Genevieve Lennon and Clive Walker (Eds.) Routledge Handbook of Law and Terrorism. London and New York: Routledge, 2015; 486 pp. ISBN: 978-0-415-87037-5 (Hardcover). Price: £ 137-/US $ 214.00. ISBN 9781138103856 (Paperback) £39.99/$53.95.

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Since 9/11 counter-terrorism basically developed along two major lines: one based on a military paradigm (as in the American 'Global War on Terror'), the other based on a law enforcement paradigm, emphasizing criminal prosecution relying on the police and the courts. The focus of this volume is on this law enforcement paradigm when it comes to countering 'terrorism'- a term that has escaped an international law definition so far, although there is widespread agreement as to its core, namely 'the instrumental political killing of civilians in peacetime' (Ben Saul, p.37).

In a landscape where monographs on terrorism are published every couple of hours, many law enforcement professionals and researchers welcome handbooks that look at the field of terrorism studies from a broader perspective. Routledge has published handbooks of Terrorism Research (2011, edited by A.P. Schmid), the History of Terrorism (2015, edited by R.D. Law), of Critical Terrorism Studies (2016, edited by R. Jackson), with one more on Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism (2017, edited by A. Silke, et al) forthcoming.

The wide-ranging volume reviewed here, the Routledge Handbook of Law and Terrorism, has been edited by Genevieve Lennon (University of Strathclyde) and Clive Walker (University of Leeds). It focuses mainly on UK counter terrorism laws but also covers, to varying extents, US, Australian, Canadian, Israeli as well as EU and UN legislation.

In partial analogy to the British government's counter-terrorism strategy (CONTEST) of 'Pursue, Prevent, Protect and Prepare', the book is divided into four parts: (i) The boundaries and strategies of national counter-terrorism laws [seven chapters]; (ii)The pursuit of terrorists through national criminal justice process and executive measures; [twelve chapters]; (iii) protective security [four chapters], and (iv) preventive measures [five chapters].

The forty contributors include well-known authorities like Ben Saul (who authors the chapter 'Terrorism as a Legal Concept'), Amos Guiora (who co-authors the 'Homeland Security' chapter) and, of course, the co-editor Clive Walker himself, Britain's leading authority in the field. He co-authors no fewer than eight of the 30 chapters of the volume, including its introduction and conclusion.

The volume's chapters address as diverse issues as 'The interaction of terrorism laws with human rights' (by Federico Fabbrini), 'Detention and interrogation in law and war' (by Stephen I. Vladeck and Clive Walker), 'Precursor crimes of terrorism' (by Manuel Cancio Melia and Anneke Petzsche) and 'The victims of terrorism' (by Illaria Bottigliero, Lyal S. Sunga, and Clive Walker).

The editors of this interdisciplinary handbook note since 9/11 a proliferation of anti-terrorism laws, a drift they term 'Total Counter-terrorism' (p.463). While this is worrisome, the alternative escalation of military counter-terrorist operations has proven to be even more problematical as witnessed by the American intervention disasters in Afghanistan and Iraq. As long as the escalation of non-military counter-terrorist measures occurs within the rule of law and the confines of constitutional democracy, there is some guarantee that human security will not be sacrificed to national security–an approach clearly favoured by the editors (Lennon & Walker, p.467). The Routledge Handbook of Law and Terrorism makes clear that the law is far from powerless when it comes to countering terrorism.

This is a solid reference work that should be on the bookshelf of every law school library.

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This book will be of great interest to all students of terrorism and counterterrorism, political violence, counter-insurgency, criminology, war and conflict studies, security studies and IR more generally. Andrew Silke is Professor of Terrorism, Risk and Resilience at Cranfield Univerity, UK. He is author or editor of many books on terrorism, including, most recently, Terrorism: All that Matters (2014), Prisons,Terrorism and Extremism (Routledge 2013) and The Psychology of Counter-Terrorism (Routledge 2010). Â What was needed is a synthesis of knowledge from various disciplines. Andrew Silke's Handbook of Terrorism and Counterterrorism does just that. It is a comprehensive compendium that should be on the shelf of every library.' Terrorism laws have proliferated since the events of 9/11. Those attacks were deemed to demonstrate to the world not only a heightened risk of terrorism but also need for imperative action by all states. That message was promulgated immediately by the United Â Further details followed in Resolution 1373 of 28 September 2001, which required compliance with international laws against terrorism financing, the passage of domestic laws against recruitment and other forms of support, no safe havens, and the institution of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) to chivvy national implementation. @inproceedings{Schmid2011TheRH, title={The Routledge handbook of terrorism research}, author={A. Schmid}, year={2011} }. A. Schmid. Published 2011. Â 1. Introduction Alex P. Schmid 2. The Problem of Defining Terrorism Alex P. Schmid 3. Typologies of Terrorism and Political Violence Sarah Marsden and Alex P. Schmid 4. Theories of Terrorism Bradley McAllister and Alex P. Schmid 5. Databases on Terrorism Neil G. Bowie and Alex P. Schmid 6. World Directory of Extremist, Terrorist and Other Organizations associated with Guerrilla Warfare, Political Violence, Protest and Organized and Cyber-Crime Albert J. Jongman 7. Library and Internet Resources… Expand. View via Publisher. This handbook comprehensively surveys how the law has been deployed in all aspects of counter-terrorism. It provides an authoritative and critical analysis of counter-terrorism laws in domestic jurisdictions, taking a comparative approach to a range of jurisdictions, especially the UK, the US, Australia, Canada, and Europe. Â What options are available for the future, and what lessons can we learn from the past? The Routledge Handbook of Law and Terrorism is an essential and provocative guide to these questions, some of the most fundamental that democracies face today. It offers invaluable analysis from some of the world's most thoughtful scholars and experts on some of the most vexing questions of our age."