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Yannick Veilleux-Lepage is a Senior Researcher in the Transcultural Conflict and Violence Initiative (TCVE) where he works on Department of Defense funded projects analyzing online extremist discourse and media products produced by extremist groups.

Dr. Veilleux-Lepage holds a doctorate in International Relations from the University of St Andrews in Scotland. He earned a master's degree in International Affairs from the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs in Ontario, Canada. He also holds a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (Security Studies) from Carleton University.

Dr. Veilleux-Lepage's research is the subject of an upcoming book, titled *How Terror Evolves: The Emergence and Spread of Terrorist Techniques*, to be published by Rowman and Littlefield International in October 2019.

Dr. Veilleux-Lepage currently serves as the Project manager for two Department of Defense funded Minerva Research Initiative analyzing online propaganda and visual media produced by extremist. The specific focus of these grants is to (1) create a living archive of the entirety of ISIS' official multimedia content, including a searchable database of ISIS propaganda that includes news bulletins, photo-reports, videos, and documents; and (2) assess how children are recruited, radicalized, and deployed in violent extremist organizations in Iraq and Syria, Pakistan, Lebanon, Turkey, and Northern Ireland

Other research interests include the creation of online narratives and propaganda which fosters or normalizes terrorism; historical antecedents to terrorism; far-right extremism and the transnational links of far-right groups; ideological and technical diffusion, and the application of evolutionary theory to social sciences. Dr. Veilleux-Lepage has recently secured a Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security, and Society Major Research Grant in collaboration with Dr. Barbara Perry (The University of Ontario Institute of Technology) to explore how gender and sexual politics are played out in everyday practice within the extreme

right movement, both in terms of the framing of women by the movement, and women's actions within the movement.

Dr. Veilleux-Lepage is the author of several referred articles and reports. He has appeared or been cited in national and international media as an expert in his field, including: BBC, CBC, CNN, International Business Times, ITV, La Presse, LBC, Metro News (Sweden), Radio-Canada, Sky News, The Global and Mail, The Guardian, and The National Post.

Prior to undertaking his doctoral studies, Dr. Veilleux-Lepage worked as a senior intelligence analyst specializing in international terrorism and emerging threats for the Government of Canada. He speaks fluent English and French.

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