Resources

Bibliography: Root Causes of Terrorism

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Abstract

This bibliography contains journal articles, book chapters, books, edited volumes, theses, grey literature, bibliographies and other resources on root causes of terrorism (i.e., the spectrum of factors which trigger, catalyse, or sustain terrorist activities by individuals or groups). Although focusing on recent literature, the bibliography is not restricted to a particular time period and covers publications up to July 2017. The literature was retrieved by manually browsing more than 200 core and periphery sources in the field of Terrorism Studies. Additionally, full-text and reference retrieval systems were employed to expand the search.

Keywords: bibliography, resources, literature, root causes of terrorism, roots, reasons, factors, motivations, drivers, catalysts, breeding grounds, radicalisation processes

NB: All websites were last visited on 23.07.2017. - See also: Note for the Reader at the end of this literature list.

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