

Addressing Violent Radicalisation and Extremism

A Restorative Justice & Psychosocial Approach

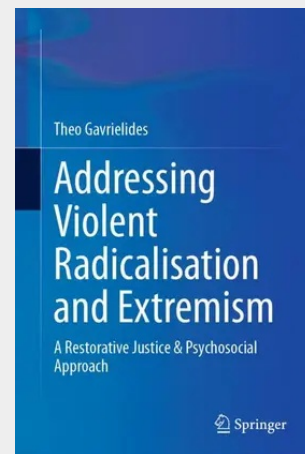
This book adopts an interdisciplinary approach to confront one of the most urgent global challenges of our time violent radicalisation and extremism. It critically examines how restorative justice, positive criminology, and positive psychology intersect to address the behaviors and social conditions that foster extremism, offering a framework that reflects the complexities of our era.

Grounded in a synthesis of philosophical inquiry, normative analysis, and empirical evidence from six international pilot projects conducted between 2017 and 2024, the volume navigates the shifting boundaries between punitive and preventive approaches. It explores the potential of community-based initiatives to foster understanding, empathy, and empowerment as means to reduce violence and promote reconciliation.

Through a focus on the psychological and social roots of extremism, the book delves into the restorative capacity of justice systems to mend fractured communities and the role of positive psychological interventions in reshaping harmful behaviors. In doing so, it bridges theoretical advancements with actionable strategies for policymakers, practitioners, and researchers seeking alternatives to traditional punitive models.

This collection reflects the depth and breadth of contemporary scholarship in counter-extremism, offering perspectives from established experts and emerging voices. It serves as a vital resource for those engaged in fields such as social work, human rights, conflict resolution, and criminology, contributing fresh insights and practical tools to prevent and mitigate radicalisation.

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