The Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) seminar explores begins by exploring how extremists emerge and become violent in different ways in different contexts. Secondly, participants focus on what governments and civil society can do to prevent, counter, and reverse this process of radicalization. Special attention is given to learning how governments can determine the true push-pull factors that are promoting extremist violence. In addition, numerous mini-case studies are presented to stimulate participants’ thinking as to the range of options available for innovative, context-appropriate CVE strategies.

**OBJECTIVES**
As an outcome of this offering, participants will be able to:

- Understand push-pull factors and how they lead to extremist violence
- Determine how governments can use push-pull factors to respond to extremism
- Understand typical CVE errors and compile a list of more successful strategies
- Build professional networks between and among CVE and conflict management practitioners

**TOPICS**
The delivery format combines lectures, discussion, and practical small-group activities. Possible modules include:

- The radicalization process
- Push-pull factors and government actions
- CVE approaches
- Best practices in CVE
- Prisons and radicalization
- Rehabilitation and reintegration

**PARTICIPANTS**
The seminar is appropriate for mid-grade to senior military officers, government civilian officials, and members of civil society from countries concerned about violent extremism at home or the threat of extremism they may face during national or international operations.
FACULTY
ISG employs a diverse faculty with strong professional, academic, military, and government backgrounds. This faculty core is augmented by other government experts (both civilian and military) and subject matter experts (SMEs) drawn from universities, think tanks, international organizations, and industry.

ENROLLMENT
Courses are conducted for partner countries as part of the United States government’s security assistance and security cooperation efforts. As such, participation in ISG courses is managed through the security cooperation office of the US Embassies in partner countries. Interested, non-US persons should contact the international cooperation section of their own government or the relevant US Embassy for selection processes and enrollment. ISG reserves limited space in courses for US citizens. Interested US citizens may contact ISG to discuss availability.

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This course is a key component of ISG’s 25-year-long effort to provide military and civilian officials with unique education and professional development programs. Designed to cultivate individual understanding of complex issues and foster peer-to-peer learning, this custom-tailored course offering brings theoretical and applied learning practices into a exciting and rich classroom environment.