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## Welcome from the Editors

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce the release of Volume VIII, Issue 3 (June 2014) of *Perspectives on Terrorism* at [www.terrorismanalysts.com](http://www.terrorismanalysts.com). Our free online journal is a joint publication of the *Terrorism Research Initiative* (TRI), headquartered in Vienna, and the *Center for Terrorism and Security Studies* (CTSS), headquartered at the University of Massachusetts' Lowell campus.

There has been a change in our Editorial Team. Tim Pippard, Assistant Editor for many years, has left *Perspectives on Terrorism*. We thank him for his work. Given the rapidly increasing number of submissions to our journal, the Editors are welcoming suggestions for his replacement. We are looking for a qualified candidate with broad editorial experience and professional expertise.

The three Directors of the TRI, acting as jury, have completed their evaluation of the submissions for the "Best Dissertation on Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism published in 2013", reading more than 10,000 pages of text. Three finalists have been identified. Their names will be made public in the August issue of our journal which will also feature an article by the winner. The Jury has decided to make the TRI Thesis Award an annual feature. We look forward to receive submissions of high-quality PhD theses completed in 2014. More about this in the next issue of our journal.

The core of the current issue of *Perspectives on Terrorism* consists of four articles. The lead article is authored by Max Abrahms and addresses the question whether terrorism can be deterred (he will also talk about this topic on an upcoming TED talk). This is followed by a contribution from Michael Loadenthal. He challenges the notion that so-called "eco-terrorists" are terrorists, basing his case on unique empirical material. Also controversial is Ineke Roex' article. She challenges the notion that all Salafists should be viewed through the lens of counter-terrorism. Our final peer-reviewed article is authored by Senia Febrica. It deals with maritime terrorism in South East Asia looking through the lens of international cooperation.

A Research Note by Sajjan Gohel focuses on Bangladesh and the potential for international terrorism posed by Islamists there. Joshua Sinai, our book reviews editor, offers brief reviews of eight books he found time to read. The Resource sections contains two bibliographies, one on the Arab Spring (a topic on which Judith Tinnes had already published earlier but which she has now updated) and one by another member of our Editorial Team, Eric Price. His bibliography focuses on the personalities of a number of terrorists and extremists. The Op-Ed by Philipp Holtmann seeks to clarify how to differentiate terrorism from jihad – a topic of great confusion. Finally, the editor of this issue summarises some news from TRI's ten national networks of PhD Theses Writers.

The current issue of *Perspectives on Terrorism* was prepared on the European side of the Atlantic, while the August issue (PT VIII, 4) will be assembled by Prof. James J. F. Forest, the journal's American co-editor at the Centre for Terrorism and Security Studies (CTSS) at the University of Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Prof. em. Alex P. Schmid

Editor-in-Chief *Perspectives on Terrorism*