

Magnus Ranstorp



Magnus Ranstorp has been researching **counterterrorism** and **CVE** issues for almost thirty years. Previously he developed the world-renowned **Centre for the Study of Terrorism & Political Violence at the University of St Andrews**, which was founded in the mid-1990s. Dr Ranstorp was also the first author to seriously map out the Lebanese Hizbollah movement and its connection to international terrorism and relationship with Iran and Syria. Before and after 9/11 he was consultant for CNN on terrorism issues. He was also invited to testify in the 9/11 Commission in its First Hearing in 2003. Currently Dr Ranstorp is **Research Director** at the **Centre for Asymmetric Threat Studies at the Swedish Defense University** & Quality

Manager of the EU Radicalization Awareness Network - Centre of Excellence (RAN CoE). RAN CoE is a practitioner-led network of 6,000 practitioners working on CVE issues across the EU. Dr Ranstorp helped the process of establishing RAN in September 2011 and has been an instrumental operational part of it since then.

Dr Ranstorp has worked extensively on the issue of Foreign Terrorist Fighters and his most recent publication on Swedish Foreign Fighters is based on a dataset of 267 FTFs out of 300 Swedish FTFs, data obtained from the Swedish Security Service. In 2017 he also co-authored EU RAN Manual on Responding to Returning FTFs and their Families. In 2018 he published an extensive report on salafism and salafi-jihadism in Sweden. Dr Ranstorp also leads the Copenhagen Municipality Expert Group that developed the Anti-radicalization Action Plan in 2015. He also advises Stockholm City on CVE and the Swedish National CVE coordinator.

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