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Centre for Social Cohesion September Update

Welcome to the September email update from The Centre for Social Cohesion. The CSC is the first think-tank in the UK to specialise in studying radicalisation and extremism within Britain. The Centre is an independent think tank.

The Centre in the Press

The Centre's latest report, [Islam on Campus: A survey of UK student opinion](#), which was published in July, has continued to receive coverage. Bill Rammell, the minister for higher education, responded to the report's findings in a letter in the [Times Higher Education supplement](#) in which he promised that the government would continue to tackle extremism on university campuses. The report was also referenced in an article in The Muslim News and on The Guardian's website.

The Centre's recent briefing on the Scottish Islamic Foundation was [cited](#) in the political journal Democratiya and in an article on 'Nationalism and Islamism in Scotland' by Tom Gallagher, a lecturer at the University of Bradford.

Following a recent visit to Washington and Chicago, Douglas Murray, the Centre's director, wrote a lengthy article in the [Spectator](#) on the US elections and their implications for Europe and the Middle East. He also wrote an [article](#) in the Daily Express discussing community conflicts in the UK and in [Standpoint](#) magazine on the Conservative Party's attitude to security issues. Murray said:

"The past 11 years have shown that security isn't an issue which divides along party lines. The fissure runs not along party political lines, but through the heart of each party. It's certainly made politics more unpredictable, but it's also meant that for those of us who think about security first, our votes cannot be taken for granted."

Murray was also the subject of a lengthy interview for the Danish political magazine [Sappho](#) in which he spoke about the work the centre does and commented on the failures of multiculturalism.

Robin Simcox, a researcher at the Centre, wrote an [article](#) for the Henry Jackson Society on the Conservative Party's policies on Islam and Islamism.

Media & Public Appearances

Douglas Murray appeared on LBC Radio on 7 August commenting on the decline of the community in British society.

On 21 August, Douglas Murray participated in a panel discussion to launch the History Channel's new series '50 things you need to know about British history' alongside Labour MP Diane Abbot, columnist Polly Toynbee, and historian Dominic Sandbrook. The event was widely covered in blogs.

The debate was also reported on the [blog](#) of The Spectator magazine and in the '[Pandora](#)' column of The Independent newspaper. The [blog](#) run by political commentator Iain Dale, who chaired the event, also reported on the debate as did the [blog](#) of Conservative Future.

Upcoming

During September Douglas Murray will be speaking at several public events, including at a fringe event on Britishness and Identity at the Conservative Party's annual conference in Birmingham and in a conference on US foreign policy at the London School of Economics (LSE) on 19 September. He will also take part in a [University of Oxford Question Time](#) hosted by David Dimbleby.

Over the coming academic term the Centre's Director will resume his tour of UK campuses, speaking to over a dozen student unions and societies on issues of terrorism and Islamism.

The Centre is holding a conference on 'Libel Tourism' in September in Central London in conjunction with several major US thinktanks including the Hudson Institute and the Centre for Security Policy.

Panellists discussing 'Free Speech, Jihad & the Future of Western Civilization' will include former Dutch politician and writer Ayaan Hirsi Ali, writer Theodore Dalrymple, President of the Center of Security Policy Frank Gaffney, journalist Daniel Johnson, litigation lawyer Anthony Julius, President of Hudson Institute Herb London, former federal prosecutor Andrew C. McCarthy, writer Judy Miller, journalist Melanie Phillips and editor of Radio Free Europe John O'Sullivan.

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