

Maria Mourani



Dr. Maria Mourani holds a **degree in clinical criminology** from the University of Montreal and a **doctorate in sociology** from the University of Ottawa. She is the founding president of Mourani-Criminology, the first private criminology firm in Quebec (Canada). Recognized for her **expertise on street gangs, organized crime, human trafficking and juvenile prostitution**, she has worked with public safety organizations and has **piloted several national security files** in the Parliament of Canada as a **Member of Parliament**. She is the **sponsor of Bill C-452**, an act to amend the Criminal Code to protect victims of sexual exploitation. During her professional and academic career, she has **conducted research on criminal groups** and since 2010, she has been interested in the **jihadi involvement of youth**. She is the author of several publications, including three on street gangs and the Italian mafia in Montreal. She was the **Representative of the Government of Quebec at the Permanent Delegation of Canada to UNESCO** in Paris and was responsible, among other things, for the issues of radicalization and artificial intelligence.

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