

IV. News from TRI's National Networks of PhD Theses Writers

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The Terrorism Research Initiative (TRI) is in the process of setting up additional national networks of PhD thesis writers. These are run by the PhD students themselves with the help of country-based, TRI-affiliated researchers who are often themselves post-graduate students working on their thesis or who have recently completed a doctorate. Admission is open to all bona fide academic researchers of post-graduate level working on (countering) terrorism, political violence and armed conflict.

So far seven national networks have come into existence in

- the United Kingdom
(country coordinator: Gordon Clubb; E-mail: < G.Clubb@leeds.ac.uk >);
- the Netherlands and Flanders (Belgium)
(country coordinator: Rene Frissen; E-mail: < r.frissen@forum.nl >);
- Russia
(country coordinator: Yulia Netesova; E-mail: < julianetesova@gmail.com >);
- The United States
(country coordinator: Jason Rinehart; E-mail: < jrineheart@gmail.com >);
- Canada
(country coordinator: Nick Deshpande; E-mail: < nick.deshpande@gmail.com >);
- South Africa
(country coordinator: Petra Harvest; E-mail: < petra.harvest@absamail.co.za >);
- Australia
(country coordinator: Levi-Jay West; E-mail: < lwest@csu.edu.au >).

Should you be a post-graduate researcher from the UK, the Netherlands (and Flanders), the USA, Russia, Canada, South Africa or Australia and wishing to join your national academic TRI network, you should contact the country coordinator directly. In all other cases, contact TRI's Director, Alex P. Schmid (E-mail: < apschmid@terrorismanalysts.com >) who will then explore with you and other members of the TRI network in your country how best to set up a national network.

The benefits of being a member of a national TRI networks include (but are not confined to):

- (i) Enhanced awareness as to who is working on which topic at other national universities and in think tanks and foundations;
 - (ii) Bi- and multi-lateral exchange of information between members of the network;
 - (iii) Opportunity to engage in collaborative projects;
 - (iv) Organisation of workshops, seminars and conferences;
 - (v) Developing joint grant proposals;
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- (vi) Providing collegial support to each other in the research- and writing- phase of the thesis preparation;
- (vii) Advice from TRI's national and international network of subject matter experts.