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## Words of Welcome from the Editors

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce the release of Volume XIV, Issue 4 (August 2020) of *Perspectives on Terrorism* (ISSN 2334-3745). Our 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 freely 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 more than 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 the *Nexus between Terrorism and Transnational Crime*. It is guest-edited by Jorge M. Lasmar and Rashmi Singh who both work in the Department of International Relations at the Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais (PUC Minas), Brazil. In their Introduction, they explain the conference origins of the articles of this Special Issue and introduce both topics and authors.

Our **Resources Section** includes a bibliography by David Teiner on *Terrorism and Organised Crime in Latin America* which is linked to the topic of this Special Issue. It also includes the usual *Counter-Terrorism Bookshelf* column by our Book Reviews editor, Joshua Sinai (who has just been appointed as Professor of Practice, Counterterrorism Studies, at the Capitol Technology University). He introduces 28 (mostly new) studies which have reached his desk in recent months. Judith Tinnes, our journal's Information Resources Editor, adds a new *bibliography* - her sixth - on the *Islamic State (IS, ISIS, ISIL, Daesh)*. There are also two book reviews by William Allchorn and Nancy Hartvelt Kobrin. They review new publications by Kurt Braddock (*Weaponized Words: The Strategic Role of Persuasion in Violent Radicalization and Counter-Radicalization*) and by Jonathan Matusitz (*Global Jihad in Muslim and non-Muslim Contexts*) in this section. This is followed by contributions from two of our Associate Editors: Berto Jongman's regular survey of new web-based resources on terrorism and related subjects and Reinier Bergema's overview of recent and upcoming conferences and workshops on terrorism and counter-terrorism.

Due to the large number of publications we receive every month, we have again expanded our Editorial Board, and welcome here with great pride as its latest member Prof. em. **David C. Rapoport**, the founding editor of *Terrorism and Political Violence*. We have recently also appointed a new Assistant Information Resources Editor, David Teiner, from the University of Trier, Germany.

The articles for the current issue of *Perspectives on Terrorism* have, as mentioned above, been compiled and edited by Rashmi Singh and Jorge M. Lasmar. They have been assisted by the principal editors of our journal, Alex Schmid and James Forest. The technical online launch of this journal issue at the end of August 2020 has, as usual, been in the hands Associate Editor for IT, Christine Boelema Robertus, with editing and proofreading support from Editorial Assistant Jodi Moore.