
Welcome from the Editors

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce the release of Volume XIII, Issue 6 (December 2019) of *Perspectives on Terrorism* (PoT). Our free and independent online journal is a publication of the Terrorism Research Initiative (TRI), Vienna, and the Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA) of Leiden University's Campus in The Hague. All PoT issues are available at <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/perspectives-on-terrorism>.

Now in its thirteenth year, *Perspectives on Terrorism* has nearly 8,700 registered 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 the content of the current issue:

The first of the six articles in this issue, by Donald Holbrook and John Horgan, explores the controversial relationship between ideology and terrorism. This is followed by Philip Johnson's article on the adoption of state terrorism tactics by organised crime groups in Mexico. Next, Riccardo Marchi and Raquel da Silva analyze four decades of right-wing political violence in Portugal. Then James Lutz and Georgia Ulmschneider look at the impact of counter-terrorism on civil liberties in the United States, and Shashi Jayakumar and Cameron Sumpter explore the profiles of S.E. Asian foreign fighters, based on documents leaked from the Islamic State. In a final article, Maxime Bérubé and three of her colleagues reconstruct why ten Canadian right-wing extremists joined and ultimately left extremist violence-prone groups.

The articles section is followed by a Research Note on the literature on Counter-Terrorism (CT) and Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) by Joshua Sinai, our Book Reviews Editor.

The book review section begins with Alex Schmid's review of a remarkable dissertation by Dirk Baehr on the root causes of radicalisation of jihadists in the German Federal Republic. Joshua Sinai presents more new books by listing their tables of content while Associate Editor Judith Tinnes continues her series of extensive hand-searched bibliographies with one on Terrorism Prevention. David Teiner offers our readers a bibliography on terrorism in Africa, focusing especially on Mali. This is followed by Associate Editor Berto Jongman's regular survey of new web-based resources on terrorism as well as related subjects such as radicalisation and extremism. The December issue concludes with an overview of recent and upcoming conferences, symposia and workshops on terrorism-related subjects by Assistant Editor Reinier Bergema.

The current issue of *Perspectives on Terrorism* has been put together by Associate Editor Dr. Aaron Y. Zelin and Editor-in-Chief, Prof. em. Alex P. Schmid, with the support of co-editor, Prof. James J.F. Forest, and Associate Editor for IT issues, Christine Boelema Robertus, as well as with the help of Editorial Assistant Jodi Moore.

As this year comes to an end, we wish our readers a more peaceful and secure 2020.