

DR. BETHAN JOHNSON

Initiative to Study Hate, University of California, Los Angeles

UNIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT

2023 – University of California, Los Angeles, Initiative to Study Hate, Postdoctoral Fellow
2022 – 2023 Harvard University, Ernest May Fellow in History & Policy
2022 – 2022 Richmond American University London, Adjunct Associate Professor in the School of Communications & The Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences and Psychology
2018 – 2020 University of Cambridge, Tutor & Lecturer in the Department of History

ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS & POSITIONS

2022 – The International Centre for Counter-Terrorism, Associate Fellow in Current & Emerging Threats
2022 – Fascism: Journal of Comparative Fascist Studies, Reviews & Social Media Editor
2020 – ibidem-Verlag, Commissioning Editor of Analyzing Political Violence Series
2021 – 2022 The Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right, Lecturer, Seminar Facilitator, and Coordinator for the Intern Program
2020 – 2021 The Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right, Political Violence & Terrorism Research Group Leader
2020 Tech Against Terrorism, Specialist Consultant on Right-Wing Terrorism
2019 University of Cambridge, Modern Irish History Seminar Convener
2018 – 2019 University of Cambridge, Cultural History Workshop Convener
2016 – 2017 University of Cambridge, Representative for the Modern British History Master of Philosophy Program
2015 – 2016 NETWORK Lobby, Grassroots Mobilization Associate

EDUCATION

2017 – 2021 University of Cambridge, Ph.D., History
2016 – 2017 University of Cambridge, MPhil, Modern British History
2011 – 2015 Vassar College, B.A., History, Jewish Studies, English

CERTIFICATIONS

2024 Cornell University (CornellX), ‘Teaching and Learning in the Diverse Classroom’
2021 University of St Andrews Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence, ‘Terrorism Studies’

AWARDS

2023 University of Kansas, Spencer Research Library Travel Award
2019 Counter Terrorism Awards, Counter Terrorism Research Award
2017 Cambridge Trust, Vice-Chancellor’s Award & Newnham College Scholarship
2015 Vassar College, Sophia H. Chen Zen Memorial Prize for Best History Thesis

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- 2015 Vassar College, Sherman Book Prize for Distinguished Accomplishments in Jewish Studies
2015 Vassar College, Dean of the College Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service
2015 Phi Beta Kappa Society, Membership

MONOGRAPHS

- 2026 *A Concise History of Hate in the West*
*co-authored with Dr David Myers (UCLA)
Q4 2025 *The Revolution Will Be Colonized: Western Nationalists in the Long '68*
TBD *Alpha: James Mason and His Neo-Nazi Lone Wolf Army*

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2023 'Siege: "Sheer Political Terror",' *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 1-21
*co-authored with Dr Matthew Feldman (University of York)
2020 'Constructing a Neo-Nazi Group in the Age of New Media: A Small Case Study,' *Public Jurist*, 23-32
2020 'Sexual Dysfunction in the "Eden of Love": Psychosocial Responses to Impotence in British First World War Veterans,' *Twentieth Century British History* (31), 27-50

BOOK CHAPTERS

- TBD 'The Enemy of My Enemy Is Still My Enemy: Militant White Supremacism and The Conspiratorial Mindset' stage: accepted as part of untitled Oxford University Press book, awaiting final edits
2021 'The Radical Right Is Weaponising COVID-19 Online,' *The Radical Right During Crisis*
2020 'Far-Right Terrorism Is Now Britain's Fastest Growing Problem,' *Mainstreaming the Global Radical Right*
2019 'This Flag Is Your Flag, This Flag Is My Flag: The Alt-Right's Appropriation of the American Flag,' *Tracking the Rise of the Radical Right Globally*

GRANT-FUNDED RESEARCH

- 2023 Counter Extremism Project & Embassy of the United Kingdom, 'Financial Strategies and Activities of Right-Wing Extremist Actors in the United Kingdom'
2021 Facebook, 'Outlinking Practices by Right-Wing Extremists'
2021 Home Office of the United Kingdom, 'Younger Audience Engagement with Right Wing Terrorism'
2021 Facebook, "'Join us or die!": "Siege Culture" and the Proliferation of Neo-Nazi Narratives Online'
2020 European Union, 'The European Extreme Right and Its Methods for Funding Terror'

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GREEN PAPERS & RESEARCH ANALYSIS

- 2024 Global Network on Extremism & Technology, 'The Dark Truth About Cats and Dogs: The Xenophobic Underbelly of the Springfield Conspiracy Theory'
- 2024 Global Network on Extremism & Technology, 'Racists Ridicule "Zion Don" After Foiled Assassination'
- 2024 Between Times, 'Doubting Jordan: 12 Questions for Peterson on His Hermeneutics of Gender'
- 2024 The Radicalist, 'On Radicalism with Bethan Johnson' *published interview with David Josef Volodzko
- 2023 Between Times, 'NSC 131 – The Big Bad Bullies of the North East'
- 2023 Between Times, '"What Is a Woman?" Doc Is a Trojan Horse – Clear Attacks on "Gender Ideology" Cloak Racist Messages'
- 2022 Private Entity Commission, 'Reich Redux?: Neo-Nazism in the Potential Aftermaths of the Ukraine-Russia War'
- 2022 Global Network on Extremism & Technology, 'Tis the Season to Sell Extremism: Far-Right Christmas Ads and the Parallel Economy'
- 2022 Global Network on Extremism & Technology, '"All my Heroes are Dead": The Untimely Demise of The American Futurist – James Mason Partnership'
- 2022 Fair Observer, 'How Dangerous Are COVID-19 Conspiracy Theories In Italy?' *co-authored with researcher Francesca Gentile
- 2022 Fair Observer, 'The Role of Animals in National Socialist Propaganda'
- 2021 The International Centre for Counter-Terrorism, 'Siege Culture After *Siege*: Anatomy of a Neo-Nazi Terrorist Doctrine'
- 2021 Global Network on Extremism & Technology, 'The Race War May No Longer Be Digitised: James Mason's Designation as a Terrorist Entity in Canada' *co-authored with Dr Matthew Feldman
- 2021 Rantt Media, 'Terrorism Outlawed: Why the UK's Ban of Neo-Nazi Group The Base Is Important'
- 2021 Between Times, '"Facebook Jail" & The New Meme "Avoiding" Moderation'
- 2021 Fair Observer, 'The Godfather of Fascist Terrorism' *co-authored with Dr Matthew Feldman
- 2021 openDemocracy, 'The Radical Right is learning from the GameStop squeeze'
- 2020 openDemocracy, 'Boys to men: the violent teenagers of the radical right'
- 2020 Fair Observer, 'Are We Ready to Drop the Term "Islamist" in Reference to Terrorism?'
- 2020 Writing the Troubles, 'Republican Masculinity and the "Troubles"'
- 2019 Fair Observer, 'Far-Right Terrorism Is Now Britain's Fastest Growing Problem'
- 2019 openDemocracy, 'Cancel Morrissey? – controversy over music and free speech'
- 2019 Fair Observer, 'What Makes a Christchurch-Style Attack Feels So Likely in Britain?'
- 2019 Rantt Media, 'The Radical Right Seeks To Recruit Among Anti-Corporate Activists'
- 2019 Fair Observer, 'Tracking German Neo-Nazism Through Music'

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BOOK REVIEWS

- 2024 Fascism: Journal of Comparative Fascist Studies, 'Canadian Multiculturalism and the Far Right: Walter J. Bossy and the Origins of the "Third Force", 1930s-1970s'
- 2019 London School of Economics Review of Books, 'In Occult Features of Anarchism'
- 2019 London School of Economics Review of Books, 'Remembering Women's Activism'
- 2019 London School of Economics Review of Books, 'Race Women Internationalists'

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 2020 – Crown Court of the United Kingdom, Expert Witness in Cases of Terrorism
- 2024 Report Author and Administrative Aid for the Hate Prevention Policy Convening of the California Commission on the State of Hate
- 2023 Counter Extremism Project, 'Comparing the Financial Strategies of Right-Wing Extremist Organizations and Actors in the United Kingdom and Germany,' Webinar
- 2022 BRACE: Building Resilience and Countering Extremism, Speaker and Community Discussion Facilitator
- 2022 Channel 4, 'Dispatches: Are We Losing the War on Terror?,' TV Broadcast
- 2022 Cambridge Independent, 'Cambridge researcher voices fears over online radicalisation after mass shooting,' Newspaper Feature
- 2022 The Independent, "'Trove of racial hatred" exposed by investigation into online platforms,' Interview
- 2021 Royal United Service Institute, 'Financial Connections in Extremism,' Financial Crime Insights Podcast
- 2021 ABC News, 'Neo-Nazi groups banned in Canada and Europe set sights on Australia,' TV Broadcast
- 2021 BuzzFeed News, 'An International Neo-Nazi Group Thought To Have Been Dissolved Is Recruiting Again in the US,' Interview
- 2021 Dialogue Society, 'Far-Right Extremism and Youth: Has the COVID-19 Pandemic Become a "Perfect Storm" for Radicalisation,' Webinar
- 2021 Brut, 'The history of the American flag,' Interview
- 2021 TalkRadio, 'Teenage Neo-Nazi Group Leader Becomes One of Britain's Youngest Convicted Terrorists,' Interview
- 2021 Voice of Islam Drive Time Show, 'Extremism: pandemic increases self radicalisation,' Radio Interview
- 2021 i24NEWS English, 'Capitol Riots Reveal Larger Far-Right Movement,' TV Broadcast
- 2021 GB News, 'Teen terror grooming warnings from MI5,' TV Broadcast
- 2021 Yeah Nah Pasaran!, 'Bethan Johnson on youth, the stock market and rock & roll,' Radio Interview
- 2020 Royal United Service Institute, Counter Terrorism Financing Online Symposium, 'The European Extreme Right and Its Methods for Funding Terror,' Webinar
- 2020 The New Yorker, 'The Changing Meaning of the American Flag Under Trump,' Interview
- 2020 openDemocracy, 'US election: how can we challenge right-wing extremism?,' Webinar
- 2020 TRT World, 'Far Right Teens: A growing problem?,' TV Broadcast

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- 2020 Indus News, 'U.S.: White Supremacy Spreading,' TV Broadcast
- 2019 Haaretz, 'Most neo-Nazi Music Festivals Are Closely Guarded Secrets – Not This One in Ukraine,' Interview
- 2019 Haaretz, 'The Upcoming neo-Nazi Concert in Ukraine That No One Is Talking About,' Interview
- 2019 ITV Tyne Tees, 'Men Sentenced on Terrorism Charges,' TV Broadcast
- 2018 University of Cambridge, Festival of Ideas, 'Forms of Extreme Protest in the Post-War West,' Speaker at Community Outreach Conference
- 2017 – 2020 Museum of Cambridge, Preservation and Curation Volunteer

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 Global Security Forum, 'Exploring International Violent Far-Right Movements and Measures Taken by States and International Organizations'
- 2022 Royal United Services Institute, 'The Financing of Extremism'
- 2021 Royal Geographical Society, 'Transnational Dimensions of the Far-Right'
- 2021 Cultural Insight Forum, 'Societies Under Siege: James Mason and Siege Culture's Role in the Resurgence of Radical Right Violence Around the World'
- 2021 CRTG Working Group, 'Right Wing Extremism: Tackling the Exploitation of Children and Youth'
- 2021 Cambridge-Edinburgh Joint Conference, 'Uncovering Zionist Leanings with the Irish Republican Army'
- 2020 Vortex Conference at the University of Gothenburg, '40 years of *Siege*: The Evolution and Exportation of James Mason's "cookbook and guide" to Extremism'
- 2020 Cambridge-Edinburgh Joint Conference, 'Masculinity and the Irish Republican Psyche of the Troubles'
- 2019 Cambridge-Edinburgh Joint Conference, 'The Globalisation of Nationalism: The IRA as Case Study'
- 2017 Cambridge-Edinburgh Joint Conference, 'Defining and Dissecting Militant Separatism'

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 International Network for Hate Studies, 'When Love Is Hate: Understanding White Power Hate Groups' Self-Identification as Merely Pro-White'
- 2024 Society for U.S. Intellectual History, 'How to Wow "Friends" and Terrorize People: An Epistemological Exploration of the Cult of the Autodidact and the Esoteric in Generations of White Supremacist Youth'
- 2023 European Commission, Countering the Financing of Terrorism Threat, 'Breakout Session on Financing Right-Wing Terrorism'
- 2021 Association for the Study of Nationalities, 'Buddhist Themes Within Twenty-First Century White Supremacism'
- 2019 Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism, 'Human Rights, Self-Determination, and the Rhetoric of Violent Separatists in Western Society, 1960-1980'

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- 2019 Association for the Study of Nationalities, ‘Che in Spain, Fanon in France: The European Co-optation of Non-Western National Liberationism, 1960-1980’
- 2019 Modern British Studies, ‘Bombs & Borders: Celtic Fringe Nationalisms’ Embrace of Extreme Sectarian Violence and Mass Civil Unrest, 1960-1980’
- 2019 University of Cambridge, Interdisciplinary Graduate Workshop, ‘Che in Spain, Fanon in France: European and North American Ethno-Nationalist Co-optations of Global South and Black Power Ideologies, 1960-1980’
- 2019 University of Cambridge, Cambridge Irish History Group, ‘The Conflicting Faces of Separatism: The Alleged Origins of Militant Campaign Strategies in the Troubles’
- 2019 University of Oxford, Women Behind Famous Men Conference, ‘Women’s Work in Western Liberation Movements, 1960-1975’
- 2019 University of Cambridge Irish History Seminar, “‘From the tongue of angels into the tongue of men’”: The role of language in violent nationalist campaigning’
- 2019 University of Cambridge, History of Radicalism Conference, ‘Irish Republicans and Welsh Separatists in the Long ’68 Era’
- 2019 Edinburgh Napier University, The First World War Conference, ‘Diagnosing the Hidden Disability: Recovering the Subjective Experiences of Impotent Great War Veterans Through the Archives’
- 2018 North American Conference on British Studies, ‘Violent Celtic Fringe Nationalisms and Protest in the Long ’68’
- 2018 International Conference on Gender Studies, ‘Patriarchy, Power, and Protest in Violent Nationalist Groups in the West, 1965-1975’
- 2018 University of Sheffield, Gendered Emotions Conference, “‘You love us when we’re heroes, home on leave, or wounded in a mentionable place’”: Sexual Impotence in British Great War Veterans’

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2024 – Terrorism and Political Violence Network, Next Gen Early Career Researcher
- 2019 – The Association for the Study of Nationalities
- 2019 – The Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism
- 2016 – Oral History Society
- 2016 – The Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion
- 2021 – 2022 Royal Historical Society, Early Career Member
- 2017 – 2020 The New York – Cambridge Training Collaboration (NYCTC)

SKILLS, TRAININGS, & ETC.

- Languages: English (native); Spanish (fluent); German (1 year, ongoing study); French (1 year, ongoing study); Welsh (5 years)
- Research: Open-Source Intelligence Gathering; Sock Puppeting; Polling and Survey Writing; Data Scraping; Artifact Preservation; Interviewing & Collecting Oral Histories
- Immunization: Fully vaccinated, including all COVID-19 boosters