



NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR THE
STUDY OF TERRORISM AND RESPONSES TO TERRORISM

Proposal Instructions for Contributions to the Causes, Conduct and Consequences of Terrorism Book Series

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Background

The *Causes, Conduct and Consequences of Terrorism* book series is edited by Gary LaFree (START, University of Maryland), Gary Ackerman (START, University of Maryland) and Anthony Lemieux (START, Georgia State University). The series will approach terrorism conceptually as having a developmental “life-cycle.” Within this perspective, the series will treat terrorism as a phenomenon that has a set of interdependent phases: (1) the origins of extremism and the formation of terrorist groups; (2) terrorist dynamics and persistence; and (3) societal responses to terrorism. Each volume in the series will thus be conceptually situated within this life-cycle and contributing authors must explore the interconnections between the phase in which their topic resides and the other phases. To offer an example: a volume on the role of ideology in radicalization (phase 1) could touch on how the violent behavior of the radicalized individuals and groups that follow the ideology might in turn be affected (phase 2) and whether targeted societies react differently to radicals espousing different ideologies (phase 3). Another example is where a study on the effectiveness of certain counterterrorism measures (phase 2) might examine the possible unintended consequences or side effects of counterterrorist measures relating to the recruitment of new members into terrorist organizations (phase 1).

From a methodological standpoint, the *Causes, Conduct and Consequences of Terrorism* is rooted in a paradigm of rigorous social science, and is open to a wide variety of methodological approaches. Each of the books in the series, however, must explore the topic of terrorism in a manner that is at once *theoretically informed, empirically grounded* and *policy relevant*. As such, the series aims to fill lacunae in earlier scholarship on terrorism, which was sometimes limited in the topics that it could address and the insights it could derive by both a dearth of data and the attention of only a handful of academic disciplines.

All entries in the series must thus possess the following key attributes:

1. Be driven by basic empirical research.
2. Offer novel, policy-relevant theories and/or findings.
3. Have solid grounding in the methods and approaches of the social and behavioral sciences, especially, psychology, political science and criminology.
4. Constitute a thorough treatment of some aspect of the overall phenomenon of terrorism.

Planned Format

Each book in the series should be in the 200-300 page length range or about 80,000 words. This will allow for rigorous treatment of a given topic, while still being accessible to a wide audience. We plan to publish 1-2 books a year for (at least) five years. We will be looking especially for research that fits the conceptual scheme identified above, breaks new ground theoretically and/or methodologically, and that is likely to generate additional research and policy interest. The series as a whole will not be restricted to U.S. concerns or any single discipline, but will assess the phenomenon of terrorism globally, comparatively and from a multi-disciplinary perspective. Our emphasis will be on monographs but we will consider recommending edited volumes that have substantial merit.

Intended Readership

The proposed series is intended for a broad audience. The books should be accessible to a non-technical reader. The series will be useful to scholars, students at the PhD, MA and upper undergraduate levels, and policy makers and practitioners. We consider the general public interested in terrorism research to be a secondary market. We anticipate that some policy analysts in relevant federal, state and local agencies will rely on the series to introduce themselves to particular issues of interest. The series will strive to be a value-added resource for the scholarly community, but also for policy makers. The series should be especially oriented towards the growing number of classes on terrorism and homeland security that have appeared over the past decade and books in the series could be used as primary texts for upper-level undergraduate and graduate classes. The series, like the field of terrorism studies, will be intentionally interdisciplinary, even where individual volumes reflect work conducted in a single social science discipline (e.g., psychology).

Proposal Instructions

Proposals should be **no more than five pages** in length and contain the following sections:

1. **Proposer**: The proposer's name(s) and institutional affiliation(s).
2. **Contact Details**: Full contact details: email address, mailing address, telephone number [if there is more than one author, designate a point of contact and provide that person's contact details].
3. **Summary**: Summary of the proposed book project (no more than 500 words).
4. **Research**: A discussion of the research (especially the empirical data and analysis) on which the book will be based.
5. **Phase Description**: A description of which phase(s) of the abovementioned three phases the book will focus on and how it will relate to the other phases.
6. **Novelty**: Discussion of how the book will constitute a unique contribution to the field of terrorism studies. This should include reference to previous and similar work in the topic area and how this book adds to or improves upon such work.
7. **Relevance**: Description of why the research is relevant (beyond its novel aspects) to both scholars and policy makers who work on terrorism-related issues.

8. Draft Table of Contents: Draft or illustrative table of contents showing the major proposed sections / chapters.
9. Proposed Timeline: Best estimate of when a completed manuscript could be ready for review. Try to be as realistic as possible!
10. Restrictions and Special Requirements: Identification of any restrictions on the research associated with the book (e.g., on making data available publicly) or any special requirements (e.g., if the book requires multiple photographs or full-color maps).

The written proposal should be accompanied by a biosketch or brief resume for each proposer outlining the proposer's educational and professional background and achievements.

Please submit proposals and any questions about the Series to the Series Editors at the emails below:

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