**Resources**

**Academic Theses (Ph.D. and MA) on Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Related Issues, written in English between 2013 and 2017**

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**Abstract**

This bibliography contains doctoral dissertations (Ph.D.) and Master’s (MA) Theses on issues relating to terrorism and counter-terrorism. Titles were retrieved manually by browsing the Open Access Theses and Dissertations (OATD) database, using the search term ‘terrorism’. More than 1,400 entries were evaluated, of which 152 were ultimately selected for this list. All theses are open source. However, readers should observe possible copyright restrictions. The title entries are 'clickable', allowing access to full texts.

Bibliographic entries are divided into the following sub-sections:

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4. Terrorism and the Media, Representations, and Public Opinion
5. State Repression and Civil War
6. Terrorism and the Internet
7. Terrorism and Gender

1. **Terrorism Actors, Groups, Incidents, and Campaigns**


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