
Welcome from the Editors

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce the release of Volume XII, Issue 4 (August 2018) of *Perspectives on Terrorism*, available at our new online home: <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/PoT>. Please note that the journal's old website (<http://www.terrorismanalysts.com>) will remain online as an **archives only** site for a while longer, but will eventually be closed down. Readers will want to update bookmarks and reference links accordingly.

Our free and independent scholarly online journal is a publication of the Terrorism Research Initiative (TRI) and the Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA) of Leiden University's Campus The Hague. 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 and other content are subject to internal editorial quality control.

Here is a brief look at the contents of the current issue:

The first article on 'Fake Terrorism: Examining Terrorists' Resort to Hoaxing as a Mode of Attack' is by Dr. Nicole Tishler, the winner of the 5th Annual TRI Award (2017) for the Best Ph.D. Thesis in the Field of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Studies. She summarises key findings of her extraordinary doctoral dissertation (a link to the entire thesis can be found in the Announcement section of this issue). The second article, by Prof. Seung-Whan Choi Whan, explores whether restrictive immigration policies reduce terrorism, while the third article by J.G. DeLeeuw and W.A. Pridemore uses conjunctive analysis to explore terrorism in the US and the UK.

The **Research Notes** section includes a quantitative study of terrorist leadership characteristics by Lennart van Leeuwen and Daan Weggemans. It also features a list of 150 Un- and Under-researched Topics and Themes in the Study of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism, compiled by the two principal editors of *Perspectives on Terrorism*.

In the **Resources Section** readers will find a column of short book reviews by Joshua Sinai, followed by two extensive bibliographies compiled by the journal's Information Resources Editor, Judith Tinnes. This is followed by a list of recent online, open-source publications on terrorism and counter-terrorism, compiled by our web analyst Berto Jongman, and a conference calendar compiled by Assistant Editor Reinier Bergema.

Two **Announcements** conclude this issue: one about the outcome of the TRI Thesis Award Competition 2017 and the other soliciting contributions for Alex Schmid's *Handbook of Terrorism Prevention and Preparedness*.

The current issue of *Perspectives on Terrorism* was jointly prepared by its Editor-in-Chief, Alex Schmid, and Associate Editor John Morrison, with the assistance from Co-Editor James J.F. Forest and Associate Editor Christine Boelema Robertus.