

## Networking

### **Creating a Network for Postgraduate Researchers in the Fields of (Counter-) Terrorism, Political Violence and Armed Conflict in the United Kingdom - a TRI Proposal**

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While much research is conducted in the overlapping fields of (countering) terrorism, political violence and armed conflict, those who make their first steps in postgraduate research are often unsure what is going on outside their own university department, wondering how their own work relates to current research developments elsewhere. To address this concern, there exists, in some countries, a number of more or less formal networks of postgraduate researchers (e.g. in Germany the network terrorism research [[www.netzwerk-terrorismusforschung.de](http://www.netzwerk-terrorismusforschung.de)] which numbers almost 400 participants). No such network appears to be in place in the United Kingdom and some other parts of the English-speaking world.

Hence this initiative by the *Terrorism Research Initiative* to link up young researchers in the UK. The idea is to create a clearinghouse where researchers can exchange information and ideas and check who is working on a topic similar or related to their own. The practical goal is to maintain, and periodically update, a list of researchers and their research topics so that those engaged in postgraduate research can contact each other and, if they so desire, collaborate. In this way members of the UK research community can keep themselves updated about developments in the field and also make each other aware of upcoming workshops and conferences.

For a start, potential UK participants are invited to complete the form below. The information received will be grouped and listed by the TRI Research Assistant Gordon Clubb (University of Leeds) on behalf of the *Terrorism Research Initiative* and made available in appropriate form to all bona fide participants.

- (i) Name:
  - (ii) University:
  - (iii) Department/Discipline:
  - (iv) (PhD Thesis) research topic:
  - (vi) Expected completion of project:
  - (vii) Email address:
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**NB: TRI is planning to create more country-based networks and is looking for volunteers to set them up and run them.**