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Department of Politics

Terrorism

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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:

Hoffman Bruce. (1998). *Inside Terrorism*. New York: Columbia University Press.

Howard D. Russell and Reid Sawyer. (2004). *Terrorism and Counterterrorism: Understanding the New Security Environment*. McGraw-Hill/Dushkin.

White R. Jonathan. (2003). *Terrorism and Homeland Security* (5th Ed.). Thomson Wadsworth.

Recommended Books:

Griset L. Pamala and Sue Mahan (Eds.). (2003). *Terrorism in Perspective*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Martin Gus. (2003). *Understanding Terrorism: Challenges, Perspectives, and Issues*. Sage Publications.

Reich Walter. (Ed.) (1998) *Origins of Terrorism: Psychologies, Ideologies, Theologies, State of Mind*. Johns Hopkins University Press.

Stern Jessica. (2004). *Terrorism in the name of god: why religious militants kill*. Harper Collins.

Date	Topic	Assignments
Class 1 Wednesday September 7	General Introduction	
Class 2 Monday September 12	History of Terrorism	Griset and Mahan p 1-13. Simon (In Griset and Mahan) p. 38-44.
Class 3 Wednesday September 14	Defining Terrorism	Hoffman p. 13-44 Pillar (In Howard and Sawyer) p. 24-45
Class 4 Monday September 19	Continue Definitions	White Ch. 1 p. 2-17 Ahmad (In Howard and Sawyer) p.46-52
Class 5 Wednesday September 21	The Origins of Modern Terrorism	White Ch. 2 p. 17-29 Martin Ch. 3 p. 55-79
Class 6 Monday September 26	Continue of the Origins	Crenshaw (In Reich Ed.) Ch. 1 p. 7-24 (Also in Howard and Sawyer Ed. Ch. 2) Gurr (In Reich Ed.) Ch. 6 p. 86-102
Class 7 Wednesday September 28	International Terrorism	Hoffman Ch. 3 p. 67-86
Class 8 Monday October 3	Continue International Terrorism	Griset & Mahan Ch. 2 p. 45-84

Class 9 Wednesday October 5	Domestic Terrorism	Griset & Mahan Ch. 3 p. 85-96 White Ch. 13 p. 226-243 (view case non-US case studies in White Ch. 14)
*** Monday October 10 NO CLASS Columbus day!	NO CLASS	NO CLASS
Class 10 Wednesday October 12	Continue Domestic Terrorism	White Ch. 14 p. 244-265 Also Visit: The Aryan Nations website at: http://www.aryan-nations.org/ Earth Liberation Front website at: http://earthliberationfront.com/
Class 11 Monday October 17	The New Terrorism	White Ch. 2 p. 17-29 Howard & Sawyer Ch. 2 p. 74-85
Class 12 Wednesday October 19	Continue The New Terrorism	Howard & Sawyer Ch. 2 p. 86-122
Class 13 Monday October 24	Media and Terrorism	Hoffman Ch. 5 p. 131-156 Also Visit Media sites can be found at the bottom of the Syllabi
Class 14 Wednesday October 26	Mid-Term Exam In Class	

Class 15 Monday October 31	Continue Media and Terrorism	Griset and Mahan Ch. 4 p. 129-156
Class 16 Wednesday November 2	Movie	One day in September/ Kevin Macdonald
Class 17 Monday November 7	Religion and Terrorism	Read: http://faculty.ncwc.edu/toconnor/429/429lect13.htm Hoffman Ch. 4 p. 87-130
Class 18 Wednesday November 9	Continue Terror and Religion	Read: http://www.rand.org/publications/randreview/issues/rr.winter98.9/methods.html Howard and Sawyer p. 159-179 (also run through 125-158)
Class 19 Monday November 14	Movie	119 bullets + three [video recording] / [presented by] Home Pictures Ltd.
Class 20 Wednesday November 16	Weapons of Mass Destruction	Howard and Sawyer Ch. 5 182-207 Also Read: http://cns.miis.edu/research/wtc01/terrwmnd.htm http://www.nps.navy.mil/ctiw/files/info_age_terrorism.pdf

Class 21 Monday November 21	Suicide Terrorism	Merari (In Reich) Ch. 10 p. 192-207 Pedahzur Ami, Arie Perliger and Leonard Weinberg. (2003). <i>Altruism and Fatalism: the Characteristics of Palestinian Suicide Terrorist.</i> Deviant Behavior. (24) p. 405-423.
Class 22 Wednesday November 23	Movie	Human weapon [video recording] / directed by Ilan Ziv; co-produced by Ilan Ziv & Serge Gordey; writers, Ilan Ziv & Nancy Peckenham.
Class 23 Monday November 28	Women and Terrorism	Griset and Mahan Ch. 5 p. 157-165 & 182-190
Class 24 Wednesday November 30	State Sponsored Terror	Martin Ch. 4 p. 83-111
Class 25 Monday December 5	The war on Terror	White Ch. 15 p. 267-290
Class 26 Wednesday December 7	Is there a Future for Terror?	Hoffman Ch. 7 p. 185-213
Class 27 Monday December 12	Movie	Breaking the Silence Truth and Lies in War on Terror, a special Report by John Pilger

Class 28 Wednesday December 14	Summations and Last Session Class Party!	
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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>

<http://www.mfa.gov.il/mfa/peace%20process/reference%20documents/>

Israeli think tanks

[The Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies](#)

[Jaffe center for strategic studies](#)

[The Moshe Dayan Center](#)

[The Middle East Research 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.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2003/mideast/>
<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>
<http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/stories/israel.palestine/index.html>
[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://quran.al-islam.com/Index/indexe1.asp>

<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/fundamentalism.htm>

<http://www.secularislam.org/>

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/talking_point/special/islam/default.stm

<http://www.al-bab.com/arab/Default.htm>

<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](#)