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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 J*ane'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

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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 fur 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 Counter-terrorism (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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