

TERRORISM AND MIGRATION (abstract)

The study of terrorism and the study of migration have been - up to very recently - two fields quite from one another. Whereas there is extensive literature on both, migration and terrorism, there are no in-depth studies on the intersection of the two phenomena.

There are multiple causal relations between (forced/irregular) migration and terrorism - but these are generally complex.

International migration is driven by very different factors: economic, social and environmental ones, but also political violence, armed conflict, terrorism and counter-terrorism operations.

Violent extremism is of course one of the driving forces for displacement and migration. In this light, can migration be considered one of the driving forces or terrorism as well? Are current migration flows exacerbating the threats posed by terrorist organizations? Can migrants' centers and failures to integrate in the host culture become breeding grounds of terrorism and radicalisation?