



Vidhya Ramalingam

Vidhya Ramalingam is Founder of Moonshot, a company working to end online harms, applying evidence, ethics, and human rights. She directs overall strategy and oversees campaigns, software development, and digital projects in over 25 countries. Under her leadership, Moonshot has pioneered new partnerships with tech companies to respond to violent extremism on their platforms; the setup of online intervention programs to pull individuals out of violent movements; and the use of automated messaging to disrupt closed extremist forums. She currently serves as Board Member of Life After Hate and Fellow at the German Institute on Radicalization and De-radicalization Studies (GIRDS).

Vidhya's work is underpinned by over a decade of experience engaging directly with extremists, building new partnerships with activists, and advancing policy design with international governments. Vidhya previously served as Senior Fellow at the Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD), where she set up and led the program on white nationalist extremism and terrorism for four years. She also served as Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR). She has held various roles including Commissioning Panellist for the UK Security and Intelligence agencies and ESRC and Research Associate at the University of Oxford.

Following the July 22nd attacks in Norway, she led the European Union's first inter-governmental initiative on white nationalist terrorism and extremism, initiated by the Governments of Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and the Netherlands, and launched by the EU Commissioner for Home Affairs. She worked with over 300 practitioners across 10 European countries to design policy, initiate projects, and build capacity to respond to white nationalist extremism and terrorism. Vidhya's work has been covered by leading outlets, including the BBC, *The Economist*, *The New York Times*, and *The Wall Street Journal*.

Vidhya holds a B.A. in Anthropology from Cornell University, and an M.Phil in Migration Studies from the University of Oxford.