

**Course Code:** SS-817

**Course Title:** Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism

**Credit Hours:** 3

### **Course Objectives**

To offer insights into the current debates and controversies around the subject, providing a solid grasp of the growth of the phenomena, its political context and, most importantly, delivering a thorough examination of the evolving terrorist organizations and the latest counter-terrorism measures

### **Learning Outcomes:**

The course presents an opportunity to:

- Analyze a range of causes of terrorism and violent extremism (structural determinants in particular);
- Demonstrate a historical familiarity with the origins and uses of terrorism and its re-emergence at different spatial-temporal settings;
- Demonstrate a critical awareness of the key concepts and attempts to theorize terrorism and counter-terrorism, most especially in the modern period;
- Comprehend, as IR and Strategic analysts, the need to contextualize terrorism so that both an intellectual understanding and sound policy advice might emerge;
- Reflect critically on arrangements conducted in the name of counter-terrorism which are currently at the core of national security in general and numerous wars and/or interventions more particularly.

### **Course Contents**

The list of topics aimed to be covered in this module is as follows:

- Debates and disagreements over defining terrorism
- Typology and strategies of terrorism
- Root causes and factors contributing to terrorism
- Terrorism without borders – internationalization or renationalization of terrorism
- Actors in terrorism

- Associated transnational challenges and their policy implications
- Future of terrorism
- Discursive construction of different ideas and themes in the perspective of 'war on terror'
- Cost-benefit analysis of the counter terrorism operations
- International counter terrorism legal framework
- Criminal justice responses to terrorism
- Legal and ethical issues concerning counter-terrorism operations and policies.
- Different counter terrorism approaches (soft and hard measures)
- Victims of terrorism
- Relationship between organized crime and terrorism
- Case studies of terrorist organizations (Al-Qaeda, ISIS, Al-Shabaab etc.)
- Contemporary issues

<b>Proposed/ Revised contents</b>
1- Debates and disagreements over defining terrorism 2- Typology and strategies of terrorism 3- Root causes and factors contributing to terrorism 4- Terrorism without borders – internationalization or renationalization of terrorism 5- Terrorism and Emerging Technologies 6- Associated transnational challenges and their policy implications 7- Climate Change and Terrorism 8- The Role of Ideology and Online Radicalization 9- Deradicalization and Disengagement Programs 10-Taliban rule in Afghanistan in the post-2021 era and its implications for the regional states 11-Discursive construction of different ideas and themes in the perspective of 'war on terror' 12-Cost-benefit analysis of the counter terrorism operations 13-International counter terrorism legal framework 14-Criminal justice responses to terrorism 15-Legal and ethical issues concerning counter-terrorism operations and

policies.

16-Different counter terrorism approaches (soft and hard measures)

17-Victims of terrorism

18-Relationship between organized crime and terrorism

19-Case studies of terrorist organizations (Al-Qaeda, ISIS, Al-Shabaab etc.)

### **Nature of Assessment**

<b>Nature of Examination</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Weighting (%age)</b>
End semester examination	3 hours	1	30 – 50
Mid Term	2 hours	1	15 – 25
Quizzes	-	Minimum: 3	05 – 15
Class Participation	-	-	0 – 5*
Assignments / Project(s) / Case Studies	Own time	-	10 – 40

\*Shall be allocated only if there are no case studies.

## Recommended Readings

### BOOKS

1. Bjorgo, Tore, ed. *Root Causes of Terrorism – Myths, Reality, and Ways Forward*. London: Routledge, 2005.
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3. Hoffman, Bruce. *Inside Terrorism*, New York: Columbia University Press, 2006.
4. Howard, Lawrence, ed. *Terrorism – Roots, Impact, Responses*. New York: Praeger, 1992.
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6. Jurgensmeyer, Mark. *Terror in the Mind of God – The Global Rise of Religious Violence*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2003.
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8. Laqueur, Walter. *The Age of Terrorism*. Boston: Little Brown, 1987.
9. Long, David E. *The Anatomy of Terrorism*. New York: The Free Press, 1990.
10. Louise, Richardson. *What Terrorists Want – Understanding the Enemy, Containing the Threat*. New York: Random House, 2006.
11. Neumann, Peter R. *Old and New Terrorism*. London: Polity, 2009.
12. Sageman, Marc. *Understanding Terror Networks*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004. Stepanova, Ekaterina. *Terrorism in Asymmetrical Conflict – Ideological and Structural Aspects*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.
13. Wardlaw, Grant. *Political Terrorism – Theory, Tactics, and Counter-measures*, Cambridge, MA: Cambridge University Press, 1990.

### JOURNALS

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2. Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism
3. Journal of Terrorism Research
4. Critical Studies on Terrorism
5. Terrorism and Political Violence

6. Studies in Conflict and Terrorism
7. Terrorism: An International Journal
8. Foreign Affairs
9. Foreign Policy
10. Security Studies
11. International Security

## **JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

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2. Alex Peter Schmid, "Terrorism: The Definitional Problem," Case Western Journal of International Law, 36, 2, 2004, pp. 375-419.
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4. Arsalan M. Suleman, "Strategic Planningfor Combating Terrorism :A Critical Examination,"Cardozo Public Law, Policy, s Journaland Ethic, 5, 3, 2007, pp. 567-601.
5. Audrey Kurth Cronin, " HowAl- QaedaEnds– The Decline and Demise of TerroristGroups",International Security ,31 ,1 ,summer 2006, pp. 7-48
6. Barry R. Posen, "The Struggle against Terrorism: Grand Strategy, Strategy, and Tactics," International Security, 26, 3, Winter2001/02 ,pp .39-55.
7. Ben Saul, " Attempts to define 'terrorism' in international law," Netherlands International Law Review, 52, 1, 2005, pp. 57-83.
8. Carole BeebeTarantelli, "The Italian Red Brigades and theStructure and Dynamics of Terrorist Groups," The InternationalJournal of Psychoanalysis, 91 ,2010 ,pp .541-560.
9. Fred R. Schreier, "Transnational Terrorism: The Newest Mutation in the
10. Forms of Warfare," inTheodor Winkler et al., Combating Terrorism and Its
11. Implications for the Security Sector, SNDC, 2005, pp. 45-57.
12. Gabor Rona, " Legal Frameworks to Combat Terrorism: an Abundant Framework of Existing Tools, "Chicago Journal of International Law ,5 ,2 , 2005 ,pp .499-509.
13. Herfried Münkler, " InternationalTerrorism," in The New Wars, London: Polity, 2005, pp. 116 99.

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20. Robert Pape, "What is New about Research on Terrorism?" *Security Studies*, 18, 2009, pp. 650-643.
21. Scott Atran, "Genes and Suicide Terrorism," *Science*, 299, March 2003, pp. 1534-1539.
22. Stephen M. Walt, "ISIS as Revolutionary State—New Twist on an Old Story," *Foreign Affairs*, November/December 2015.
23. Thomas Weigend, "The Universal Terrorist: The International Community Grappling with a Definition," *Journal of International Criminal Justice*, 4, 2006, pp. 912-932.
24. Walter Laqueur, "Post-modern Terrorism: New Rules for an Old Game," *Foreign Affairs*, 75, 5, September/October 1996, pp. 24-36.

## **DOCUMENTARIES**

- a. 9/11 a tale of two towers
- b. Age of Terror
- c. Al-Qaeda's new front
- d. All hell broke loose
- e. Killing in the name of Allah
- f. Seeking justice in the Face of terrorism in Mali