

Welcome from the Editors

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce the release of Volume XII, Issue 2 (April 2018) of Perspectives on Terrorism at <http://www.terrorismanalysts.com>. Our free and independent online journal is a publication of the Terrorism Research Initiative (TRI) and the Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA) of Leiden University's The Hague Campus. Now in its twelfth year, Perspectives on Terrorism has close to 8,000 regular subscribers and many more occasional readers and website visitors worldwide. The Articles of its six annual issues are fully peer reviewed by external referees while its Research and Policy Notes, Special Correspondence, Resources and other content are subject to internal editorial quality control.

A brief look at some of the contents of the current issue:

The first contribution in our Articles section addresses the issue of 'freedom fighters vs. terrorists' by examining the record of the Tamil Tigers (LTTE); it is authored by Muttukrishna Sarvanathan, a former insider. The second article, by Martin Kriner, looks at the way terrorist recruiters exploit feelings of shame to radicalise people. Another article, by Stefan Malthaner, looks at the microdynamics of radicalisation in the case of the German 'Sauerland Group'. The last article, by a team of authors, explores 'headhunting' - the recruitment of talented specialists by terrorist organisations.

This section is followed by a Policy Brief – in the form of an interview which Sam Mullins, one of the members of our Editorial Board, conducted with Max Hill, the British Independent Assessor of Counter-Terrorism Legislation.

This issue features two Research Notes; the first one from Ely Karmon & Michael Barak deals with Turkey's support for the Palestinian Hamas, while the second, compiled by Teun van Dongen, introduces an inventory of more than 130 Centers, Think Tanks and Institutes in the field of (Counter-) Terrorism research.

This is followed by a Correspondence by a group of scholars who take issue with an article on Boko Haram, published by Jacob Zenn in the December issue of our journal.

In the Book Review section the reader will find - next to twenty short reviews by our Book Reviews Editor - two more detailed reviews from the hands of Beatrice de Graaf and Joshua Sinai.

This is followed by the Resources section which features another Bibliography on ISIS and Syria/Iraq from Judith Tinnes. Berto Jongman shares with our readers the fruits of two months of Web monitoring, listing new online resources on terrorism.

This issue ends with a report from our TRI Theses Writers Network - an overview of upcoming and completed doctoral dissertations from Canada and Flanders (Belgium), compiled by Ryan Scrivens and Jeanine de Roy van Zuijdewijn.

In the future, our journal also seeks to bring to your attention upcoming conferences and workshops in the field of (counter-) terrorism. For this reason, we have placed, in the Announcement section, a job vacancy for the position of an Assistant Editor for Conference Monitoring.

The current issue of Perspectives on Terrorism has been prepared by the Editor-in-Chief, Prof. em. Alex P. Schmid, and Associate Editor, Dr. Aaron Zelin, with the support of co-editor, Prof. James J. Forest, who will be the principal editor for the June 2018 issue of our journal.