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## Welcome from the Editor

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce the release of Volume X, Issue 4 (August 2016) of *Perspectives on Terrorism* at [www.terrorismanalysts.com](http://www.terrorismanalysts.com). Our free online journal is a joint publication of the Terrorism Research Initiative (TRI), headquartered in Vienna (Austria), and the Center for Terrorism and Security Studies (CTSS), headquartered at the Lowell Campus of the University of Massachusetts (United States). Now in its tenth year, *Perspectives on Terrorism* has nearly 6,400 regular subscribers and many thousand more occasional readers and website visitors worldwide. The Articles of its six annual issues are fully peer reviewed by external referees while its Research Notes, Policy Notes and other content are subject to internal editorial review.

This special issue of the journal is the result of collaboration with guest editors Scott Englund and Michael Stohl, who have selected five papers from two conferences on *Constructions of Terrorism* that they convened in December 2015 and April 2016. They summarize each these papers in a separate “Introduction to the Special Issue” which begins on the following page. All five papers have been peer reviewed per the Editorial Board policy of *Perspectives on Terrorism*. This is followed by a sixth paper, published as a Special Correspondence to the journal, in which Clark McCauley offers a thought-provoking vision for the Middle East after the demise of the Islamic State.

The Resource Section of this issue features an extensive bibliography on legal aspects of terrorism, by our Information Resources Editor, Judith Tinnes. This is followed by brief reviews of recent publications in the field of terrorism and counter-terrorism studies by our Book Reviews Editor, Joshua Sinai. Next, we provide an update by Ryan Scrivens on terrorism-related Ph.D. theses in progress or recently completed in Canada. And the issue concludes with a call for papers for a conference on terrorism and social media (at Swansea University), and an announcement for new positions available at *Perspectives on Terrorism* to contribute as Associate Editors or as an IT Associate Editor.

This issue of the journal was prepared by co-editor Prof. James Forest at the Lowell Campus of the University of Massachusetts, who will also publish the next issue (October 2016).