

CALL FOR PAPERS

RETHINKING & EVALUATING (COUNTER)TERRORISM SINCE 9/11

The year 2026 marks a quarter of a century since the 9/11 attacks on the US and the subsequent declaration of “Global War on Terrorism”. During those two and a half decades, global politics, security policies and strategies, and the conceptual understandings of both terrorism and counter-terrorism have undergone through major transformations.

To review, examine, and appraise these transformations on policy, security, economic, and societal levels, the edited volume aims at exploring how terrorism and counter-terrorism morphed since the first year of the 21st century.

The editors welcome contributions on, but not limited to, questions such as:

- What lessons have we learned from the “Global War on Terror”? What are the most efficient ways for combating contemporary terrorist organizations? What are their implications on international law?
- In what ways has the “Global War on Terror” shaped international norm 25 years after the 9/11 attacks?
- What does “terrorism” mean today and how does it redefine the theoretical framework of understanding political violence and radicalization?
- With the spread of social media are there increasing trends of digital radicalization as a means for recruitment for radical causes?
- What roles do gender, age, and identity play for recruitment by terrorist groups?
- Can tools such as AI, media, and deepfakes play any role in (de)radicalization?
- Does (counter)terrorism manifest differently in different regional contexts (Europe, US, the Middle East, Africa, South Asia, etc.)?
- How successful can transnational cooperations and regional security architectures be in addressing issues of radicalization and terrorism.
- Are strategies and policies at local/community levels address issues of (de)radicalization and post-terror recovery?

Interdisciplinary and cross regional approaches as well as contributions combining academic analysis with policy implications are particularly encouraged.

Interested contributors are invited to submit a ~500-600 words abstract by November 22, 2025, summarizing their thesis and main arguments for their planned piece. Accepted authors will be submitting a 7,000-8,000 words contribution by March 10, 2026. The expected date of the publication is Spring 2027 in a scopus-indexed book series published by De Gruyter.

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