

**CfP: 20th Workshop of the Terrorism Research Network Germany**

**(Netzwerk Terrorismusforschung e. V.)**

**#NTF20**

in cooperation with the

Research Cluster of Excellence on Islamist Terrorism

Joint Project MOTRA ([www.motra.info](http://www.motra.info))

Dates: September 1st and 2nd, 2021

Submission deadline: June 25, 2021

Location: Fresenius University of Applied Sciences, Wiesbaden, Germany

(It will be possible to visit us on site/participate via Zoom)

Main topics: Terrorism, extremism, novel (e.g. pandemic-related) radicalization phenomena and processes

*MOTRA and the NTF*

The joint project "Monitoring System and Transfer Platform 'Radicalization'" (MOTRA) is a research project funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI) in the context of civil security research. The project arose within the framework of the establishment of a research cluster of excellence for the early detection, prevention and combating of Islamist extremism and terrorism. The goal of MOTRA is the systematic monitoring of radicalization processes in Germany, with a special focus on the development of Islamist extremism up to terrorist acts by means of multi-methodological, longitudinal phenomenon/trend analyses, and in-depth case analyses.

The Netzwerk Terrorismusforschung e. V. (NTF) is an associated/transfer partner of the MOTRA project and (in this function) is responsible for the promotion of young researchers in the thematic areas of terrorism/extremism research. We are pleased to be the first German

security research network in the context of a research cluster of excellence and invite you as young researchers to present and discuss your research ideas, theses, dissertations and post-doctoral projects at this year's NTF Workshop during the MOTRA Annual Conference in Wiesbaden in September.

The "small stage" of the NTF workshop offers you - in close proximity to and due to the structural and content-related dovetailing with the "big" MOTRA stage - the opportunity to get into contact and exchange with scientists from the field of general security research as well as (de)radicalization work, terrorism and extremism research, to deepen specific topics in person or in digitally provided break-out rooms, to expand your network as well as to approach potential supervisors for research projects. As far as the pandemic allows, social gatherings are also possible during the workshop. Of course, the legal regulations in force at the time of the conference/workshop must always be observed!

We are especially looking forward to contributions from the following areas (although of course, other proposals not mentioned here may also be submitted):

*Specific:*

- Current developments, e.g., on the extreme right in connection with the Covid-19 pandemic
- Radicalization of "Querdenker" as a new category
- Influence of conspiracy theories on protest dynamics
- Interactions between right-wing extremism and religious fundamentalism
- Online and offline processes of radicalization
- International terrorism and national dynamics
- Militarization of left-wing extremism in Germany and worldwide

*General:*

- International developments and comparisons
- Local and country comparisons
- Network analyses

- Reflections on methods
- Practice reflections and evaluations of prevention and countermeasures

We are very pleased to receive contributions concerning doctoral and other research projects, as well as project ideas that are in the process of being developed. Presentations should last about 20 to 30 minutes and should be followed by an opportunity for discussion.

Travel and accommodation costs can be covered for up to ten presenters from the circle of the NTF and beyond, if applicable. Two outstanding contributions, selected by the board of the NTF, can be presented directly at the MOTRA conference on the "big stage."

If interested, please send an abstract of up to 1,000 characters and a short biography to: [vorstand@netzwerk-terrorismusforschung.org](mailto:vorstand@netzwerk-terrorismusforschung.org).

Deadline for submission is June 25, 2021. You will receive feedback by July 12, 2021.  
Presentation languages are German or English.

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