Migration, Diaspora Politics and Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)

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Roadmap

- Motivation and Research Question

- Literature review

- Approach and Methodology

- Research Gaps/Questions

Motivation – Political Rhetoric

- Increased political rhetoric linking migration with terrorism and security concerns
- Rhetoric threatens to "securitize" migration, creating public perceptions that migration is a threat
- Global migration management relies on political will of states and their populations
- Negative consequences of anti-migration politics
  - humanitarian and security concerns (refugee protection, migrant deaths)
  - global economic concerns (loss of labor mobility and barriers to remittance flows)
  - public order (anti-immigrant sentiment, xenophobia)

Motivation – Migration-Security Links

‣ Rhetoric of revolutionary/anti-systemic organizations such as ISIL and al-Qaeda

‣ Disparate incidents of terrorism or crime that can be placed in a larger narrative or frame

‣ Studies that find evidence of link between migration/diaspora and terrorism

‣ Incidents of "conflict spillover" or transnationalization of conflict

   ‣ Transnational recruitment (foreign fighters)

   ‣ Diffusion of conflict to new settings (e.g. urban street gangs, refugee camps)

   ‣ Contentious Politics

Research Question

▶ What are the determinants of violent extremism and how can migrants (including diaspora) and migration contribute to mitigating violent extremism?

▶ At least three main aspects to research question
  ▸ Defining "Violent Extremism" (scope)
  ▸ Defining migrant, diaspora and migration (mobility and transnationalism)
  ▸ Hypotheses on links between two

Roadmap

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▸ Methodology

▸ Expected results

Literature – Migration and Security

▶ Historical Examples

  ▶ Late 19th Century, WWI (Germans in US) WWII (Internment Camps, Refugees)

▶ Migration and National Security (eg Adamson, Hollifield, Rudolph, Weiner)

  ▶ State capacity

  ▶ Balance of Power

  ▶ Nature of Violent Conflict

▶ Refugee movements and conflict diffusion (eg Gleditsch, Salehyan, Lischer)

Literature - Diaspora and Violent Conflict

- ▶ **Diasporas as Actors in Post-Cold War "New Wars"** (eg Anderson, Byman et al, Collier and Hoeffler, Demmers, Hoeckenos, Kaldor)

- ▶ **Diaspora Politics and Identification of Mechanisms and Processes** (eg Adamson, Koinova)
  - ▶ Resource-Mobilization, Framing, Lobbying, Brokerage, Ethnic Outbidding, etc.

- ▶ **Debate About "Peace-Wreckers" vs. "Peace-Makers"** (eg Baser and Swain, Brinkerhoff, Shain, Smith and Stares, Turner, Zunzer)

Literature – Diaspora, Development and Peacebuilding

- **Diaspora and Development** (Remittances, Entrepreneurship, Social Remittances)

- **Diaspora and Transnational Political Participation** – Formal (Voting, State Engagement Policies) and Informal (Transnational Civil Society)

- **Diaspora Politics and Transitional Justice** (eg Sri Lanka and Rwanda -- Haider, Clark, Orjuela)

Literature – Migration/Diaspora and Terrorism or Violent Extremism

- Move from Civil War Focus to Ideology/Religion or Orientation-Focused "Radicalization" or "Extremism"

- Networks and Recruitment in Europe (eg Luttwak, Neumann, Sageman, Hoffman/2007 RAND Conference, ESRC Radicalization Program, etc.)

- From Conflict Resolution to Counter-Terrorism and CVE

- Linking Civil War/Foreign Conflict and Terrorism – Foreign Fighters and "Return" (eg Bakke, Heghammer, Malet, etc.)

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Approach and Methodology – Hypothesis, Evidence, Case Study and Policy

▸ Hypothesis – Strategic Utilization of Migration Flows as Causal Link

▸ Evidence – Synthesis of Existing Empirical Data

▸ Case Study – Political opportunities and "Brokerage Organizations" e.g. faith-based NGOs and initiatives

▸ Policy Recommendations

  ▸ Political and security importance of refugee protection and migration

  ▸ Dangers of securitization

  ▸ Supporting Brokerage and Networks

Approach and Methodology – Hypothesis on Strategic Use of Migration

‣ **Anti-systemic/Extremist Organizations**

  ‣ Political mobilization/diaspora formation-engagement

  ‣ Use of migration systems

  ‣ Politicization of migration issues (contradictions in liberal norms)

‣ **Traffickers and Organized Crime**

  ‣ Fill gap in supply vs. demand

  ‣ Empower illicit networks – dependencies and parallel authority structures

  ‣ Weakens state legitimacy

‣ **Right-Wing Extremist Parties + Media**

  ‣ Fear-based politics

  ‣ Mobilize popular support

Approach and Methodology – Evidence: Data vs Discourse

▸ Evidence from Existing Databases on Terrorism, Extremism, Refugee Flows

  ▸ Contextualize anecdotal evidence with statistical evidence

▸ Analysis of Media Coverage

  ▸ Coverage of deaths from terrorism and ISIL claims vs. transit and migration death, deaths in conflicts

▸ Cost-benefit and Risk Analysis

  ▸ Politics of CT and Screening

Approach and Methodology –
Case Study – Brokerage Organizations

▸ Brokerage Organizations

  ▸ Logic from Network Theory

  ▸ Types of Brokerage

  ▸ Network Linkages to Counteract Extremism

▸ Examples

  ▸ Transnational NGOs

  ▸ Solidarity Organizations

  ▸ Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs)

▸ Challenges

  ▸ Connection to Local Contexts (e.g. Migration-Receiving Societies)

  ▸ Hybrid Organizations and Political and Legal Challenges

Approach and Methodology –
Policy Recommendations

▸ **Policies to Address Strategic Manipulation of Migration**

  ▸ Screening

  ▸ Managed Migration

  ▸ De-Securitization

▸ **Policies to Address Evidence-Discourse Gap**

  ▸ Positive Security Impacts of Migration

  ▸ Politics of Migration – e.g. importance of "Grey Zone"

  ▸ Media and Outreach

▸ **Policies to Foster Brokerage**

  ▸ Networks of Networks

  ▸ Local – Transnational Connections

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Research Gaps and Questions

▸ Definitions and Scope of CVE?

▸ Appropriate Literature Review, Approach and Methods?

▸ Securitization concerns -- focus on political dynamics, processes and policies rather than migrants as actors?

▸ Case Study of Brokerage Organizations?

▸ Policy Recommendations – For Whom/Which Actors?