

TRI Award for Best Ph.D. Thesis Submitted in 2019 or 2020

Deadline for Submissions – 31 March 2021 - Approaching Fast

The Terrorism Research Initiative (TRI) seeks to enhance the quality of research in the field of Terrorism Studies. For this purpose, TRI established in 2014 an Award for the *Best Doctoral Dissertation on Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism*. Among the incoming submissions of Ph.D. theses, the TRI Award jury identifies three finalists and from these the winner.

With the present announcement, a call is being made for sending to the jury Ph.D. theses submitted or defended at an academic institution in the calendar years 2019 or 2020. Doctoral theses in the field of terrorism- and counterterrorism studies can be submitted either by the authors or by the academic supervisors.

Theses should be sent in electronic form as a Word document to the chairman of the jury at < apschmid@terrorismanalysts.com >, together with a cover letter (1-3 pp.), highlighting the merits of the submitted Ph.D. thesis. Submissions must be in English (or translated into English).

The deadline for entries is **31 March, 2021**. The TRI Award jury - consisting of Prof. Edwin Bakker, Prof. James Forest, Prof. Clark McCauley and Prof. em. Alex P. Schmid - will evaluate and compare the submissions, based on criteria such as originality in terms of introducing new data, theory and/or methodology, novelty and uniqueness of findings as well as degree of in-depth research.

The chairman of the jury will inform the three finalists identified by the jury's evaluation process before the end of July 2021. The winner among them will be announced during the summer of 2021 and can expect an Award of US \$ 1,000.-, plus a certificate of achievement, signed by the chairman of the jury, acknowledging the granting of the TRI Thesis Award. The other two finalists will receive a certificate of achievement. For all three finalist theses, TRI will assist the authors in finding a publisher for their thesis. The winner of the latest TRI Thesis Award will also be invited to submit an article for publication in *Perspectives on Terrorism*, summarising the winning thesis' main findings.

P.S.: Due to an insufficient number of submissions up to 31 March 2020, no thesis award was issued for theses completed in 2019 and the TRI annual thesis award was changed into a bi-annual award. Those who have submitted their doctoral thesis for the skipped past round of submissions are invited to reconfirm their submission for the current round before 31 March 2021 to the chairman at <apschmid@terrorismanalysts.com>.