Terrorism

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Fall Semester 2005
Monday & Wednesday 2-3:15 PM
194 Mercer Room 306

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Course Description
After the dramatic attack on the World Trade Center and the pentagon on September 11th 2001, it became obvious that there is no escaping from better understanding problems related to terrorism and global conflicts. The use of terrorism in an attempt to advance nationalistic, political, social and economic goals became a widely spread phenomenon. Yet, not new to some parts of the globe. However, new groups started employing terrorist tactics to promote their goals. As a result many questions arise, and a need to look for better answers in eminent.

In this course we will discuss an array of issues related to terrorism and global conflict. In an attempt to better understand the motivation of terrorists we will begin with exploration of the main terms in the field; to be followed by a survey of the social, political and economic roots of terrorism. This will lead us to an in-depth discussion of various angels of the terrorism phenomenon, including: International terrorism, Media and terrorism, Weapons of Mass destruction and others

Course Requirements
• Class attendance and reading assignments are mandatory.
• Two in class exams –
  Mid-Term which will be given Wednesday October 26th
  Final exam to be given at Monday December 19th
The Mid-Term exam will compose 45% of the final grade.
The Final exam will compose 55% of the final grade.

**Important Dates and Deadlines**
- October 26th Wednesday **In class** 2-3:15 Mid-Term Exam **Be on time**!!
- December 19th Monday 2-3:50 **Final Exam** at 194 Mercer Room 306

**Required Books:**

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Internet resources

The National Security Strategy of The United States

Introduction to Terrorism web-sites

http://csmonitor.com/specials/terrorism/lite/index.html
http://www.terrorism.com/
http://www.state.gov/www/global/terrorism/

The Middle East

 Israeli Government

Knesset
http://www.ibiblio.org/sullivan/docs/Knesset-speech.html
http://www.pmo.gov.il/PMOEng
http://www.mfa.gov.il/mfa

 Israeli think tanks

The Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies
Jaffe center for strategic studies
The Moshe Dayan Center
The Middle East Reasearch and Information Project
The Chaim Herzog Center For Middle East Studies

 Palestine

The Untold story
The Palestinian Authority
http://www.pal-plc.org/english/english.html
Palestinian newspapers

Palestine Daily  
Palestine Monitor  
Palestine chronicle

Palestinian think tanks

http://miftah.org/  
http://www.afye.org/~mendpal/  
http://www.piccr.org/  
http://www.passia.org/  
http://www.sakakini.org/

US think tanks

Brookings  
Washington Institute  
United States Institute of Peace  
Middle East Forum  
http://www.fmep.org/  
http://www.irmep.org/Defaults.asp

Peace Activists

http://www.peacenow.org/  
http://www.btselem.org/English/index.asp  
http://www.eccmei.net/j/  
http://www.gush-shalom.org/english/index.html  
http://www.people-to-people.org/

Media

http://www.washington-report.org/  
http://www.mideastweb.org/  
Haaretz  
http://www.middleeastdaily.com/  
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/default.stm  
http://www.jpost.com/  
http://weekly.ahram.org.eg/index.htm  
Al Jazira
Others

http://www.sightphoto.com/sightphoto/gaza/gaza.html
http://electronicintifada.net/new.shtml

Islamic Related Web-sites

PBS Special on Muhammad, Violence, and Jihad
Muslim Women’s League
Muslims Against Extremism and Fundamentalism
Salafia
Fundamentalism
Shi’ites
Origins of Bin Laden
Death of an ideology
http://www.pbs.org/muhammad/index.shtml
http://www.muslimheritage.com/
http://www.islam-guide.com/
http://www.iad.org/
http://www.islam-online.net/english/index.shtml
http://www.muslimphilosophy.com/
http://www.muslimphilosophy.com/hmp/default.htm
http://www.islamfortoday.com/fundamnetalism.htm
http://www.secularislam.org/
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/talking_point/special/islam/default.stm
http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/muslims/themes/west.html
http://www.faithandvalues.com/channels/islam.asp

Oil

Securing US energy

Iraqi Readings

Democracy in Iraq
Iraq and beyond
Saddam’s War
Bush Doctrine
Containment
Selling the War
Regime Change
Al Qaeda-related material

Al qaeda origins and Doctrine
Countering Al Qaeda

Advances in Biotechnology and the threat of Bioterrorism

The sunshine Project 2004

Media and public opinion

Hate your policies, Love your Institutions
Pew Global Attitudes Project
Revisiting the Arab Street 2005
Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research 2005
The Pew Forum On Religion 2004
Impressions of America 2004
We the people of Arab Ancestry
A view from the Arab world 2003
The Pew Forum on religion post 11/9
Leading the public to war
Anti American Century

Nuclear Terrorism

The International Atomic Energy Agency
The four faces of nuclear terrorism: 1- The growing threat
The four face of nuclear terrorism: 7- Meeting the challenge
The nuclear threat initiative
Nuclear Control Institute
Monterey Institute For International Studies

Suicide Terrorism

Genesis of suicide terrorism