
Welcome from the Editor

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce the release of Volume X, Issue 3 (June 2016) of *Perspectives on Terrorism* at www.terrorismanalysts.com. Our free online journal is a joint publication of the Terrorism Research Initiative (TRI), headquartered in Vienna (Austria), and the Center for Terrorism and Security Studies (CTSS), headquartered at the Lowell Campus of the University of Massachusetts (United States). Now in its tenth year, *Perspectives on Terrorism* has more than 6,200 regular subscribers and many thousand more occasional readers and website visitors worldwide. The Articles of its six annual issues are fully peer reviewed by external referees while its Research Notes, Policy Notes and other content are subject to internal editorial review.

This issue begins with a description of a new database on right-wing terrorism in Europe by Jacob A. Ravndal, a Norwegian researcher working at the newly established “Center for Research on Extremism: Right-Wing Extremism, Hate Crime and Political Violence” (C-REX). in Oslo, Norway. The second article, authored by Charles Kirchofer, looks at the impact of Israeli targeted killings on the course of the second Palestinian Intifada.

This issue continues with four Research Notes. The first originates from a presentation of Alex P. Schmid given to a panel of the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) on the European Union on 13 April 2016 in Vienna. It outlines some topics and themes for future research. This is followed by a summary of the proceedings of two conferences, written by Scott Englund and Michael Stohl. These conferences addressed Constructions of Terrorism and were held in December 2015 and April 2016 respectively. The third Research Note by Gabriel Weimann highlights recent developments in terrorist uses of the Internet, namely the migration of terrorist communications to the Dark Net. Finally, the fourth Research Note by Joshua Sinai presents a framework for addressing radicalisation in Muslim diasporas in the West.

This is followed by a Special Correspondence from the country coordinator of the Pakistan Network of the Terrorism Research Initiative, former Brigadier Muhammad Feyyaz. He describes his own efforts to win the hearts and minds of tribal people in Pakistan’s FATA, competing with the Taliban. The Resource Section of the present issue of *Perspectives on Terrorism* features an extensive bibliography on the Islamic State, the second on this subject, from the hands of the Information Resources Editor of our journal, Judith Tinnes. This is followed by the usual Capstone reviews of recent publications in the field of terrorism and counter-terrorism studies by our Book Reviews Editor, Joshua Sinai. Finally, the editor reviews a recent publication from Phil Gurski, a Canadian Al-Qaeda expert, on homegrown jihadist terrorism.

Last but not least I would like to draw your attention to our crowdfunding effort which seeks to assure the continued publication of our independent journal for the second decade of its existence (see p. 107).

This issue of the journal was prepared at the Terrorism Research Initiative headquarters in Vienna, Austria. The next issue (August 2016) will be prepared by Prof. James Forest at the Lowell Campus of the University of Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Prof. em. Alex P. Schmid

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