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## Words of Welcome from the Editors

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce the release of Volume XV, Issue 5 (October 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 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 six **Articles**. The opening article, by Molly Amman and Reid Meloy, looks at indirect incitements to political violence picked up by receptive lone actors and extremist groups. Their contribution is followed by an article from the hands of Nilay Saiya, who profiles 60 jihadists behind the 9/11 and other Islamist attacks on U.S. soil. The next two articles focus on various aspects of terrorism in the West Balkans (written by Anita Perešin, Melisa Hasanović, and Kujtim Bytyqi) and in and around Nigeria (authored by Jacob Zenn and Caleb Weiss). Two more articles focus on terrorist financing from Finland (by Lotta Tuomaala-Järvinen and Juha Saarinen) and on the difficulties of implementing terrorism prevention measures in Lebanon along the lines of the 2015 UN Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism (by Sharaf Hussein).

These articles are followed by a **Rejoinder** from Bart Schuurman, who takes issue with some statements in Lorne Dawson's article in the August issue of our journal on the role of religion in terrorism.

The **Resources** section features five brief book reviews by Joshua Sinai, the Book Reviews Editor of our journal. This is followed by a longer review of a new dissertation by Jeanine de Roy van Zuijdewijn on 'Meaning-Making after Terrorist Attacks in Western Europe' by Alex Schmid. In the light of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Al-Qaeda's 9/11 attack, Information Resources Editor Judith Tinnes scopes the newer literature on AQ. Then David Teiner, Marta Furlan, Ayse D. Lokmanoglu and Brody MacDonald present a shorter bibliography on Rebel Governance, while Berto Jongman presents his regular survey of recent online resources on terrorism and related subjects.

Finally, in **Announcements**, Olivia Kearney presents her regular Conference Calendar which, due to COVID, is still dominated by online meetings.

The articles and other texts of the current issue of *Perspectives on Terrorism* have been selected and 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 October 2021 issue of our journal has been in the hands of Associate Editor for IT Christine Boelema Robertus.