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## Words of Welcome from the Editors

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce the release of Volume XV, Issue 2 (April 2021) of *Perspectives on Terrorism* (ISSN 2334-3745). Our independent online journal is an Open Access 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 Google Scholar where it ranks No. 3 of journals in the field of Terrorism Studies. Now in its fifteenth year, it has over 9,400 registered subscribers and many more occasional readers and website visitors in academia, government and civil society. The *Articles* of its six annual issues are fully peer-reviewed by external referees while its *Research Notes* and other content are subject to internal editorial quality control.

The current issue features seven **Articles**, eight **Resources**, two **Research Notes**, two **Announcements** and one **Special Correspondence**. The last addresses the QAnon movement, a topical security concern in the United States, and explores whether or not it poses an exaggerated threat. It is from the hands of Sophia Moskalenko and Clark McCauley.

The opening article is Part II of a longer text by Lorne Dawson wherein he critically examines whether religious motivations have been misrepresented in relation to religious terrorism (Part I was published in the February issue of our journal). The second article, "The Bathtub Model," by Boaz Ganor offers a better understanding of single actor terrorism, based on the Israeli experience. Next Eline Drury Løvlien introduces her findings from a large N study on some people's willingness to justify terrorism, based on data from the European Values Study. In the fourth article, Jessica Davis, Leah West, and Amarnath Amarasingam offer a citation analysis on women in terrorism. Daphne Alberda and her colleagues introduce the European Database of Terrorists in a fifth article. This is followed by an analysis of extremism on the Telegram messaging application from Samantha Walther and Andrew McCoy. In the last article of this issue, Benjamin V. Allison explores the ethics and politics of terrorism data, based on a sample of U.S. databases.

These *Articles* and the *Special Correspondence* are followed by two **Research Notes** from Neil Bowie and Ishaansh Singh. The first presents Bowie's new inventory of databases and datasets on terrorism while the second does the same for (violent) conflicts.

Our **Resources** section open with a review by the editor of Omar Ashour's study 'How ISIS Fights', and a review by Martijn Kitzen of Mexican Drug Violence by Teun Voeten. These are followed by Joshua Sinai's regular Counter-Terrorism Bookshelf and a series of bibliographies by Judith Tinnes, David Teiner, Sedat Kula and Brody McDonald. The *Resources* section of *Perspectives on Terrorism* concludes with Berto Jongman's overview of new web-based resources on terrorism.

The **Announcements** section features, next to the regular Conference Calendar by Olivia Kearney, an overview of more than 30 doctoral dissertations under way or recently competed, compiled by Jeanine de Roy van Zuijdewijn, the coordinator of one of the national and (sub-) regional networks of Ph.D. thesis writers of the Terrorism Research Initiative.

All the texts of the current issue of *Perspectives on Terrorism* have been edited by James Forest and Alex Schmid, the journal's principal editors. Editorial Assistant Jodi Moore handled proof-reading, while the technical online launch of the April 2021 issue of our journal has been in the hands of Associate Editor for IT, Christine Boelema Robertus.