
Words of Welcome from the Editors

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce the release of Volume XV, Issue 6 (December 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 can be found at: <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 completing its 15th year of publication, it has nearly 9,500 registered subscribers and many more occasional readers and website visitors in academia, government and civil society worldwide. 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 5 **Articles**. The opening article by Jonathan Collins seeks to apply David C. Rapoport's wave theory of terrorism to the upsurge of far-right terrorism. The second article by Kristy Champion, Jamie Ferrill, and Kristy Milligan investigates extremist exploitation of the COVID-19 issue in the context of Australian security. In the next article, Wesley S. McCann reports findings of his analysis of a database on CBRN terrorism interdictions during the period 1990–2016. Then Ronan Lee analyses the strategic communications of a new Muslim militant group in Myanmar, the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA). And finally, Fernando Reinares and Carola García-Calvo provide new insights on the Islamic State's Ripoll cell, responsible for the Barcelona and Cambrils attacks of 2017. These articles are followed by a **Rejoinder** from Lorne Dawson, who takes issue with Bart Schuurman's interpretation of his recent article in our journal regarding the role of religion in terrorism.

The **Resources** section features eight brief book reviews by Joshua Sinai, the Book Reviews Editor of our journal. This is followed by a longer review of a publication edited by Nina Käsehage on the (ab-)uses of the COVID-19 pandemic by religious fundamentalists. Information Resources Editor Judith Tinnes scopes the literature on hostage takings and extrajudicial executions in her extensive bibliography, while Berto Jongman presents his survey of recent online resources on terrorism and related subjects.

In **Announcements**, Olivia Kearney presents her regular Conference Calendar which, due to COVID-19, is still dominated by online meetings. Then three new Associate Editors who have joined the Editorial Team are introduced by the principal editors. We are also pleased to announce that Dr. Laura Dugan, the Ralph D. Mershon Professor of Human Security and Professor of Sociology at The Ohio State University, has agreed to join our Editorial Board. Finally, we also announce a "Call for Proposals" for a special issue of the journal on anti-government extremism, to be edited by Tore Bjørgo and Kurt Braddock and published December 2022.

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