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Fields: International Relations, Global Governance, International Law, Critical Security Studies

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## RESEARCH PROFILE

I am an institutional ethnographer specializing in global security governance, international law, and critical security studies. My forthcoming book (*Counter-Violent Extremism and High Policing in Canada*, Routledge 2026) is the first ethnographic study of Canada's CVE policy field. Ongoing projects compare frameworks in Canada and the Netherlands and examine the interaction of global security norms with democratic governance, supported by extensive fieldwork in UN, EU, and national agencies. I maintain an active publication pipeline and a strong scholarly presence across Political Science, International Relations, Socio-Legal Studies and Critical Security networks (EISA, EWIS, WIIS, EUROCRIM, ASC)

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Tenure-Track** — John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY (*Aug. 2024–Present*)

**Affiliated Researcher** — Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance and Society (VVI), Leiden Law School, Leiden University, Netherlands (*July 2021–Present*)

**Senior Lecturer** — Leiden University College in The Hague, Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs (July 2022–July 2024); Leiden Law School (Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. in Criminology — Awarded with Distinction**, Université de Montréal (2024)

*(Dissertation rated “Exceptional”, Rector’s Honor List)*

Thesis: *Improvising Quebec’s Countering Violent Extremism Sector or the Transformation of High Policing*

**M.A. in Social Anthropology**, Concordia University (2014)

**B.A. (Honors) in Social Anthropology**, Concordia University (2012)

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## PUBLICATIONS & BOOK PROJECTS

### Book

- *Counter-Extremism and High Policing in Canada: Improvising Security* (Routledge, forthcoming 2026)

### Works in Progress and Under Review

- *Polymorphous Fieldwork: Ethnographic Access and Positionality in National Security Research* — Under review, *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*, Submitted (August 2025)
  - *Feeling Security: Uncertainty and the Emotional Burden of Doing National Security* (with Karine Côté-Boucher, Université de Montréal) — In preparation, Target: *British Journal of Criminology* (Fall 2025)
  - *Comparing Counter-Extremism Policies in Canada and the Netherlands* (with Maartje van der Woude & Roxane de Massol de Rebetz, Leiden University) — In preparation, Target: *European Journal of International Relations* (Winter 2026)
  - *Countering Violent Extremism: Towards a Hybridization of National Security Practices* (with Karine Côté-Boucher, Université de Montréal) — In preparation, Target: *European Journal of International Security* (Summer 2026)
  - *Transnational Legal Ordering of Security Governance* — In development, multi-country comparative project with Leiden University Law School and Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance and Society (VVI)
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## Reports & Policy Contributions (selected)

- Rebbani, Meriem. *Summary Report: Law Enforcement and Civil Society to Prevent Violent Extremism – Lessons Learned Protecting Children and Engaging Women*. Almaty Workshop, EU LEICA/BOMCA Programme, February 2024.
  - Rebbani, Meriem. *Desk Review: Protection of Vulnerable Targets – Gaps and Opportunities in West Africa*. United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), Vulnerable Targets Program, January 2023. (*Internal UN report, commissioned as Individual Contractor, Madrid Office*).
  - Centre for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Violence (CPRLV) & Conseil du statut de la femme (CSF). (2016). *Women and violent radicalization: Research report*. Québec: Government of Québec. [Co-author/contributor].
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## INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCES

- 2025 – European Society of Criminology (EUROCRIM), Athens – *Deep Hanging Out: A Call for Ethnographies of National Security*
  - 2023 – Pan European Conference on International Relations (EISA), Potsdam – *Countering Violent Extremism & Neoliberalism: The Quebec Experience*
  - 2023 – European Workshops in International Studies (EISA), Amsterdam – *Tales from the Field: Unraveling Canadian CVE Practices*
  - 2023 – American Society of Criminology (ASC), Philadelphia – *Countering Violent Extremism: Towards a Hybridization of National Security Practices*
  - 2022 – American Society of Criminology (ASC), Atlanta – *Canadian CVE: What Impact on Counterterrorism,*
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- **Senior Consultant** — United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, Madrid (2022–2023)
- **Field Officer** — United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Tunis (2021–2022)

- **Strategic Advisor** — Royal Canadian Mounted Police, National Security Program, Montreal (2017–2021)
  - **Researcher & Community Coordinator** — Centre for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Violence (CPRLV), Montreal (2015–2017)
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## HONORS & AWARDS

- CUNY Book Completion Award — City University of New York (2025)
  - Exceptional Dissertation Distinction — University of Montreal (2024)
  - Emerging Thought Leader Award — Women in International Security (WIIS) (2020)
  - J.A. Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship — SSHRCC, Concordia University (2013–2014)
  - Multiple Merit Scholarships — Concordia University and University of Montreal (2011–2015)
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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY)** — Graduate: *Violence Across the Globe; Law & Society; Homeland Security and Terrorism; Science & Practice of Public Safety*  
Undergraduate: *Crime Prevention and Control*

**Leiden University College in The Hague** — *Global Challenges: Peace & Justice* (Tutorial);  
*Introduction to Socio-Legal Studies* (Seminar)

**Leiden University Law School** — *Terrorism & Counter-Terrorism* (Honors Seminar)

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## LANGUAGES & TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Languages: English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (competent), Darija (Algerian Arabic Dialect)

- Certifications: TRAP-18, VERA 2R, WAVR-21, HCR-20, START, CTIO (risk assessment tools)
  - Research Methods: Comparative policy analysis, qualitative research, institutional ethnography
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## **PROFESSIONAL & APPLIED EXPERTISE**

- Invited Expert/Trainer: UNICRI–UNODC Intensive Training Program for National Delegations to the UN (New York, 2025) — Delivered session on terrorism, violent extremism, hate speech, and prevention strategies for police advisors and diplomatic staff.
- Moderator & Rapporteur: Group Work Reports: Engaging Women in PVE and Protecting Children from Violent Radicalization. EU LEICA/BOMCA Program, February 2024.
- Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) CVE Working Group. Addendum to the Good Practices on Women and Countering Violent Extremism: Mainstreaming Gender. Contributed as expert participant, 2019–2023.
- Invited Expert/Trainer: ‘Regional Workshop Law Enforcement & Civil Society to Counter Violent Extremism, Lessons Learned Protecting Children and Engaging Women’, CIVIPOL, November 2023, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- Speaker: Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, security and society (TSAS), Annual meeting, October 2022, Ottawa, Canada
- Mission Expert/Trainer: CVE & Risk Assessments in Prison for Iraqi Prison Authorities, August 2022, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Sulaymaniyah, Iraq
- Mission Expert/Trainer: CVE & Risk Assessments, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, November 28th- December 8, 2021, Erbil, Iraq
- Speaker: Women & CVE in Detention, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Tunis, Tunisia, October 14, 2021
- Mission Expert & Rapporteur: Prison CVE Assessment, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, part of the Delegation of the Coalition Against ISIS, Iraq, Shamshamal Prison Site, May 2-6th 2021
- Part of the Canadian delegation: Countering Violent Extremism Working Group - Tenth Plenary Meeting (Global Counterterrorism Forum), Montreal, Canada, 4 November 2019

- Guest Practitioner: Partnering in Practice - Preventing Social Polarizations, Symposium, Edmonton, Canada, November 2018
- Speaker: TETT 2017, Creating Learning Against Radicalization (C.L.E.A.R.), Conference, Ottawa, Canada, September 2017.
- Speaker: Women, Technology & Partnerships - Countering Terrorist use of the Internet, SecDev foundation, UNCTED & ICT, February 2017.
- Policy Advisor: Building Off-Ramps and Reintegrating Foreign Fighters and Terrorist Offenders: Challenges and Opportunities, Washington, June 2016.
- Speaker: Symposium, College students, Radicalizations and Living Together, Rosemont College, April 2016.
- Panelist: Preventing radicalization: issues, tools, limits and perspectives, University of Montreal, April 2016
- Panelist: Radicalization and Host Societies, Concordia University, School of Community and Public Affairs (SCPA), March 2016.