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## Welcome from the Editors

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce the release of Volume XI, Issue 2 (April 2017) of *Perspectives on Terrorism* at <http://www.terrorismanalysts.com>. Our free and independent online journal is a publication of the Terrorism Research Initiative (TRI) and the Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA) of Leiden University's Campus The Hague. Now in its eleventh year, *Perspectives on Terrorism* has close to 7,200 regular subscribers and many more occasional readers and website visitors worldwide. The Articles of its six annual issues are fully peer reviewed by external referees while its Research and Policy Notes, Special Correspondence and other content are subject to internal editorial quality control.

Here is a brief look at the contents of the current issue:

The first article by Peter Wignell, Sabine Tan, Kay L. O'Halloran & Rebecca Lange provides a richly illustrated overview of the two main online propaganda magazines of the 'Islamic State', using discourse analysis to explore shifts in emphasis from Dabiq to Rumiya. The second article by Charles Kirchofer raises the question whether terrorist organisations can be deterred and arrives at a rather positive conclusion in the case of Israel and Hamas.

This issue of *Perspectives on Terrorism* (PoT) features three Research Notes. The first by Veronika Fajmonová, Sophia Moskalenko and Clark McCauley looks at U.S. public opinion polls and opinion shifts among Muslims in the United States related to Islamist terrorism and concludes that sympathy for violent extremism continues to be low. A second Research Note by James Lutz and Brenda Lutz focuses on obvious and not so obvious linkages between terrorist attacks and the population size of countries. The third Research Note, authored by Abdullah bin Khaled al-Saud, looks into a low-key Saudi counter-narratives campaign based on primary sources.

Furthermore, in the Resources Section, there is another bibliography on the civil war in Syria – already the third from our journal's Information Resources Editor, Judith Tinnes. While this overview lists mainly academic and think tank titles, more ephemeral recent materials on issues related to terrorism recently noted on the Internet are again presented by web analyst Berto Jongman.

In the Book Reviews, the reader will find – next to the numerous short book reviews by Joshua Sinai – two more detailed ones. The first by Parmida Esmaeilpour is reviewing a new book on the popular uprisings in the Middle East of 2011. The second, reviewed by the editor-in-chief of *Perspectives on Terrorism*, introduces the Routledge Handbook of Law and Terrorism.

The current issue of *Perspectives on Terrorism* was jointly prepared by Prof. em. Alex P. Schmid and Prof. James J. Forest, the main editors of the journal, in collaboration with our new Associate Editors from ISGA, Dr. Bart Schuurman and Jennifer Dowling.