



Theo Gavrielides

## Addressing Violent Radicalisation and Extremism

A Restorative Justice & Psychosocial Approach

- Features six unique case studies
- Includes a training manual, research guide, and policy guide for readers
- Examines new, evidence-based research through the lens of philosophy and psychology

This book adopts an interdisciplinary approach to confront one of the most urgent global challenges of our time violent radicalisation and extremism. It critically examines how restorative justice, positive criminology, and positive psychology intersect to address the behaviors and social conditions that foster extremism, offering a framework that reflects the complexities of our era.

Grounded in a synthesis of philosophical inquiry, normative analysis, and empirical evidence from six international pilot projects conducted between 2017 and 2024, the volume navigates the shifting boundaries between punitive and preventive approaches. It explores the potential of community-based initiatives to foster understanding, empathy, and empowerment as means to reduce violence and promote reconciliation.

Through a focus on the psychological and social roots of extremism, the book delves into the restorative capacity of justice systems to mend fractured communities and the role of positive psychological interventions in reshaping harmful behaviors. In doing so, it bridges theoretical advancements with actionable strategies for policymakers, practitioners, and researchers seeking alternatives to traditional punitive models.

This collection reflects the depth and breadth of contemporary scholarship in counter-extremism, offering perspectives from established experts and emerging voices. It serves as a vital resource for those engaged in fields such as social work, human rights, conflict resolution, and criminology, contributing fresh insights and practical tools to prevent and mitigate radicalisation.

"This book offers a refreshing and holistic perspective on one of the most pressing global issues today violent extremism. By integrating restorative justice principles with a psychosocial approach, the book moves beyond punitive measures and focuses on healing, rehabilitation, and the reintegration of individuals into society. This book is a thought-provoking and important contribution to the discourse on counter-extremism".

Professor Clarence Augustus Martin, California State University, USA

"This book is not only a source of knowledge, but also a significant advancement in the evolution of thought, offering tangible pathways for action. Through a genuinely interdisciplinary approach and case studies, Theo Gavrielides presents the scientific community with a work where science becomes a lens through which reality can be understood and reshaped."

Professor Grazia Manmozzi, University of Insubria, Italy.

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