
Words of Welcome from the Editors

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce the release of Volume XV, Issue 4 (August 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 among journals in the field of Terrorism Studies. Now in its 15th year, it has nearly 9,500 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 ten **Articles**. The opening articles are from Thomas Renard and Michael Shkolnik, the two winners of the bi-annual TRI Award for the Best Doctoral Thesis on Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism (more on them and the third finalist, Gian Maria Campedelli can be found in the Announcements section). The third article is an update of a previous contribution by Omi Hodwitz, noting the continuing low recidivism rate of terrorists and supporters of terrorism released from the US prison system. Two articles by Gabriel Weimann and Asia Vellante on the one hand and by Lisa Schlegel on the other, address the role of the Internet in terrorism, looking at 'dead drops' and the influence of computer games respectively. In the next article, Phillip de Bruin surveys the vast literature of violent extremist communication. Then Carlos Igualada explores the international links of two terrorist attacks in Spain in 2017, based in part on new court documents. Mette-Louise E. Johansen and two of her colleagues look at how organized crime and terrorism in Denmark combine to affect the government's security policies. Nodirbek Soliev discusses Central Asian foreign fighters in terms of a new typology. And finally, Nathan Thompson and Amber Hart show how supporters of terrorism have used allegedly 'heroic' prison experiences as propaganda tools in past and recent cases.

The ten articles are followed by a **Research Note** from the hands of Alex Schmid, James Forest and Timothy Lowe. It complements the one they published (on terrorism research) in the June issue of *Perspectives on Terrorism*, this time looking at the state of counter-terrorism research.

The **Resources section** features five brief reviews by Joshua Sinai, the Book Reviews Editor of our journal, followed by a large bibliography on the United States in Judith Tinnés' series of 'Terrorism by Country'. Then David Teiner provides a bibliography on the Palestinian Hamas, and Berto Jongman presents his survey of recent online resources on terrorism and related subjects.

In **Announcements**, the chairman of the TRI Award jury presents the finalists and winners of the bi-annual TRI Thesis Award, praising their contribution to our knowledge and providing links to the full text of their outstanding doctoral theses. In a further announcement, we welcome three new members to the Editorial Board of *Perspectives on Terrorism* and advertise a vacancy for an Associate Editor in the Editorial Team of our journal. This is followed by the regular Conference Calendar assembled by Olivia Kearney. The articles and other texts of the current issue of *Perspectives on Terrorism* have been edited by Alex Schmid and James Forest, the journal's principal editors. Editorial Assistant Jodi Moore handled proof-reading, while the technical online launch of the August 2021 issue of our journal has been in the hands of Associate Editor for IT Christine Boelema Robertus.