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## Welcome from the Editors

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce the release of Volume XIV, Issue 3 (June 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 over 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.

This issue begins with a research article by Jesse J. Norris examining four dimensions of idiosyncrasy among terrorists: idiosyncratic ideologies, tactics, strategic thinking, and motives. Next, Aleksandar Pašagić explores the contrasting scholarly views on using counterterrorism as a rationale for transnational interventions into failed and fragile states. An article by Iztok Prezelj & Klemen Kocjancic looks at how a country with no publicly known terrorist group (Slovenia) still has instances of recruiting and training local foreign fighters, the deportation of extremists, and even a foiled terrorist attack. And in the final research article, Emma Ylitalo-James argues that a 'suspect community' is formed at the initiation of conflict (through the reactions of opposing factions, combined with public out-group perceptions of threat), and not in response to legislation dealing with conflict.

Our Research Notes section begins with an overview of how COVID-19 might affect the state of contemporary terrorism, by Gary Ackerman and Hayley Peterson. Then Katalin Pethő-Kiss identifies strategies for addressing the security challenges faced by Christian places of worship. Vincent A. Auger explores the question of whether right-wing violence might constitute a fifth global wave (drawing on David Rapoport's concept of "waves of terrorism"). And in the final research note, Benjamin Lee and Kim Knott examine whether the far-right digital milieu reveals examples of reciprocal radicalisation—the theory that extremist organisations are connected and feed on one another's rhetoric and actions to justify violent escalation.

In a special Policy Note, Jason A. Bakas argues that we need more robust models and metrics for counterterrorism threat analysis than currently used by a number of Western governments whose approaches he studied.

Our Resources section opens with a bibliography compiled by Judith Tinnes with books, articles, theses as well as grey literature on the intersections of children, youth and terrorism. And a second bibliography, also compiled by Judith Tinnes, addresses Internet-driven right-wing terrorism. Joshua Sinai, PoT's book reviews editor, presents 17 books on terrorism and counter-terrorism, and book reviews are provided by Ahmet S. Yayla and José Pedro Zúquete. Finally, Berto Jongman's regular survey of new web-based resources on terrorism and related subjects is followed by Reinier Bergema's overview of recent and upcoming conferences and workshops on terrorism and related subjects.

This issue has been prepared by the principal editors of our journal, Alex Schmid and James Forest, with the assistance of Associate Editors Jeffrey Kaplan and Leah Farrall. 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.