November 14, 2021

For:

Re: Letter of recommendation for Dr. Liram Koblentz-Stenzler for a post-doctoral position

Dear Members of the Committee,

I would like to warmly recommend Dr. Liram Koblentz-Stenzler for a postdoctoral position at your institution.

I have known Liram since she began to work at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) about four years ago.

During this time, I have worked with her on various projects. She also coordinated a think tank, under my leadership, that included representatives of various security organizations as well as academics. The think tank culminated in a document written by Liram based on the team’s discussions. In addition, I have carefully read the articles Liron has published on the subject of the far right, and I know that they have aroused the interest of academics and security organizations.

As a former senior member of the defense establishment, I am pleased to note that the Global Far-Right Extremism Desk she heads is extremely active; it has made a contribution both to the academic discourse and to security organizations, which periodically refer to the findings and trends indicated by Liram. In addition, she briefs security organizations on issues related to the global far right.

The Desk includes interns from many countries. Liram supervises them, teaching them how to monitor news items on various channels and how to conduct research. Their output, as a result, is excellent. This also includes collaborative articles that she writes with them.

From the description of her research, it is evident that this issue has clearly not received the attention it deserves among academic researchers, governments, and security organizations. The symbiotic relationship between political parties and far-right movements is a highly important issue for research, as the potential risk arising from radicalization, extensive possibilities for economic support, and the undermining of regimes from within is extremely high.

As a proud graduate of Harvard University, I am aware of the prodigious reputation of the Canadian School of Government in general and the Belfer Center in particular.

I believe that your postdoctoral fellowship has a great deal to give Liram; therefore, I strongly recommended that she apply. She will benefit not only from access to the fellowship’s resources, but from the opportunity to hear the opinions of, participate in seminars and discussions with, and even collaborate with other researchers who come from different worlds. As such, the fellowship will give further depth to the study she wishes to conduct, as well as to the additional research she will carry out during and after her stay with you.

I am also certain that you will profit from her stay with you. Her many capabilities, including characterizing complex phenomena, understanding trends, thoroughness in research, and her ability to work alone and in a team, together with her pleasant personality, all make her a thoroughly deserving candidate.

Sincerely,