

Call for Papers for Special Issue on “Anti-Government Extremism”

Increasing political animosity and polarization in the United States and Europe have cultivated an environment in which violence, threats and harassment against government institutions and officials have become increasingly prevalent. Although this phenomenon was illustrated most prominently with the insurrection attack against the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, the bombing of government buildings and the shooting massacre of youth party members in Norway in 2011, and recent murders of elected politicians in England and Germany, the problem of anti-government extremism is much more widespread. The growth of anti-government movements, conspiracy theories, and ideologies that justify harassment and violence against politicians, government officials, and democratic institutions demands a consideration of the triggers and dynamics that drive this form of extremism.

To this end, we are soliciting proposal abstracts for a planned special issue of *Perspectives on Terrorism* to be published in December 2022. Specifically, we seek abstracts that address one or more of the following topics:

- Attacks, plots, threats and harassment against politicians, government officials and institutions (e.g., case studies, statistical patterns, consequences, countermeasures).
- Anti-government conspiracy theories and ideologies used to justify violence, threats and harassment against politicians, government officials and institutions (e.g., QAnon, the Great Replacement, Eurabia, ZOG).
- Anti-government movements (e.g., varieties of violent anarchism, militia movements, Sovereign Citizens, Reichsbürgerbewegung).

Abstracts need not be limited to a single ideological focus; we are interested in exploring anti-government extremism across the ideological spectrum, including comparative perspectives.

Abstracts should be 15-30 lines long. The final papers should not exceed 6,000 words and must adhere to the journal's Guidelines for Authors, available on the website at: <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/perspectives-on-terrorism/about/guidelines>

Deadlines and important dates:

- Abstracts: January 15, 2022
- Invitations to contribute: Sent by January 31, 2022
- First draft: To be presented at workshop in late April (date and place TBD)
- Final manuscripts (for peer review): July 1, 2022
- Final revised manuscripts: November 1, 2022
- Publication of special issue: Late December 2022.

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