



# Reconsidering Religious Radicalism

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## Keynote Speakers:

Lord Maurice Glasman

Lecturer in Political Theory, Director of Faith & Citizenship Programme – London  
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Professor Peter Mandaville

Senior Advisor – US State Department Office of Religion & Global Affairs, Professor of  
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Professor Nicholas Adams

Professor of Philosophical Theology, University of Birmingham

Professor Mona Siddiqui, OBE

Professor of Islamic & Interreligious Studies – University of Edinburgh

## Call For Papers

As public awareness has grown concerning religion's persistent influence in shaping world affairs, an implicit consensus appears to have been reached in how to distinguish between those religious adherents whose faith is expressed *constructively* — “moderates” — and those whose faith is expressed *destructively* — “radicals” or “extremists”.

But is this a sufficiently discriminating distinction? Does it construe the relationship between religion and violence to be one of degree – the more religious a person is, the more likely they are to support or engage in violent acts in the name of their faith? Moreover, does this terminology reflect particular biases towards specific religions, such that use or application of the term ‘radical’ (or perhaps even more likely, ‘moderate’) is more likely to be applied to some religions (e.g. Islam) than others (e.g. Christians)?

This interdisciplinary conference is focused on exploring the development of this terminology, the assumptions upon which it rests regarding religion's relationship with other ideologies or commitments.

We welcome papers from any discipline, exploring the following topics:

- Religious Radicalism and its influences
- The history of the terminology of radicalism
- Disparities in application of the term ‘radicalism’ across world religions
- The possibility of quantifying the intensity of religious belief or devotion
- The benefits and detriments of employing the term “religious radicalism”
- New possibilities for orienting the discussion of religious violence

Please send a 250-500 word abstract to Drew Collins ([dac62@cam.ac.uk](mailto:dac62@cam.ac.uk)) by **March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. Partial bursaries for the travel costs of panelists will be available.

**Selected papers will be considered for publication in an edited volume.**

