Countering Violent Extremism and its Use in Social Media
National Seminar on Preventing Violent Extremism

Time: November 19th 2015 at 10.00-15.30
Location: The House of Nobility (Ritarihuone), Ritarikatu 1, Helsinki
Organizers: Ministry of the Interior, Finland
Embassy of Canada to Finland

Programme

10.00 Welcome Words
Director General Kauko Aaltomaa, Ministry of the Interior, Police Department

10.15 Opening Remarks
Ms Andrée N. Cooligan, Ambassador of Canada to Finland

10.40 Social Pedagogy and Inclusive Adoption of Mobile and Digital Media to Combat Online Hate: Case Studies from the Canadian SOMEONE (Social Media Education Every Day) initiative
Mr Vivek Venkatesh, Associate Professor, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada

11.15 Online Hate as Everyday Reality. Reflections on Identity and Ideologies among the Youth
Postdoctoral researcher Matti Näsi, Ph.D, Researcher, University of Helsinki

11.45 Panel discussion/ Comments
Mr Rein Raud, Author/Professor, University of Helsinki
Mr Matthew Wood, Analyst, Amcham Finland

13.00 Lunch break

14.00 Online Interventions: Engaging with extremists through peer-to-peer messaging on social media
Mr Ross Frenett, Founding Director of Moonshot CVE, United Kingdom

14.45 Community-Led Initiatives to Counter Religious Extremism
Mr Mahdi Abdile, Finn Church Aid, Brussels

15.30 Closing words