100 Core and Periphery Journals for Terrorism Research
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Abstract
This resource collection lists journals that are deemed to be most helpful for serious researchers. It contains both subscription-based and open-access journals, most of them peer-reviewed. These journals were identified by a variety of techniques, including citation analyses, to optimize results.

Introduction
The following up-to-date (end of March 2013) resource collection lists one hundred core and periphery journals that are likely to be of significant importance for students, researchers, and professionals in the field of terrorism and counter-terrorism studies. A core journal – as defined by Avishag Gordon – is “a mainstream journal in a discipline, [that] is dedicated to the central themes of the specific scientific field. It carries the name of the field in its title (in most cases).”[1] Core journals produce a substantial percentage of the total amount of literature available in any given field. In contrast, a periphery journal “occasionally publishes articles about terrorism but is dedicated mostly to another field of study. This type of journal could be a mainstream publication in a discipline such as economy or sociology; and because it publishes material about terrorism from time to time it is considered a peripheral journal for terrorism subject-area.”[2]

Studies have shown that terrorism research has a large research periphery.[3] Therefore, relevant resources are scattered over a broad spectrum of academic journals. This makes efforts to retrieve them more laborious. The listed journals - most of them are peer-reviewed - were identified by using keyword searches on publisher homepages, scanning journal lists, bibliographies and reference lists as well as engaging in citation analyses. In addition to the division into core and periphery journals, the list is further split into subscription-based and open-access (i.e. freely available) journals. Like every hand-searched resource collection, this one reflects subjective choices. Since the information requirements of researchers differ, the present resource list should not be used as single source for journal retrieval in the wide interdisciplinary field of terrorism studies. Especially for disciplinary sub-topics, researchers are advised to search for additional journals tailored to their specific needs. The reader should keep in mind that this list is largely confined to English-language publications. However, there is a sizeable literature written in other languages; it is growing in importance and offers a valuable counter-weight to the dominance of the Anglo-Saxon literature.
Core Journals for Terrorism Research

Open-Access Journals
Combating Terrorism Exchange
https://globalecco.org/journal
Counter Terrorist Trends & Analysis (CTTA)
CTC Sentinel
http://www.ctc.usma.edu/publications/sentinel
Defence Against Terrorism Review
http://www.tmmm.tsk.tr/index.htm
Journal of 9/11 Studies
http://www.journalof911studies.com
Journal of Terrorism Research
http://ojs.st-andrews.ac.uk/index.php/jtr/index
Perspectives on Terrorism
Security & Terrorism Research Bulletin [discontinued]
http://www.grc.net/index.php
op_lang=&frm_action=publication_detail&publ_type=57&publ_id=65&sec=Publications&sec_type=d&override=Security+%2526+Terrorism+Research+Bulletin&frm_module=publications
Spotlight on Terror [discontinued]
http://www.jamestown.org/programs/gta
Terrorism: An Electronic Journal and Knowledge Base
http://www.terrorismelectronicjournal.org
Terrorism Focus [discontinued]
http://www.jamestown.org/programs/gta
Terrorism Monitor
http://www.jamestown.org/programs/gta
Subscription-Based Journals

Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression
http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/rirt20

Biosecurity and Bioterrorism: Biodefense Strategy, Practice, and Science
http://www.liebertpub.com/bsp

Counter Terrorism
http://www.iacsp.com/publications.php

Counter Terrorist Magazine, The
http://www.thecounterterroristmag.com

Critical Studies on Terrorism
http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/17539153.asp

Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict: Pathways Toward Terrorism and Genocide
http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/17467586.asp

inSITE
https://insite.siteintelgroup.com

International Journal of Cyber Warfare and Terrorism
http://www.igi-global.com/journal/international-journal-cyber-warfare-terrorism/1167

International Journal of Terrorism and Political Hot Spots

http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/wasr20

Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism
http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/rpic

Militant Leadership Monitor
http://mlm.jamestown.org

Studies in Conflict & Terrorism
http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/uter20

Terrorism and Political Violence
http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/ftpv20
Periphery Journals for Terrorism Research

Open-Access Journals

Anthropoetics
http://www.anthropoetics.ucla.edu
conflict & communication online
http://www.cco.regener-online.de
CyberOrient
http://www.cyberorient.net
Disarmament Forum
Ejournalist
http://ejournalist.com.au
Fletcher Forum of World Affairs, The [Online Edition]
http://www.fletcherforum.org
http://fletcher.tufts.edu/_Fletcher-Forum
Global Media Journal: Canadian Edition
http://www.gmj.uottawa.ca/index_e.html
Global Media Journal: Mediterranean Edition
http://globalmedia.emu.edu.tr
Global Security Studies
http://globalsecuritystudies.com
Homeland Security Affairs
http://www.hsaj.org
International Journal of Conflict and Violence
http://www.ijcv.org/index.php/ijcv
International Journal of Safety and Security in Tourism/Hospitality
http://www.palermo.edu/economicas/cbjs/ijssth.html
Internationale Politik (IP)
New Media and Mass Communication

Pakistan Journal of Criminology
http://www.pakistansocietyofcriminology.com/publications.php

Parameters
http://www.carlisle.army.mil/USAWC/Parameters

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Policy Review
http://www.hoover.org/publications/policy-review

PRISM
http://www.ndu.edu/press/prism.html

Small Wars Journal
http://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/recent

Strategic Insights
http://calhoun.nps.edu/public/handle/10945/11071

UNISCI Discussion Papers
http://revistas.ucm.es/index.php/UNIS

Wilberforce Quarterly
http://www.wilberforce.edu/cdsp

Subscription-Based Journals

Aggression and Violent Behavior
http://www.journals.elsevier.com/aggression-and-violent-behavior

American Behavioral Scientist
http://abs.sagepub.com

Brown Journal of World Affairs, The
http://www.bjwa.org/index.php

Conflict Management and Peace Science
Small Wars & Insurgencies
http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/fswi20
Survival
http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/tsur20
Third World Quarterly
http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/ctwq20
Washington Quarterly, The
http://tandfonline.com/loi/rwaq20

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Notes


[2] Ibid.