2017) Passenger Name Record Data (includes update with PNR Data Directive 2016)

(2016) TPIM’s and Control Orders (updated March 2016 with UK Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 amendments)

(2017) Port & Border Control, Schedule 7 Terrorism Act 2000

(2014) Religious Cause under section 1 Terrorism Act 2000

(2014) Financing Terrorism

(2014) Internment

(2014) Hijacking

Newspaper Article

‘Leaving the EU has made us all a little less secure’ in *The New European* 29th July 2016

Forthcoming Publications

Book chapter ‘Legislating Non-Violent Extremism: Problems of definition and conflict with freedom of thought and speech’ in Engelhart and Vidlicka *Dealing with ISIS: Empirical and normative changes*, Duncker & Humbolt, being published February 2021

Current Research/Writing Projects

I am working/researching with a colleague, Alexei Gavriel from Queens University Belfast and member of the Mitchell Institute on the recent rise in both dissident republican and loyalist violence and how the Irish border issue post-Brexit will affect this. I presented a paper based on my research into dissident Irish republican terrorist groups at the UACES conference at Queens University, Belfast in September 2020 that will form the basis of a journal article

Conference/Symposium Papers

June 2012 - Modern Activism Conference, Liverpool, LJMU I presented a paper 'The Use of Informants in Counter-Terrorism'

August 2013 - IPES conference Budapest, Hungary I presented a paper 'Trends in the Judiciary'

September 2013 - LJMU symposium, 'The Arab Spring: 2 Years On' Roundtable participant on the security issues for Europe and US following the Arab Spring and the ongoing situation in Syria related to terrorist groups' actions in the region

May 2014 - HEA Conference, LJMU presented paper 'Seeing over the walls of silos: Rethinking violence prevention' I presented a paper 'Radicalisation to terror causes: a conflict with families and communities'

July 2014 - IPES Conference Sofia, Bulgaria I presented a paper 'The evidence required to prove a religious motivation in terrorist activity'

1st May 2015 – Abertay University - UACES Policing and European Studies conference, I presented a paper 'Time to Re-introduce a Passenger Name Record Directive'

2nd June 2015 - I was selected to present a paper to the European Union's Justice and Home Affairs Commission, MEP's on the Justice & Home Affairs Committee, LIBRE, Europol and Eurojust at the UACES Arena on the rationale for re-introducing a Passenger Name Records Directive by the European Union.

15th June 2015 – University of Dundee - Jean Monnet Conference on 'Security in the European Union and its neighbourhood: Challenges and Policy Responses' I was invited to present a paper 'The Terrorist Threat Facing EU Member States: Time for the EU to introduce a Directive on Electronic Surveillance in Terrorism Investigations to Plug the Security Gap'

2nd July 2015 – UCLAN conference 'Transnational Security and Human Rights' I was invited to present a paper 'Time to plug the UK security gap: why there is a need to widen surveillance on electronic communications data'

11th August 2015 – IPES Conference Pattaya Beach Thailand – I presented a paper 'Fears of the Surveillance Society: Balancing right to life with right to privacy'

4-6th December 2015 – Honourable Society of the Inner Temple Conference ‘Terrorism in the Dock’, Great Windsor Park – I was invited to present a paper ‘The Need to Share: Time for the European Union to Take the Lead in Securing Compliance with Internet and Communications Service Providers’

3rd – 4th February 2016 Defence Academy of the United Kingdom, Shrivenham, Countering Extremism Symposium, I was invited to present a paper ‘The Need to Share: Legal Issues Around Surveillance of Electronic Communications and Securing Compliance with Internet and Communications Service Providers’

25th April 2016 Max Plank Institute Conference, Dubrovnik, Croatia, I presented a keynote paper, ‘Legislating Counter-Terrorism Prevention Strategies: The Problems Associated in Defining Extremism – the case of the UK’

August 2016 FBI Annual Conference, Washington DC, USA, I was invited to present paper, ‘Why Inadequate Privacy Laws Can Hamper Intelligence Exchange between the US and European States’

19th November 2016 Spain’s University of Madrid with the ‘Jean Monnet Project – European Union and Security’ I was invited to present a paper, ‘Digital Rights and Schrems decisions: Are they the EU’s Obstacles to International Intelligence Exchange?’

8-9th February 2017, Defence Academy of the United Kingdom, Shrivenham, Countering Extremism Symposium, I was invited to present a paper, ‘The Need for a Legal Definition of Extremism – the case of the UK’

20th March 2017, citizenAID Conference, Edgbaston, Birmingham, I was invited to present a paper ‘The Current UK Terrorist Threat in Context’

18th April 2018, University of Buckingham, I was invited to deliver a paper ‘The Rise of the Far Right: the Threats the Far Right Narrative Poses in Society and Conflicts with Freedom of Expression’ (based on my current work with the Home Office’s Counter-Extremism Unit)

30th May 2018, citizenAID and Police Scotland conference, Glasgow Civic Hall, I was invited to present a paper ‘The Terrorist Threat Facing the UK Today’

4th June 2018, Leeds Beckett University Law School Symposium, ‘Removing Safe Spaces: Terrorism, Communication and International Human Rights’ I presented a paper, ‘EU Data Protection Law: Is it fettering police ability to investigate terrorist activity?’

3rd October 2018, Worldwide Wednesday, Liverpool, invited to give a presentation on issues related to potential consequences for the EU and the UK regarding crime and security post Brexit

4th May 2019, citizenAID, presented paper ‘UK Terrorist Threat Levels: What Can We Expect’, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham

19th September 2019, Symposium Leeds Beckett University, ‘Prevent Strategy: Helping Vulnerable People Drawn Towards Terrorism or Another Layer of State Surveillance?’

where I presented paper ‘Determining Extremist Behaviour: Legitimate Political Commentary & Extremism’

22nd/23rd October 2019, Countering Violent Extremism Conference, UK Defence Academy, Shrivenham where I was invited to present paper, ‘Investigating Far-Right Violence: A Comparative Study of Legal Provisions in Australia, Canada, the UK and the US’

10th/11th September 2020, UACES conference, presented paper ‘The Exploitation of Brexit by Dissident Irish Republican Groups’

Media Work

Due to my research into terrorism and security as well as policing, human rights and criminal law in general, I am consistently requested by the media to provide commentary on these topic areas. My television appearances include the BBC’s Breakfast Show, BBC News Channel, BBC World Service, BBC News at Six and News at Ten, the BBC’s One Show, Sky News, ITN news (both national and regional stations), Channel News Asia (Singapore), Al Jazeera, Al Arabiya (Dubai), France 24, DW Germany, TRT (Turkey), Indus News (Pakistan), RT (Russia), ABC (Australia), CNN and cnbc (US). I am a frequent contributor to BBC Radio 4, BBC Radio5live, BBC Radio 2, BBC Radio Wales, BBC Radio Scotland, most of the BBC’s regional radio stations, LBC, TalkRADIO, Newstalk (Ireland), Sputnik Radio (Russia) and Newstalk ZB (New Zealand).

I also provide commentary for the UK and international print media. To date this has included the UK’s *The Guardian*, *Daily Mirror*, *The Daily Express*, *The Daily Mail*, the US’ *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *San Francisco Times* and *NY Times* as well as Slovakia’s *Pravda*, Spain’s *La Razon* and Austria’s *Die Presse*.