

Extremism and Terrorism in East African Countries: Factors and Solutions

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Abstract

This research aims to study the phenomenon of extremism and terrorism in East African countries, illuminating the root causes that have transformed this region into a breeding ground for radical extremist groups. Employing a multi-layered approach, the study distinguishes between two primary levels: the proliferation of extremist discourse and the emergence of terrorism as overt acts of violence. It further explores the diverse sources of extremism and terrorism, encompassing all justifications employed, including religion and ethnicity. By unraveling these complex dynamics, the paper paves the way for exploring more effective solutions that transcend conventional counterterrorism approaches, with the aim of mitigating this crisis and fostering regional stability.

keywords

East Africa, Extremism, Terrorism, Radicalization, Counterterrorism, Hate speech, Interfaith dialogue, Regional cooperation

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