

## Announcements

*The Terrorism Research Initiative (TRI), maintains a number of national and (sub-) regional networks of post-graduate students working on their doctoral dissertations. Here is an update on the Ph.D. theses in progress or recently completed by the Flemish network in Belgium and the Dutch Network in the Netherlands, compiled by its coordinator.*

### From TRI's National Networks of Ph.D. Thesis Writers: List of 30+ Dutch and Flemish Ph.D. Theses in Progress and Completed

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**Note:** Each entry contains information on the (working) title of the doctoral dissertation, its author, the academic institution where the thesis is being written (including name of supervisor where provided) and the expected date of completion.

#### **Recently completed Ph.D. Theses:**

##### **Geerts, Evelien**

- Materialist Philosophies Grounded in the Here and Now: Critical New Materialist Constellations & Interventions in Times of Terror(ism)
- Evelien Geerts, [e.m.l.geerts@bham.ac.uk](mailto:e.m.l.geerts@bham.ac.uk)
- University of California, Santa Cruz, Feminist Studies & History of Consciousness + Utrecht University; em. prof. dr. Bettina Aptheker, prof. dr. Iris van der Tuin
- Date of defense: 13 December 2019

##### **Godefroidt, Amélie**

- How the Idea of Terrorism Is Changing Us
- Amélie Godefroidt, [amelie.godefroidt@ntnu.no](mailto:amelie.godefroidt@ntnu.no)
- KU Leuven, Faculty of Social Sciences, Centre for Research on Peace and Development; prof. dr. Arnim Langer; prof. dr. Bart Meuleman
- Date of defense: 18 September 2020
- [Link](#) to dissertation

##### **Klem, Wouter**

- Founded on Fear: Transnational Police Cooperation against the Anarchist 'Conspiracy', 1880s-1914
- Wouter Klem, [w.m.klem@minjenv.nl](mailto:w.m.klem@minjenv.nl)
- Universiteit Utrecht, Department of History and Art History; prof. dr. Beatrice de Graaf; prof. dr. Richard Bach Jensen
- Date of defense: 10 February 2020
- [Link](#) to dissertation

**Kowalski, Michael**

- Ethics on the Radar: Exploring the Relevance of Ethics Support in Counterterrorism
- Michael Kowalski, [m.kowalski@inspectie-jenv.nl](mailto:m.kowalski@inspectie-jenv.nl)
- Universiteit Leiden, Institute of Security and Global Affairs; prof. dr. Edwin Bakker, prof.dr. A.C. Molewijk, dr. Patrick Overeem
- Date of defense: 12 March 2020

**Renard, Thomas**

- 20 Years of counter-terrorism in Belgium: Explaining Change in CT Policy-making through the Evolution of the Belgian CT Doctrine and Practice since 2001
- Thomas Renard, [t.renard@egmontinstitute.be](mailto:t.renard@egmontinstitute.be)
- Ghent University, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences; prof. dr. Sven Biscop
- Date of defense: 27 January 2021

**Roy van Zuijdewijn, Jeanine de**

- The Aftermath: Meaning-making after Terrorist Attacks in Western Europe
- Jeanine de Roy van Zuijdewijn; [j.h.de.roy.van.zuijdewijn@fgga.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:j.h.de.roy.van.zuijdewijn@fgga.leidenuniv.nl)
- Universiteit Leiden, Institute of Security and Global Affairs; prof. dr. Edwin Bakker; dr. Sanneke Kuipers
- Date of defense: June 2021

**Sterkenburg, Nikki**

- From Action to Self-realisation. Routes of Entry into Far-right Extremism
- Nikki Sterkenburg, [nikkisterkenburg@gmail.com](mailto:nikkisterkenburg@gmail.com)
- Universiteit Leiden, Institute of Security and Global Affairs; prof. dr. Edwin Bakker, dr. Jelle van Buuren
- Date of defense: 19 May 2021

**Terpstra, Niels**

- Why do Civilians Comply with a Rebel Group? Towards a Better Understanding of Rebel Governance and Legitimation Processes During Civil War
- Niels Terpstra, [n.m.terpstra@uu.nl](mailto:n.m.terpstra@uu.nl)
- Universiteit Utrecht, Department of History and Art History; prof. dr. ir. Georg Frerks
- Date of defense: 23 April 2021

***Ph.D. Theses in Progress:*****Aerds, Willemijn**

- Residual Threat in the Context of Security and Intelligence
- Willemijn Aerds, [w.j.m.aerds@fgga.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:w.j.m.aerds@fgga.leidenuniv.nl)
- Universiteit Leiden, Institute of Security and Global Affairs
- Expected date of completion: unknown

**Berge, Wietse van den**

- Examining Decision-making within the Conflict between Islamic State and the Kurdistan Region in Iraq by using Graham Allison's Paradigms of Foreign Policy Analysis
- Wietse van den Berge, [w.van.den.berge@fgga.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:w.van.den.berge@fgga.leidenuniv.nl)
- Universiteit Leiden, Institute of Security and Global Affairs; prof. dr. Edwin Bakker, prof. dr. Beatrijke de Graaf
- Expected date of completion: unknown

**Boeke, Sergei**

- Al Qaeda in the Sahel: Insurgent Strategies and Terrorist Tactics
- Sergei Boeke, [s.boeke@fgga.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:s.boeke@fgga.leidenuniv.nl)
- Universiteit Leiden, Institute of Security and Global Affairs; prof. dr. Edwin Bakker
- Expected date of completion: December 2021

**Capano, Francesca**

- How did the Terrorist Threat Influence the Evolution of Prison Policies and Prison Regimes: Comparative Analysis of Italy and the United Kingdom from 1960 to Today
- Francesca Capano, [francesca.capano@vub.be](mailto:francesca.capano@vub.be)
- Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Department of Criminology; prof. dr. Kristel Beyens
- Expected date of completion: December 2022

**Dokter, Annemieke**

- Indonesia in Historical Perspective - Muhammadiyah, Nahdlatul Ulama, Darul Islam and Jemaah Islamiyah and the Waves of Rapoport
- Annemieke Dokter, [adannemiek14@gmail.com](mailto:adannemiek14@gmail.com)
- Universiteit Utrecht; de Nederlandse Defensie Academie; prof. dr. Bob de Graaff
- Expected date of completion: unknown

**Dowling, Jennifer**

- Understanding Non-Involvement in Terrorism
- Jennifer Dowling, [j.m.dowling@fgga.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:j.m.dowling@fgga.leidenuniv.nl)
- Universiteit Leiden, Institute of Security and Global Affairs; prof. dr. Edwin Bakker; dr. Bart Schuurman
- Expected date of completion: 2024

**Dijk, Anne**

- The Ideal Woman: A Comparative Analysis of Theoretical Concepts and Arguments about Women in Fundamentalist Worldviews
- Anne Dijk, [a.j.f.dijk@vu.nl](mailto:a.j.f.dijk@vu.nl)
- Vrije Universiteit, Faculty of Religion and Theology & Faculty of Philosophy, Extreme Beliefs & Strong Religion Research group; dr. Rik Peels, dr. Pieter Coppens, prof. dr. Pieterella van Doorn-Harder
- Expected date of completion: August 2025

**Dijk, Daan**

- A Comparative Study of Jewish Fundamentalism and Extreme Beliefs in Israel
- Daan Dijk, [daniel.d.dijk@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.d.dijk@gmail.com)
- Vrije Universiteit, Faculty of Religion and Theology, Extreme Beliefs & Strong Religion Research group; dr. Rik Peels, dr. Bart Wallet
- Expected date of completion: December 2024

**Frens, Isabelle**

- Understanding the Group Identity of Anti-governmental Extremists
- Isabelle Frens, [i.j.frens@fgga.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:i.j.frens@fgga.leidenuniv.nl)
- Universiteit Leiden, Institute of Security and Global Affairs; prof. dr. Edwin Bakker; dr. Jelle van Buuren
- Expected date of completion: March 2026

**Guendouzi, Yassine el**

- A Comparative Study of Salafism and Radicalization in the Netherlands and Belgium: Religion, Identity, and Social Conflict.
- Yassine el Guendouzi, [y.el.guendouzi@fgga.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:y.el.guendouzi@fgga.leidenuniv.nl)
- Universiteit Leiden, Institute of Security and Global Affairs; prof. dr. Joachim Koops, dr. Tahir Abbas
- Expected date of completion: January 2024

**Gruber, Barbara**

- The Radicalisation-Resilience Complex - Prevention Practices in Germany and the Netherlands
- Barbara Gruber, [b.a.gruber@rug.nl](mailto:b.a.gruber@rug.nl)
- Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Faculty of Arts, Department of International Relations and International Organization (IRIO); prof. dr. Jaap de Wilde, dr. Caitlin Ryan, prof. Jana Hönke
- Expected date of completion: December 2021

**Gustafson, Scott**

- Church in a Hostile Milieu: World View Change and Deradicalization among Fundamentalist Muslims in the Levant
- Scott D. Gustafson, [s.g.gustafson@vu.nl](mailto:s.g.gustafson@vu.nl)
- Vrije Universiteit, Faculty of Religion and Theology, Extreme Beliefs & Strong Religion Research group; dr. Rik Peels, dr. Timothy Noble
- Expected date of completion: December 2024

**Hanselman, Berrie**

- Action and Reaction - Violence as a Divisive Issue for the Left-wing (extremist) Movement in the Netherlands (1965-2015)
- Berrie Hanselman; [b.t.g.hanselman@fgga.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:b.t.g.hanselman@fgga.leidenuniv.nl), [berrie17.04@gmail.com](mailto:berrie17.04@gmail.com)
- Universiteit Leiden, Institute of Security and Global Affairs; prof. dr. P.H.A.M. Abels, dr. Jelle van Buuren
- Expected date of completion: late 2021/early 2022

**Heide, Liesbeth van der**

- Explaining Processes of Involvement in Terrorism
- Liesbeth van der Heide, [e.j.van.der.heide@fgga.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:e.j.van.der.heide@fgga.leidenuniv.nl)
- Universiteit Leiden, Institute of Security and Global Affairs; prof. dr. Edwin Bakker, dr. Marieke Liem
- Expected date of completion: 2021

**Horlings, Tess**

- Integrating Data Science for the Intelligence Community in an Age of Big Data and Complex Threats
- Tess Horlings, [TS.Horlings@mindef.nl](mailto:TS.Horlings@mindef.nl)
- Netherlands Defence Academy, War Studies Research Center; prof. dr. ir. Sebastiaan Rietjens and dr. ir. Roy Lindelauf
- Expected date of completion: September 2023

**Janse, Annelotte**

- The Pursuit of White Security. Transnational Ties of the Extreme Right in Germany and Sweden, 1970-2015
- Annelotte Janse, [j.c.janse@uu.nl](mailto:j.c.janse@uu.nl)
- Universiteit Utrecht, Department of History and Art History; prof. dr. Beatrice de Graaf
- Expected date of completion: September 2023

**Jansma, Amarins**

- Left-wing Radicalization in the Netherlands: Framing and Historicizing Perceived Unfairness
- Amarins Jansma, [a.jansma@uu.nl](mailto:a.jansma@uu.nl)
- Utrecht University, Department of Social, Health & Organization Psychology; prof. dr. Kees van den Bos, prof. dr. Beatrice de Graaf
- Expected date of completion: August 2024

**Kindermann, Nora**

- The Epistemology of Individual Fundamentalist Belief
- Nora Kindermann, [n.n.kindermann@vu.nl](mailto:n.n.kindermann@vu.nl)
- Vrije Universiteit, Faculty of Religion and Theology, Research Group Extreme Beliefs & Strong Religion; dr. Rik Peels
- Expected date of completion: June 2024

**König, Magdalena**

- Understanding EU-Western Balkans Integration in Counter-Terrorism
- Magdalena König, [m.c.koenig@rug.nl](mailto:m.c.koenig@rug.nl)
- University of Groningen, Department of International Relations and International Organization; prof. dr. Jaap de Wilde, dr. Senka Neuman-Stanivukovic, dr. Nadine Voelkner
- Expected date of completion: August 2023

**Mansoury, Elly**

- The Role of Education in the Polarization of Society
- Elly Mansoury, [elly.mansoury@vub.ac.be](mailto:elly.mansoury@vub.ac.be)
- Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Department of Political Science; prof. dr. Dimokritos Kavadias
- Expected date of completion: June 2021

**Missier, Clyde**

- Extreme Beliefs in a Digital Age
- Clyde A. Missier, [a.missier@hva.nl](mailto:a.missier@hva.nl)
- Vrije Universiteit, Faculty of Religion and Theology, Research Group Extreme Beliefs & Strong Religion; dr. Rik Peels
- Expected date of completion: June 2025

**Romagna, Marco**

- Hacktivism: Honourable Cause or Serious Threat?
- Marco Romagna, [m.romagna@fgga.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:m.romagna@fgga.leidenuniv.nl)
- Universiteit Leiden, Institute of Security and Global Affairs; prof. dr. Edwin Bakker, dr. Bibi van den Berg
- Expected date of completion: unknown

**Si Amer, Latifa**

- Conspiracy Beliefs, Radicalization, Psychopathology and Psychological Vulnerabilities
- Latifa Si Amer, [L.SiAmer\\_1@tilburguniversity.edu](mailto:L.SiAmer_1@tilburguniversity.edu)
- Tilburg University, School for Social and Behavioral Sciences, Department of Medical & Clinical Psychology, Tranzo; prof. dr. Arno van Dam, prof. dr. Mario Braakman
- Expected date of completion: January 2026

**Spiegel, Carla**

- From Threat to Policy: European Security Practices against Online Disinformation in Historical Perspective
- Carla Spiegel, [c.spiegel@uu.nl](mailto:c.spiegel@uu.nl)
- Universiteit Utrecht, Department of History and Art History; prof. dr. Beatrice de Graaf
- Expected date of completion: Spring 2023

**Thijs, Fabienne**

- From Extreme Beliefs to Actual Violence: the Missing Link in Radicalization Research
- Fabienne Thijs, [f.thijs@vu.nl](mailto:f.thijs@vu.nl)
- Vrije Universiteit, Faculty of Law and Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement (NSCR); prof. dr. Edward R. Kleemans, dr. Elanie Rodermond
- Expected date of completion: 2022

**Van Ostaeyen, Pieter**

- A Study of The Islamic State's English Magazine Dabiq, Analysis and Exegesis
- Pieter Van Ostaeyen, [pieter.vanostaeyen@gmail.com](mailto:pieter.vanostaeyen@gmail.com)

- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Faculty of Arts, Near Eastern Studies; prof. dr. John Nawas
- Expected date of completion: 2022

### Vernimmen, Jonas

- Accommodating Religious and Linguistic Diversity in Education – a Human Rights Law Perspective
- Jonas Vernimmen, [Jonas.vernimmen@kuleuven.be](mailto:Jonas.vernimmen@kuleuven.be)
- KU Leuven, Leuven Centre for Public Law, Education Law; prof. dr. Kurt Willems, prof. dr. Koen Lemmens
- Expected date of completion: Fall 2021

### Weggemans, Daan

- Digital Risk Profiling
- Daan Weggemans, [d.j.weggemans@fgga.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:d.j.weggemans@fgga.leidenuniv.nl)
- Universiteit Leiden, Institute of Security and Global Affairs; prof. dr. Bibi van den Berg, dr. Quirine Eijkman, prof. dr. Edwin Bakker
- Expected date of completion: 2021

### Whittaker, Joe

- Online Radicalisation
- Joe Whittaker, [j.j.whittaker@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:j.j.whittaker@swansea.ac.uk)
- Swansea University, Universiteit Leiden; prof. dr. Stuart MacDonald, dr. Lella Nouri, prof. dr. Edwin Bakker, dr. Alastair Reed
- Expected date of completion: 2021

### Wittendorp, Stef

- European Union and Counter-terrorism, 1975-present
- Stef Wittendorp, [s.wittendorp@rug.nl](mailto:s.wittendorp@rug.nl)
- Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Department of International Relations and International Organization; prof. dr. J.H. de Wilde, prof. dr. A.J. Zwitter
- Expected date of completion: unknown

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