

Terrorism Research Centres: 100 Institutes, Programs and Organisations in the Field of Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism, Radicalisation and Asymmetric Warfare Studies

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Introduction

Who is doing research – academic and otherwise – on terrorism? The field of terrorism research is broad and ever-expanding. Governments sponsor intelligence-driven analytical research agencies. Commercial intelligence firms like *Jane's*, sell their research to corporate and governmental clients. There are think tanks like RAND, which work closely with government agencies. An increasing number of universities house terrorism research centres, the oldest one being the Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence at the University of St. Andrews. Then there are virtual networks, such as the Terrorism Research Initiative (TRI), that try to create synergies between a wide array of researchers and topics.

Beyond organizational makeup, notable differences in research approach also exist. For instance, the gulf between those who work as contractors for homeland security departments and those who work in the policy world. Or, the gap between those who work with classified intelligence and those who work only with open source material. Then there is a divide between those who are considered 'orthodox' scholars and those who call themselves 'critical terrorism scholars' (CTS). The latter, at times, call the former 'terrorologists'; those, in turn, label some from the CTS school 'hypocritical'.

Considering the proliferation of government agencies, private firms, research organizations and internet-based initiatives, the number of newcomers to the field of Terrorism Studies is substantial. Some focus on more general issues like social conflict, armed conflict or political violence topics that often include terrorism-related research. Still others maintain a national, regional, or even global, focus. Much work comes from English-speaking countries and Israel, while other parts of the world are notably under-represented. Trying to create an inventory of such a broad spectrum of research organizations also proves challenging as there are several website-only "centres" directed by a single individual with little visible – or 'credible' – output.

In the following list we present a collection of 100 centres, organisations, institutes, programs and projects that seek to expand the research community's collective knowledge of terrorism, counterterrorism, political violence, radicalisation and asymmetric conflict. In an attempt to provide an overview, a broad array of entities beyond proper academic research centres and institutes have been included. Though many of the entries on this list may receive government funding, state agencies and departments involved in terrorism research have not been included.

Our list is incomplete and, as such, might leave off centres well worth including. We have tried to include only credible, professional organizations though might not have been fully successful

in doing so. We welcome feedback from the readers of *Perspectives on Terrorism* on the present status and work of the entities on our list, as well as on entities left off which are worth including (contact: info@terrorismanalysts.com).

| Centre Project, Program, Issue | Affiliated Organisation, Institute | Location |
|--|--|--|
| Bangladesh Centre for Terrorism Research (BCTR) | Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies | Dhaka, Bangladesh |
| Center for Advancing Microbial Risk Assessment (CAMRA) | Michigan State University; Carnegie Mellon University; Drexel University; Northern Arizona University; University of Arizona; University of California at Berkeley; University of Michigan | East Lansing, Michigan, United States |
| Center for Applied Counterterrorism Studies (CACs) | University of North Carolina at Charlotte | Charlotte, North Carolina, United States |
| Center for Asymmetric Warfare (CAW) | Naval Postgraduate School | Monterey, California, United States |
| Center for Counter-Terrorism Studies | China Institute of Contemporary International Relations | Beijing, China |
| Center for Interdisciplinary Policy, Education, and Research on Terrorism (CIPERT) | Center for Homeland Defense and Security and the Center on Terrorism and Irregular Warfare, Naval Postgraduate School; Pacific Graduate School of Psychology | |
| Center for International Research on Terrorism (ITRC) | University of Cincinnati; Turkish National Police Organization | |
| Center for Law and Counterterrorism (CLC) | Foundation for Defense of Democracies | Washington, DC, United States |
| Center for Policing Terrorism (CPT) | Manhattan Institute | New York City, New York, United States |
| Center for Terrorism Law (CTL) | St. Mary's University | San Antonio, Texas, United States |
| Center for Terrorism Research (CTR) | Foundation for Defense of Democracies | Wollongong, Australia |

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|---|--|---|
| Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation | | Washington, DC, United States |
| Center on Terrorism | John Jay College of Criminal Justice | New York City, New York, United States |
| Center on Terrorism and Counterterrorism | Foreign Policy Research Institute | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States |
| Center on Terrorism and Irregular Warfare | Naval Postgraduate School | Monterey, California, United States |
| Centre for Asymmetric Threat Studies (CATS) | Swedish National Defence College | Stockholm, Sweden |
| Centre for Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism (PICT) | Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia | Sydney, Australia |
| Centre for the Study of Radicalisation and Contemporary Political Violence (CSRV) | Aberystwyth University | Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, United Kingdom |
| Centre for Terrorism and Counterterrorism (CTC) | Campus The Hague of Leiden University, Netherlands | The Hague, Netherlands |
| Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (CSTPV) | University of St. Andrews, Scotland | St. Andrews, Scotland |
| Centre for the Study of Terrorism (CFSOT) | | London, England |
| Center for the Study of Youth and Political Violence | University of Tennessee - Knoxville | Knoxville, Tennessee, United States |
| Centre for Transnational Crime Prevention (CTCP) | | Wollongong, Australia |
| Center for Higher Study on the Struggle against Terrorism and Political Violence (Centro Alti Studi per a Lotta al Terrorismo e alla Violenza Politica) | | Rome, Italy |
| Charity & Security Network (CSN) | | Washington, DC, United States |

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| Chicago Project on Security and Terrorism (CPOST) | University of Chicago | Chicago, Illinois, United States |
| Columbia University World Trade Center Archive Project | Columbia University | New York City, New York, United States |
| Combating Terrorism Center (CTC) at West Point | United States Military Academy | West Point, New York, United States |
| Consortium for Countering the Financing of Terrorism (CCFT) | | Singapore |
| Consortium for Strategic Communication (CSC) | Hugh Downs School of Human Communication, Arizona State University | Tempe, Arizona, United States |
| Counterterrorism and Homeland Security | Cato Institute | Washington, DC, United States |
| Counterterrorism Strategy Initiative | American Strategy Program, New American Foundation | Washington, DC, United States |
| Counterterrorism Topic | Human Rights Watch | New York City, New York, United States |
| Dark Web Terrorism Research | Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, Eller College of Management, University of Arizona | Tucson, Arizona, United States |
| Future of Terrorism Project (FTP) | Foundation for Defense of Democracies | Washington, DC, United States |
| GCC Security and Terrorism Issues Research Program | Gulf Research Center | |
| Global Terrorism Analysis Program | Jamestown Foundation | Washington, DC, United States |
| Global Terrorism Research Centre (GTReC) | Monash University, Australia | Melbourne, Victoria, Australia |
| Global Terrorism Subtopic | National Security Issue, Center for American Progress | Washington, DC, United States |
| Homegrown Terror & Radicalization Topic | Homeland Security Policy Institute, George Washington University | Washington, DC, United States |
| Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Program | Defense and Security Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies | Washington, DC, United States |

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| Homeland Security and Terrorism Program | James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Rice University | Houston, Texas, United States |
| Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism (INSCT) | Syracuse University | Syracuse, New York, United States |
| Institute for the Study of Violent Groups (ISVG) | University of New Haven | New Haven, Connecticut, United States |
| Institut für Terrorismusforschung & Sicherheitspolitik (IFTUS) | | Essen, Germany |
| Institute of Terrorism Research and Response (ITRR) | | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States |
| Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (CICTE) | Organization of American States | Washington, DC, United States |
| International Association for Counterterrorism & Security Professionals (IACSP) | | |
| International Center for Terrorism Studies (ICTS) | Potomac Institute for Policy Studies | Arlington, Virginia, United States |
| International Center for the Study of Terrorism (ICST) | Pennsylvania State University | State College, Pennsylvania, United States |
| International Center of Terror Medicine | Hadassah Medical Center | Jerusalem, Israel |
| International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) | S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore | Singapore |
| International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation (ICSR) | King's College, London; University of Pennsylvania; Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya; Jordan Institute of Diplomacy | London, England |
| International Institute for Counterterrorism (ICT) | Interdisciplinary Center Center | Herzliya, Israel |
| Investigative Project on Terrorism (IPT) | | |

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| Italian Team for Security, Terroristic Issues & Managing Emergencies (ITSTIME) | Catholic University of Milan | Milan, Italy |
| Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Centre | | London, England |
| Jihad and Terrorism Threat Monitor (JTTM) | Middle East Media Research Institute | Washington, DC, United States |
| Mackenzie Institute | | Toronto, Ontario, Canada |
| Maritime Terrorism Research Center | | |
| Meir Amit Intelligence & Terrorism Information Center (ITIC) | Israel Intelligence Heritage & Commemoration Center | Gelilot, Israel |
| Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT) | | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, United States |
| Monterey Terrorism Research and Education Program (MonTREP) | Monterey Institute of International Studies | Monterey, California, United States |
| National Center for Foreign Animal and Zoonotic Disease Defense (FAZD Center) | Texas A&M University | College Station, Texas, United States |
| National Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events (CREATE) | University of Southern California | Los Angeles, California, United States |
| National Center on the Psychology of Terrorism (NCPT) | Center for Interdisciplinary Policy, Education, and Research on Terrorism | |
| National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) | University of Maryland | College Park, Maryland, United States |
| National Terrorism Preparedness Institute (NTPI) | St. Petersburg College | St. Petersburg, Florida, United States |
| Nine Eleven Finding Answers (NEFA) Foundation | | Washington, DC, United States |

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| Philippine Institute for Peace, Violence and Terrorism Research, Inc. (PIPVTR) | | Teachers Village East, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines |
| Program for Terrorism Research & Studies | Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University | Cairo, Egypt |
| Program on International Terrorism | Elcano Royal Institute | Madrid, Spain |
| Project Fikra | Washington Institute for Near East Policy | Washington, DC, United States |
| Quilliam Foundation | | London, England |
| Radicalization Watch Project (RWP) | Center for Advanced Defense Studies | Washington, DC, United States |
| Russia-Eurasia Terror Watch (RETWA) | | |
| Society for Terrorism Research (STR) | | Boston, Massachusetts, United States |
| Stein Program on Counterterrorism and Intelligence | Washington Institute for Near East Policy | Washington, DC, United States |
| Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC) | George Mason University | Fairfax, Virginia, United States |
| Terrorism & National Security | Nelson Center for International and Public Affairs, James Madison University | Harrisonburg, Virginia, United States |
| Terrorism & Preparedness Data Resource Center | University of Michigan Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research | Ann Arbor, Michigan, United States |
| Terrorism and Counter-Radicalization Issue | Carnegie Endowment for International Peace | Washington, DC, United States |
| Terrorism and Crime Studies | Federal Research Division, Library of Congress | Washington, DC, United States |
| Terrorism and Homeland Security Research Area | RAND Corporation | |
| Terrorism and Internal Security Research Cluster | Institute for Defence Studies & Analyses | New Delhi, India |

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| Terrorism Issue | Council on Foreign Relations | New York City, New York, United States |
| Terrorism Issue | Heritage Foundation | Washington, DC, United States |
| Terrorism Issue | Institute of Peace & Conflict Studies | New Delhi, India |
| Terrorist Media Project | Foundation for Defense of Democracies | Washington, DC, United States |
| Terrorism Page | Anti-Defamation League | New York City, New York, United States |
| Terrorism Program | Center for Defense Information | Washington, DC, United States |
| Terrorism Research Center (TRC) | Fulbright College, University of Arkansas | Fayetteville, Arkansas, United States |
| Terrorism Research Center, Inc. (TRC) | | |
| Terrorism Topic | Human Rights Watch | New York City, New York, United States |
| Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security (TCTHS) | Duke University; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; RTI International | Durham, North Carolina, United States |
| Unconventional Warfare Study Center | | |
| US-Russia Initiative to Prevent Nuclear Terrorism | Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University | Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States |
| Violence and Extremism Programme | Demos | London, England |
| Violent Intranational Political Conflict & Terrorism Research Laboratory (VIPCAT) | Institute for the Theory and Practice of International Relations, College of William and Mary | Williamsburg, Virginia, United States |

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| WMD & CBRN Terrorism Topic | Homeland Security Policy Institute, George Washington University | Washington, DC, United States |