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**Free Online Publication: *Handbook of Terrorism Prevention and Preparedness*. The Hague: ICCT Press, 2021 (pp. 1,250+) DOI 10.19165/2020.6.01; ISBN 9789090339771**

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N.B. As part of our journal's ongoing commitment to enhancing the field of research on terrorism and counter-terrorism, we occasionally highlight new publications that are both free to all readers (open source) and uniquely valuable to the field.

We are pleased to announce the release of the *Handbook of Terrorism Prevention and Preparedness*, edited by Alex P. Schmid, which can now be freely accessed at the following website:

<https://icct.nl/handbook-of-terrorism-prevention-and-preparedness/>

The editor of the *Handbook* is a former Officer-in-Charge of the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and is currently a Research Fellow at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (the Netherlands), the publisher of this volume.

This new *Handbook* contains 35 chapters (six by the editor himself) which address:

- Up-Stream Prevention: reducing the risk of the formation of a terrorist group or organisation;
- Mid-Stream Prevention: reducing the risk of such a group or organisation being able to prepare a terrorist campaign;
- Down-Stream Prevention: reducing the risk of execution of individual terrorist operations by foiling and pre-empting these.

The *Handbook* also addresses the issue of **preparedness**: the taking of pro-active and pre-emptive measures to reduce risks and threats and, if that turns out to be insufficient, reduce the negative impact of terrorist attacks through a set of planned precautionary measures aimed at strengthening governmental readiness and societal resilience.

**Structure of the *Handbook*:**

Introduction and Conceptual Issues

Part I: Lessons for Terrorism Prevention from Related Fields

Part II: Prevention of Radicalisation

Part III: Prevention of Preparatory Acts

Part IV: Prevention of, and Preparedness for, Terrorist Attacks

Part V: Preparedness and Consequence Management

Conclusions and Bibliography

**Authors:** The *Handbook* is a collaborative effort of 39 contributors, including seasoned academics and counterterrorism practitioners, who share their insights and experiences freely with anyone interested in prevention and preparedness in the face of terrorism and violent extremism.

**Availability:** Readers of *Perspectives on Terrorism* can download individual chapters (Adobe PDF versions) at the URL indicated above. A free copy of the entire *Handbook* will also be available in the near future at that same address.