

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### “Diaspora and Terrorism”

Special Issue of *Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies*

The globalization of terrorism is one of the most difficult challenges our hyper-connected world faces. Even though certain political boundaries become increasingly difficult to cross, the global movement of resources -- be it material, human or ideological -- creates and facilitates connections that are difficult to observe fully, let alone control. This has implications for commerce, for politics, for identity, and for security.

Historically, diaspora communities are inexorably connected to each other and to their homelands, either tangibly or emotionally. These relations are diverse and encompass sustaining the homeland, being nourished by it, advocating for it or opposing its government.

The lobbying efforts of diasporas are long analyzed and understood. However, there is little research and analysis of the connection between diaspora(s) and terrorism. Abhorrent as it is, terrorism too is a way of acting politically and mobilizing.

In this special issue of the journal, we would like to explore the links between diaspora and terrorism. This relationship is not just one of possible diasporan support for terrorism, be it financial or political. Diasporas can also act as brakes on radicalism or violence, as agents that thwart terrorism. Moreover, as locations of debate, social activism and cultural production, diasporas can have an impact on identity formation vis-à-vis their homelands and hostlands, and such formations are crucial to the ideology of terrorism.

In our search for submissions, we are casting our net wide. We avoid restrictive definitions of either diaspora or terrorism. This is a complex and multifaceted issue and we hope the papers in the special issue reflect a wide range of case studies and theoretical approaches.

The special issue will be guest edited by Dr. Razmik Panossian.

*The deadline for submissions is 31 August 2008.*

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