
Words of Welcome from the Editors

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce the release of Volume XIV, Issue 2 (April 2020) of *Perspectives on Terrorism* (ISSN 2334-3745). 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 past and recent issues are available online at URL: <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/perspectives-on-terrorism>.

Perspectives on Terrorism (PoT) is indexed by JSTOR, SCOPUS, and GoogleScholar. Now in its fourteenth year, it has nearly 9,000 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.

The current issue is a **Special Issue**, focusing on political violence and conflicts in the North Caucasus. It is guest-edited by Julie Wilhelmsen, Senior Research Fellow at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI). Dr. Wilhelmsen is an expert on Russian foreign and security policies as well as radicalisation of Islam in Eurasia. In the opening article, she and co-author Mark Youngman introduce the topics and authors of the seven research articles in this Special Issue.

Our Resources section opens with a bibliography that supplements the literature cited in the articles of this Special Issue. This includes books, articles, theses as well as grey literature on terrorism in the Caucasus, Russia and Central Asia, and has been compiled by Judith Tinnes. Joshua Sinai, PoT's book reviews editor, presents more than fifty books on terrorism and counter-terrorism, while Nina Käsehage introduces a new German publication on the role of former extremists in German educational programs to counter radicalisation.

Next, Judith Tinnes provides a major bibliography on Women & Terrorism, followed by Berto Jongman's regular survey of new web-based resources on terrorism and related subjects. Reinier Bergema offers an overview of recent and upcoming conferences and workshops on terrorism and related subjects, many of which might still be cancelled or have already been postponed due to the current coronavirus epidemic.

In the Announcements section, we introduce Leah Farrell, Jeff Kaplan and Craig Whiteside, three scholars who have recently joined *Perspectives on Terrorism* as Associate Editors. Since we have been receiving article submissions on a daily basis in recent months, the current editors were compelled to expand the Editorial Team to cope with the growing workload. We have also expanded the Editorial Board, our main body of reviewers, which now includes Max Abrahms, Colin Clarke, Aaron Hoffman, Brian Nussbaum, Brian Philipps and Ahmet Yayla. Their short biographies can also be found in the Announcements section.

The articles for the current issue of *Perspectives on Terrorism* have, as mentioned above, been guest-edited by Julie Wilhelmsen. She has been assisted by the principal editors of our journal, Alex Schmid and James Forest. The technical online launch of this journal issue has, as usual, been in the hands of Associate Editor for IT, Christine Boelema Robertus, while Editorial Assistant Jodi Moore contributed significantly with editing and proofreading.