

Project Title: Terrorist Profiling
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Project Summary

Research and documentation of the terrorist profiling practices increasingly relied upon by enforcement agencies to detect and deter terrorist activities, with the aim of assessing their compatibility with human rights standards. The research outputs contributed to the terrorist profiling report of the Special Rapporteur on counter-terrorism and human rights.

Objectives

In recent years, law enforcement agencies have increasingly relied on 'terrorist profiles' (i.e. sets of physical, behavioural or psychological characteristics that are seen as typical of persons involved in terrorism) to detect and deter terrorist activities. This project aimed to document such terrorist profiling practices and to assess their compatibility with human rights standards.

Activities

Research in particular in the context of Daniel Moeckli's function as adviser to the Special Rapporteur on counter-terrorism and human rights.

Participation in different meetings with the Special Rapporteur.

Conference attended: *British Society of Criminology Conference 2007*, London, September 2007

Outcomes

Papers:

Daniel Moeckli (2006), *Terrorist Profiling and the Importance of a Proactive Approach to Human Rights Protection*, Social Science Research Network.

Impact

The Special Rapporteur on counter-terrorism and human rights has made a report on terrorist profiling, which is based on the research outputs of this project.