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## Welcome from the Editors

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce the release of Volume XII, Issue 5 (October 2018) of *Perspectives on Terrorism*, available now at: <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/PoT>. Please note that the journal's old website ([www.terrorismanalysts.com](http://www.terrorismanalysts.com)) will remain online as an archives only site for a while longer, but will eventually be closed down. Readers should update bookmarks and reference links accordingly.

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 Campus The Hague. Now in its twelfth year, *Perspectives on Terrorism* has over 8,000 regular e-mail 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.

We are pleased to announce that with this issue of the journal we are joined by a new member of our Editorial Team, Dr. Rashmi Singh, Associate Professor at the Pontifical Catholic University Minas Gerais in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. As an Associate Editor, she will collaborate with one of the two main editors (Alex Schmid and James Forest) on one of the six issues of our journal published in 2019.

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

The first article by Kevin Truitte describes the rise and fall of the Derna Mujahideen Shura Council – a coalition of Libyan revolutionary Islamic groups – and its relationship with other local and global jihadist entities. Then Andrew Mumford examines the religious and separatist dimensions of Uyghur terrorists in China. César García follows with an analysis of how the Basque terrorist group ETA used strategic communication techniques to create a 'spiral of silence' that muted resistance. And in our final article of this issue, Cameron Sumpter and Joseph Franco provide a comparative analysis of the crime-terrorism nexus in Europe and Southeast Asia

This issue of *Perspectives on Terrorism* also features a Research Note by Neil Bowie providing a new inventory of terrorism databases and datasets.

In addition, the Resources section includes our regular contributions from Joshua Sinai (book reviews), Judith Tinnes (bibliographies), Ryan Scrivens (theses), Berto Jongman (web resources), and Reinier Bergema (conference calendar).

The current issue of *Perspectives on Terrorism* was jointly prepared by Co-Editor James J.F. Forest and Prof. em. Alex P. Schmid, the Editor-in-Chief of the journal.