V. News from TRI's Country Networks of PhD Theses Writers

Preliminary and Partial Inventory of PhD Theses and their Authors

(as of April 2013)

by the Coordinators of TRI's National Networks

The mission statement of the Terrorism Research Initiative (TRI) is "Enhancing Security through Collaborative Research". TRI has been encouraging young scholars who are in the process of writing their PhD theses to link up and collaborate with fellow researchers in their own countries. As a result, post-graduate students have begun to interact for their own mutual benefit and for the good of the wider research community. In fact, in a number of cases several senior, post-doctoral scholars have also joined TRI's national networks of those studying terrorism, political violence and armed conflict, and ways to prevent and counter such threats to human security.

Presently national (and in some cases sub-regional) networks exist (or are being developed) in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands (including the Flemish-speaking parts of Belgium), South (and Southern) Africa, Canada, the United States, Russia, Australia and Norway. Their growth is an indication that there is a need felt among those engaging on doctoral research to team up with others who are in the same situation.

While most PhD thesis writers are familiar with the nascent research of their immediate colleagues in the same university department, they have often no clear idea who does what in other universities. Someone else might have chosen the same or a very similar thesis topic, or is using the same data, methodology or theory. In such cases a division of labour or collaboration is of mutual interest. In fact, there are a number of advantages to being part of a national network:

1. You find out who does what in your country or sub-region;

2. You identify common problems and subsequently address them together;

3. You identify common interests and share relevant information;

4. You can prepare projects together and submit these to funding agencies;

5. You can approach experts from TRI's international network for advice;

6. You can organise workshops, seminars and conferences, on- or offline;

7. You can receive collegial support in the research- and writing phases of the thesis preparation (e.g. when someone has a writer's block).

Each country or (sub-region) has a country coordinator who, in most cases, is him- or herself also working on a PhD thesis and serves as hub of the national network. The coordinators also act as liaison with the directors of TRI and receive from them various types of relevant reports and

articles which they can pass on to other members of their network. Admission to TRI's country networks is open to all bona fide academic and professional researchers of post-graduate level working on (countering) terrorism, political violence and armed conflict.

To date, the following 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: Daan Weggemans; E-mail:< dweggemans@icct.nl >;

Russia

Country coordinator: Yulia Netesova; E-mail:< julianetesova@gmail.com >;

The United States

Country coordinator: Neil Shortland; E-mail: < ndshortland@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 >;

Norway

Country coordinator: Cato Hemmingby; E-mail: < cathem@phs.no >.

Should you be a post-graduate researcher from one of these countries and wish to join your national TRI network of theses writers, 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 national TRI network how best to set up a PhD thesis writers network in your country.

TRI has asked its country coordinators to provide the readers of *Perspectives on Terrorism* with a list of PhD theses (and, in some cases, other research projects) which are in the process of being written. In each case, we asked for the title of the thesis or project, the name of the writer, the expected date of completion and the name of the university or institution where the thesis (or project) is being written. Here is what we have received so far (with apologies for the reporting format variations):

South and Southern Africa

The PhD students in the broad field of armed conflict participating in the southern African network are drawn from all corners of South Africa and a number of other African countries. Most, but not all of them are studying at South African universities. Owing to their geographic dispersal, this network depends largely on online communication / 'virtual workshops'. During the March 2013 online forum, issues discussed included radicalisation, revolution vs. insurrection, and terrorist / insurgent targeting. – Petra Harvest

Samuel Adotey Anum
University of Pretoria, Gauteng Province, South Africa
The New Insurgencies and Mass Uprisings in Africa and International Involvement:
Selected Case Studies (of the Arab Spring, LURD and RUF)
[Expected] Date of completion: circa 2016/17

Andrews Atta-Asamoah
University of Cape Town, Western Cape Province, South Africa
Transnational Security Challenges and Statehood in Africa (case study of Ghana)
[Expected] Date of completion: Don't know

Anneli Botha
University of the Free State, Free State Province, South Africa
Radicalisation to Commit Terrorism from a Political Socialization Perspective in Kenya and Uganda
[Expected] Date of completion: Don't know

Charles Nyuykonge

University of Zululand, KwaZulu-Natal Province, South Africa

A Review of International Administration of Justice:

The Relevance of the Rwandan GaÇaca Restorative Justice System for Global Peace and Security

[Expected] Date of completion: Don't know

Happy Kayuni

University of the Western Cape, Western Cape Province, South Africa

The Westphalian Model and Trans-border Ethnic Identity:

The case of the Chewa Kingdom of Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia

[Expected] Date of completion: Don't know

Lyle Pienaar

University of Pretoria, Gauteng Province, South Africa

Serious Crime as a National Security Threat in South Africa since 1994

[Expected] Date of completion: circa 2014

Maiendra Moodley

University of Pretoria, Gauteng Province, South Africa

An Analysis of the Indicators of Terrorism: Selected Case Studies

[Expected] Date of completion: Don't know

Savo Heleta

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (formerly known as University of Port Elizabeth),

Eastern Cape Province, South Africa

Post-war Reconstruction and Development: A Collective Case Study

(focus on Bosnia, South Sudan and Somaliland)

[Expected] Date of completion: 2013

Shakespear Hamauswa (NB: no 'e' after Shakespear!)

University of Zimbabwe, Mount Pleasant, Harare, Zimbabwe

The Role of the United Nations in Protecting Civilians in Conflict Situations

[Expected] Date of completion: Don't know

Petra Wiese

University of Pretoria, Gauteng Province, South Africa

The Psychological Dimensions of Contemporary Insurgency and Terrorism:

Selected Case Studies

[Expected] Date of completion: 2014

The Netherlands (& Flanders)

Constant Hijzen

Leiden University

Intelligence and Security Services / Dutch security culture

[Expected] Date of completion: Fall 2013

Bart Schuurman

Leiden University

Explaining the rise and development of the Hofstad group: a multi-level analysis

of the life-cycle of a homegrown jihadist terrorist group

[Expected] Date of completion: Late 2015

Tinka Veldhuis

University of Groningen

Detention and reintegration of terrorism offenders

[Expected] Date of completion: Spring 2014

Merel Kahmann

Leiden University

Relation between Moroccan government and Moroccans living abroad

[Expected] Date of completion: Summer 2012

Wietse Buijs

Erasmus University Rotterdam

Terror and torture in the wake of 9/11, legality in reacting to terrorism and

striking new balances in the separation of powers

[Expected] Date of completion: Winter 2017

Liesbeth van der Heide

Leiden University

Terrorists on Trial

[Expected] Date of completion: Summer 2016

Jessica Dorsey

University of Amsterdam

The Geographic and Temporal Scope of International Humanitarian Law, especially with respect to transnational conflicts involving states and non-state actors

[Expected] Date of completion: Summer 2016

Daan Weggemans

Leiden University

Deradicalising and reintegrating violent extremists

[Expected] Date of completion: Summer 2017

Norway

Cato Hemmingby

Norwegian Police University College

The Terrorist Target Selection Process: Influencing factors with regard to terrorists' choice of targets.[Expected] Date of completion: 2016

Anne Siri Johnsen

University of Stavanger

Helicopter Emergency Medical Services in Major Incidents: Patterns of use and influence on outcome.

[Expected] Date of completion: 2019

Jacob Aasland Ravndal

Norwegian Defence Research Institute, Terrorism Research Group.

Far-Right Violence in Europe 1990-2012: Patterns and Processes.

[Expected] Date of completion: 2016

Russia

Julia Sveshnikova

National Research University "Higher School of Economics", Moscow

Problem of Power in Iran and the Iranian Nuclear Program

[Expected] Date of completion: Autumn 2013

Catherine Vinogradova

Moscow State Pedagogical University

Communication management of the ALBA states in their EU policy

(in the beginning of the 21st century)

[Expected] Date of completion: 2013

Georgy Misrkiy

National Research University "Higher School of Economics", Moscow

[Thesis title undetermined]

Denis A. Zhuravlev

Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow

International Terrorism in Informational-Communicational Space of World Politics

Evgeny Pashentsev

The Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Communication Management Centre at the Russian-German Graduate School of Management

Military Regimes and Trade Unions in Latin America: The Political Relationships in 1960-1980

Darya Yu. Bazarkina

Lomonosov Moscow State University

The Basic Directions of Activity of "Red Army Faction" in Germany and its Communication Maintenance (1971-1992)

Alexander I. Shumilin

Institute of USA and Canada, Russian Academy of Science

Russian and American Strategies in The Great Middle East: Problems of Confrontation and Cooperation

Date of Completion: 2009

United Kingdom

TAPVA, the UK network of TRI, has an extensive database of academic and PhD students, their contact details and areas of expertise. Below is a list of our PhD students, their university affiliation, and PhD title. Correspondence with regard to the full UK database can be directed at tapva@leeds.ac.uk - Gordon Clubb

Khin Ma Ma Myo
University of Aberdeen
Political Violence in Burma

Roy Revie
University of Bath
Government and Military Communication in the Age of Web 2.0

Cerelia Athanassiou
University of Bristol
How is the Obama administration discursively disempowering the Global War on Terror?

Andrew Day
University of Buckingham
The Evolution of the al Qaeda Threat to the UK

Giles Wollenmann
University of Buckingham
The security threats arising from a host nation's perception of a failed state endorsed multiculturalism – (Expected] completion: 2014

Ronnie Dewar
University of Dundee
Terrorism as Discourse

Jerome Drevon
University of Durham
Egypt between Da'wa and Jihad, the Evolution of al-Jama'ah al-Islamiyah and Jama'ah al-Jihad

Yanan Song

University of Durham

The US Commitments to NATO in the Post-Cold War Period

Muqarrab Akbar

Glasgow Caledonian University

Pakistan at Crossroads: War against Terrorism and International Law

Kari Mariska Pries

University of Glasgow

Security Policy Making in Times of Crisis: A Comparison of Actors and Actions in El Salvador and Guatemala

Tom Smith

University of Hull, UK and De La Salle University, Manila

The Global Jihad: Network of Radicalisation, Individual Insurgencies or Global Ethical Movement?

Martin Bayly

King's College London

Imagining Afghanistan: British Foreign Policy and the Afghan State, 1831-1893

Bhaskar Dasgupta

King's College London
Impact of Terrorism on Financial Markets

Francis Grice

King's College London

Rightful father or illegitimate parent? A critical examination of the true impact of Mao Tse-tung on past, current and future insurgent conflicts

Raphael Marcus

King's College London

"Learning Under Fire: Military Innovation and Insurgency Adaptation in the Israel-Hizbullah Conflict"

Filippo Dionigi

London School of Economics

The Impact of International Norms on Islamist Politics: the Case of Hezbollah

Kathryn Marie Fisher

London School of Economics and Political Science

From 20th Century Troubles to 21st Century International Terrorism: Identity, Securitization, and British Counterterrorism from 1968 to 2011

Jacob Parakilas

London School of Economics

Decentralised Networked Violence and Drug Warfare in Mexico.

Jared Ahmad

University of Manchester

'Envisioning Terror: An analysis of the role of images in post September 11th 2001 British representations of al-Qaeda'.

Joshua Shurley

University of Manchester

AFRICOM and the Human Terrain.

Wuttikorn Chuwattananurak

Dimitrios Anagnostakis

University of Nottingham

United States and European Union: A transatlantic counter-terrorism regime?

Ethem Ilbiz

University of Nottingham

The Impact of EU Conditionality on Turkish Counter-terrorism Policy.

Ali Abdullah Wibisono

University of Nottingham

Articulation of political identity in terrorism and responses to terrorism;
 case study of Indonesia and the Philippines.

Conor Browne

Queen's University Belfast

Epistemic communities in the new biological security environment.

Ludovico Carlino

University of Reading

Global Jihadi Cyber Activism.

Mark Pope

Royal Holloway, University of London

Cosmopolitanism in UK News Discourse

Ali Fathollah-Nejad

SOAS, University of London

A Critical Geopolitics of Iran in an Emerging New World Order

Chamila Liyanage

SOAS, University of London, Co-supervision: The International Centre for the Study of Radicalization (ICSR), King's College

Leviathan Revisited: Nation-State against Transnational Terrorism: Searching the Third Pillar of Counter Terrorism

Laura Kilby

Sheffield Hallam

The discursive construction of terrorism: A critical discourse analysis

Hagar Taha

School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)

The Local Element of Peace: Role of Indigenous Civil Societies in Intervention and Conflict Resolution - Cases of Darfur (Sudan) and Somaliland (Northern Somalia)

John Edward Conway

University of St Andrews

Political Risk in Central Asia

Jose V. Gallegos

University of Sussex

The Effect of Civil Conflict on Women's Labour Force Participation: A Causal Mechanism Approach

David Mair

Swansea University

The Articulation and Presentation of the Threat of Cyber-Terrorism

Andrew Whiting

Swansea University

Investigating how fictional and media accounts have organised the meaning of cyber-terrorism

Dr Jyoti Belur

University College London

Police Use of Deadly Force: A Case Study of Police 'Encounters' in Mumbai

Xuezheng Chen

University of Warwick

Kleptocracy, Democratization and International Interventions

Allen Newton

University of WarwickTalking to Terror: Iraq, Afghanistan and Rebel Leadership

Oguzhan Bilgin

University of York

The relationship between conservatism and new entrepreneurial classes in Turkey

United States

The efforts to launch the United States strand of the TRI PhD network began at the start of March 2013. Below details the actions that have been taken so far, the results of these early actions and the immediate next steps to continue the development of this network.

Actions:

1) Contacting authors: 140 previous authors from the journals *Perspectives on Terrorism* and *Terrorism and Political Violence* have been contacted.

2) Contacting academic centers: Over 30 academic centers for the study of terrorism, based in the United States, have been contacted.

3) Wider releases: A call for participants was published through the University and Agency Partnership Initiative, part of the Naval Postgraduate School.

4) Social Media: The TRI PhD twitter account currently has 91 followers.

Network Overview:

The United States strand of the TRI's National Network of PhD theses writers currently contains the details of 30 scholars. In accordance with the previously established TRI networks, information pertaining to their PhD Thesis, University and academic department has been collated, along with their expected year of completion and contact information. While the United States Network is focused on writers of PhD theses, it has not been confined to them. We have therefore sought information regarding individuals who have also recently completed their PhDs. Based on feedback from early requests for participants, this term has since been refined to 'Early Career PhD's' and is currently defined as 'any individual who has received his/her PhD in the past 3 years'. At this stage, and in accord with the focus of this network, the majority of members are yet to be awarded their PhD (75.86%).

The network currently includes scholars from 23 United States universities. With regards to the regions of the United States within which these scholars study, 2 scholars are based in the West (9.09%), 4 scholars are currently based in the Mid-West (18.18%), 1 is based in the North East (4.45%) and 15 are based in the South (68.18%). Two members of this network are also active United States Armed Forces servicemen who are also undertaking a PhD.

Next Steps (short-term):

A call for participants will be published in the April newsletters of both the International Center for the Study of Terrorism and START. The ICST newsletter has roughly 560 subscribers; assuming that the START newsletter has a similar subscriber base this will significantly increase awareness of the United States TRI PhD network amongst US based terrorism researchers. – Neil Shortland

Maya Hess

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice

Translator, Traitor: A Critical Ethnography of a U.S. terrorism trial

[Expected] Date of completion: 2013

Max Abrams

John Hopkins University, Political Science

The political consequences of terrorism, its motives and counterterrorism implications

Date of completion: 2010

Katherine A. Boyd

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice

Ecology of Terrorism: Cross-National Comparison of Terrorist Attacks

[Expected] Date of completion:

Nina A Kollars.

Franklin & Marshall College, Political Science

Field Level Innovation

Date of completion: 2012

Igoe Walsh

University of North Carolina, Political Science

Drone Strikes and counterterrorism; natural resources and armed conflict

[Expected] Date of completion: 2015

Rebecca Hill

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Turning Points and Terrorists: using multinomial logistic regression to examine the life course and criminality of far-right, religious and eco extremists

[Expected] Date of completion: 2014

Ryan Shaffer

Stony Brook University

Neo-Nazi and post-war extremist youth movements

[Expected] Date of completion: 2013

Molly Iman

University of Maryland

Ethnic politics, Federalism and violent conflict

[Expected] Date of completion: Government and Politics, International Relations and Comparative Politics

Kim Fletch

Kennesaw State University, International Conflict Management

Measuring Conflict Vulnerability: Theory Practice and Policy

[Expected] Date of completion: 2013

Brian J. Phillips

University of Pittsburg, Political Science

How terrorist organizations survive: cooperation and competition in terrorist networks

Date of completion: 2012

Karen Walker

University of Maryland, Communication/Rhetoric

Rhetorical Dimensions of Soft Power

[Expected] Date of completion: 2013

Brian McFadden

Indiana University, Political Science

The interaction between terrorist groups' organizational structures and their political environments.

[Expected] Date of completion: 2013

Douglas Bryd

Utah University, Political Science

Minority Language Rights in Europe: Conflict and Change

[Expected] Date of completion: 2013

Michael Weintraub

Georgetown University, Department of Government

Pattern of competition and cooperation among armed non-state actors in civil war

[Expected] Date of completion: 2014

Caitlan Scuderi

Rutgers University, Political Science

Hyper Segregation and Terrorism

[Expected] Date of completion: 2014

George Nelly

Northcentral University, Homeland Security

Evaluating airline pilot attitudes towards the federal flight deck officer program

[Expected] Date of completion: 2011

John Powell

University of South Florida, Division of Public Safety

Terrorism incident response education for public safety personnel in North Carolina and Tennessee: An evaluation by emergency managers. - Creating a learning organization for state and local law enforcement to combat, violent extremism in the United States, & The role of medical intelligence for fusion centers in the United States

[Expected] Date of completion: 2014

Amanda Sharp

University of South Florida, Criminology

Examining the preparation of law enforcement against cyber terrorism

[Expected] Date of completion: 2013

Colin Clarke

University of Pittsburg, Graduate School of Public Policy and International Affairs

"Throwing in the Towel": Why Terrorists Negotiate

Date of completion: 2012

Randall Hanifen

Northcentral University

The needed knowledge, skills, and abilities of the fire department personnel assigned to liaison with local EMA and homeland security

[Expected] Date of completion:

Erik Iverson

Fletcher School At Tufts University

Networked Resilience: Achieving Inter-organizational and Intergovernmental Collaboration

[Expected] Date of completion: 2013

Weishe Jang

University of New Orleans, Political Science

[Thesis Title undecided]

[Expected] Date of completion: 2016

James Burch

Colorado Tech University: Management and Homeland Security

Assessing the Viability of Creating a Domestic Intelligence Agency

[Expected] Date of completion: 2013

Diane Maye

George Mason University, Public and International Affairs

Counterterrorism in the Levant/Jordan/Israel

[Expected] Date of completion: 2015

Sarah Lyons

University of Maryland

The Psychological Foundations of Homegrown Terrorism: a study of immigrant
culture and exclusion experiences

[Expected] Date of completion: 2014

Paxton Roberts

University of Arkansas, Public Policy and Criminal Justice

Spatial Analysis of Terrorist Attacks

[Expected] Date of completion: 2015

Erin Kearns

American University, School of Public Affairs

Relationship between terrorism and human rights violations

[Expected] Date of completion: 2016

James Spies

George Mason University

Efficacy of different approaches used by insurgent and rebel groups when accounting for environmental and social factors

[Expected] Date of completion: 2016

Scott Scheidt

Trident University International

Determinants of Distributive Justice in Recipient Response to Appraisal Outcomes

[Expected] Date of completion: no information provided

Susan Fakey

University of Maryland, Criminology

Political Instability and Terrorism

Date of completion: 2010