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**Menno Ettema**  
**No Hate Speech Movement Coordinator, Council of Europe**  
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Mr. Menno Ettema, is the European coordinator of the No Hate Speech Movement, a youth campaign of the Council of Europe mobilizing young people for human rights online, freedom of speech and against hate speech. He works closely with the national campaign committees, European partners and online activist on the implementation of the campaign, by securing the coordination of the campaign website [nohatespeechmovement.org](http://nohatespeechmovement.org), Twitter and Facebook, European trainings, seminars and the various awareness-raising and training activities at national level. Mr. Ettema has previously worked as an educational advisor for the Youth Department of the Council of Europe, supporting European Youth Organizations to develop their human rights education programmes.



**Dr. Kemal Iltar**  
**Visiting Professor of Communication, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Dr. Kemal Iltar holds a PhD from the Faculty of Security Sciences of the Police Academy of Ankara. He wrote his thesis on the Impact of Social Media on National Security. He has worked as a journalist in several of the leading dailies in Istanbul and Ankara. In 2001, he began working for the Information and Communications Technologies Authority (ICTA, the Turkish equivalent of the FCC), as a communication expert, and has also served at the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in Geneva, where he prepared the 2008 World Information Society Development Report. In 2009, he became Head of Corporate Communications in the office of the Turkish Presidency. He established and developed this office personally.



**Dr. Jolene Jerard**  
**Research Fellow & Manager, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)**  
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Dr. Jolene Jerard is a Research Fellow and Manager (Capacity Building) at the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), a Centre of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. She has conducted field research in several threat zones including Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Somalia, Yemen, Southern Philippines and Southern Thailand amongst others. She interviewed numerous leaders and members of terrorist and politico-religious groups in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. She has co-edited several books, *Terrorist Rehabilitation and Counter-Radicalisation: New Approaches to Counter-Terrorism*, (UK: Routledge, 2012); *Countering Extremism: Building Social Resilience*

through *Community Engagement*, (London: Imperial College Press, 2013) and *Resilience and Resolve: Communities Against Terrorism* (London: Imperial College Press, 2015).



**Azer Khalilov** @azerkhalilov

**General-Director of the CBC TV (Caspian International Broadcasting Company)**

Azer Khalilov was appointed General-Director of the CBC TV (“Caspian International Broadcasting Company”) - first international TV of Azerbaijan - in October 2012. Prior to this, he was Chief Executive of ATV-International TV channel from September 2011 to October 2012. Previously, he was Head of the BBC Azeri Service in London from September 2001 to September 2011. He also worked for the BBC as a producer and correspondent from 1991 to 1996. He graduated from Lomonosov Moscow State University where he obtained PhD degree. Azerbaijani is his native language. He is fluent in English, Russian and Turkish.



**Raphael Minder** @RaphaelMinder

**Spain and Portugal Correspondent, *International New York Times***

Raphael Minder has been based in Madrid as the Spain and Portugal correspondent for the *International New York Times* since April 2010. He has written extensively on the impact of the financial crisis on Spain and Portugal and the resulting political tensions, including the secessionist drive in Catalonia. He has also covered social issues such as illegal migration and domestic violence in Spain, and writes about sports and culture. Born in Geneva, Raphael has been a full-time journalist since 1993, when he started working in Switzerland for Bloomberg News. He spent 10 years as a staff correspondent for the *Financial Times*, working in Paris, Brussels, Sydney and in Hong Kong as the Asia regional correspondent.



**Susan Sachs** @susansachs

**Award-winning Journalist and Editor specializing in foreign affairs**

Susan Sachs is an award-winning journalist and editor who specializes in international affairs. She has reported on conflict, mass migration, and the social and digital revolutions that are transforming global communication. Ms. Sachs recently retired as Foreign Editor of *The Globe and Mail* newspaper of Canada, and has worked for major newspapers including *The New York Times* as a correspondent based in Cairo, Moscow, Baghdad, Istanbul and Kabul. She also taught global reporting at the Graduate School of Journalism of Sciences Po in Paris and news literacy at Bosphorus University in Istanbul.



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Dr. Wakar Uddin is a Rohingya American, born in Maungdaw, Arakan State Burma/Myanmar. He is currently a Professor at The Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Uddin is the Director General of Arakan Rohingya Union, which is a federation of 61 Rohingya organizations worldwide. He is also the Founding Chairman of The Burmese Rohingya Association of North America, and the President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Muslim Aid America. Arakan Rohingya Union is an international NGO registered in the United States and maintains 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. It is recognized by all the 57 OIC-member countries and the international community as an official voice of Rohingya people.