November 14, 2021

For:

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

Dear committee members,

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

I have known Liram since she began working 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 led by me that included people working in security organizations as well as academics. The think tank produced a document written by Liram based on the team discussions. I have also carefully read the articles she 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 happy that the Global Far-Right Extremism Desk she heads is particularly active and assists both the academic discourse and the security organizations that are sometimes aided by 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 guides 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.

The description of her research shows that this issue has clearly not received the attention it deserves among researchers in academia, governments and security organizations. The interrelationship between political parties and far-right movements is a very important issue for research, since the potential risk of 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 of the Belfer Center in particular.

I believe that your postdoctoral fellowship will contribute a lot to Liram and I therefore strongly recommended that she apply. The access to resources, the ability to hear the opinions of others, to participate in seminars and discussions with other researchers who come from different worlds and even to collaborate with them, will give further depth to the study she wishes to conduct and to further research she will carry out during and after her stay with you.

I am also certain that you will benefit greatly from her stay with you. Her many abilities, 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 highly deserving candidate.

Sincerely,