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## Words of Welcome from the Editors

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce the release of Volume XVI, Issue 1 (February 2022) 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 beginning its 16th year of publication, it has more than 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 **Special Issue on Transnational Jihadism** has been guest-edited by *Dino Krause* and *Mona Kanwal Sheikh* from the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS). Together with their contributors, they look at jihadism through the conceptual lens of conflict studies. This Special Issue features five **Articles**, in addition to the introduction by the guest-editors. The first, by *Ioana Emy Matesan*, explores varieties of transnational jihadism. The second article by Dino Krause investigates how “transnational” jihadism really is. In the next article, *Mark Juergensmeyer* offers the readers his perspective as to how religious violence ends. *Saer El-Jaichi* and *Joshua Sabih*, in turn, look at the refutation of militant jihad by some leading “formers”. Finally, *Mona K. Sheikh* and *Isak Svensson* compare the utility of a Countering Violent Extremism approach with the Conflict Resolution approach when confronted with jihadism.

These articles are followed by a **Research Note** from *Judith Tinnes* who offers a progress report on her unique monitoring project “Counting Lives Lost” that covers victims of the Islamic State.

The **Resources** section features a number of short reviews by our book reviews editor, *Joshua Sinai*. This is followed a bibliography prepared by *David Teiner* on the Conflict in Libya and *Berto Jongman* contributes another of his wide-ranging surveys on 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. Finally, the principal editors, in their “Words of Appreciation” thank our external peer reviewers as well as all other collaborators for their priceless contributions which made our free and independent journal what it is.

Except for the Special Issue contributions, the texts of the current issue of *Perspectives on Terrorism* have been selected and prepared 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 February 2022 issue of our journal has been in the hands of our new Associate Editor for IT, *Audrey Vrolijk* (ISGA, The Hague).