

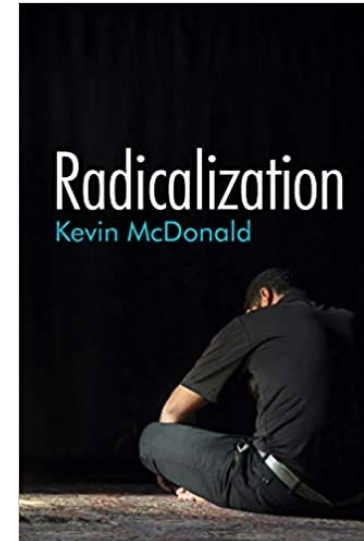
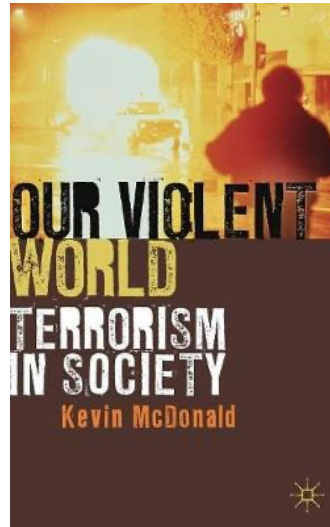
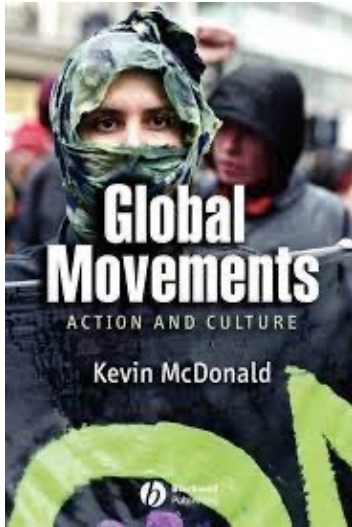
# *Become an Expert Evaluator in Horizon Europe*



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## *My experience as an Expert Evaluator & Monitor?*

- Background in social sciences: social movements, radicalisation
- Recent research output (books and articles):



## *Evaluations from 2016 – Societal Challenge 6*

- Governance for the future; Reversing inequalities; Secure Societies

*Monitoring* (reviewing projects in progress): Governance for future

# ***How do you increase chances of being Expert Evaluator?***

Commission criteria for Expert Evaluators:

- Excellence in research related to topic
- Experience with interdisciplinary collaboration and research initiatives



## ***Other factors***

- engagement in EU policy and practice networks
- profile that addresses knowledge production, but with an 'applied' focus
- corresponding with area of major social challenge and research investment (reflected in CV)
- Experience of H2020 research (esp. being coordinator)
- Proposal review experience (eg ESRC, AHRC, etc)
- Languages spoken
- Other EU experience (Marie Curie, Erasmus, etc)
- 'areas of expertise' – linked to strategic areas of Horizon Europe
- industry expertise; innovation experience

# *Why become an evaluator?*

## *Horizon Europe*

- is largest research programme in world*
- is peer-evaluated*
- Commission officers do not evaluate proposals*



## *Expert evaluators*

- key role in shaping research directions (mirrors journal reviewer role)*
- must be independent; impartial; objective; accurate; consistent*
- enormous number of proposals – 240,000 submitted to H2020, 20,000 evaluators per year (approx.)*

## *Benefits of being an evaluator?*

- encounter wide range of research approaches*
- relationships with diverse range of experts, can lead to future collaborations*
- understand what make a good research proposal, esp proposal writing skills, different dimensions of a successful proposal*
- develop awareness of overall EU programme objectives in key areas, and role of research in relation to these*

## *'Top tips'?*

- *Understand the research call. What are its objectives?  
Demonstrate how your proposal will achieve these objectives.*
- *Understand the call within its wider context – goals of 'pillar' and 'cluster'*
- ***Horizon Europe Strategic Plan***
  - *cooperation between universities, industry, small medium enterprises, citizens and representatives*
  - *bridge gap between territories, generations, regional cultures; care for needs of young in shaping Europe*
  - *shift from 'activities' to 'impacts', clear pathways to impact*
  - *gender equality and inclusiveness*
  - *SSH – expected societal impact must be explicitly set out*
  - *Communication and Dissemination – now central to the proposal, involving stakeholders, end users and policy actors*

## *Writing tips:*

- Clear, simple English, avoid jargon (most evaluators – English not first language, not all will be academic specialists)*
- Clearly locate proposal and its expected impacts within European policy & action framework*
- Identify previous EU projects, their impact, and how you will build on these (do not duplicate or ignore previous work)*
- Demonstrate pathways within proposal – eg PERT (Progamme Evaluation Review Technique) diagram*
- Highlight interdisciplinary synergies and uniqueness of consortium*

*Be aware of ranking process (criteria for each publicly available):*

- Excellence - 5*
- Impact - 5*
- Implementation - 5*

*If you submit a very good proposal, expect it to be bunched with others in a narrow range (13-15)*

*In case of identical scores, proposals are differentiated, in order, by:*

- Aspects in call not covered in other proposals*
- Excellence, then impact (RIAs) or Impact, then excellence (IAs)*
- Gender balance among personnel primarily responsible*
- Geographic diversity*

*Very good projects may receive identical scores. If so, these aspects become critical.*



Thanks!