

Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism

Course Rationale

1. Terrorism has gone from a persistent yet marginal security concern to one of the most important global security challenge. Therefore, there is a greater need 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 latest counter-terrorism measures. With regards, this course on terrorism and counter-terrorism will explore the nuances involved in defining terrorism; development and complex causes of terrorism and political violence; the nature of trans-national and national terrorist organizations; the effectiveness of different counterterrorism tools; terrorist recruiting, counterterrorism and the rule of law; and the structural determinants of terrorism. In particular, the course will examine the different ways governments, states and organizations (including the case of Pakistan) have responded to the threat of terrorism and discover how effective these approaches have been.

Educational Objectives

2. The course presents an opportunity to:
- Analyze a range of causes of terrorism and violent extremism (structural determinants in particular);
 - Demonstrate an 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.

Input Obtained from Industry/Corporate Sector/Subject Specialists/Academia

3. Subject specialists will be engaged for guest lectures and seminars.

International Practice

4. Following courses on terrorism and counter-terrorism are being taught in reputed universities:

- Terrorism and Counter-terrorism, Australian National University (ANU):
<https://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/2021/course/POLS8027>
- Counter-terroroism Studies, Liverpool John Moores University (UK):
<https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduates/counter-terrorism-studies>
- Counter-terroroism, Macquarie University:
<https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduates/counter-terrorism-studies>

Proposed Timeframe of Commencement

5. The course is proposed for the Fall 2022 as part of the elective courses to be taught at CIPS.

Course Contents

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- a. **Course Code:** SS-817
- b. **Title:** Terrorism and Countering Terrorism
- c. **Credit Hours:** 3
- d. **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 latest counter-terrorism measures.
- e. **Outcomes.** The students of this course should be able to:
 - Analyze a range of causes of terrorism and violent extremism;
 - Demonstrate a critical awareness of the key concepts and attempts to theorize terrorism and counter-terrorism;
 - 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.
- f. **Contents with suggested contact hours:** This will be a 16 classes *3hrs = 48 credit hours course. The pre-mids classes will focus on the

various (sub)topics related to terrorism while the counter-terrorism element of the course will be covered in the post-mids classes. The list of topics aimed to be covered in this module is as follows:

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 transnationalisation of terrorism
5. Actors in terrorism
6. Associated transnational challenges and their policy implications
7. Future of terrorism
8. Discursive construction of different ideas and themes in the perspective of ‘war on terror’
9. Cost-benefit analysis of the counter terrorism operations
10. International counter terrorism legal framework
11. Criminal justice responses to terrorism
12. Legal and ethical issues concerning counter-terrorism operations and policies
13. Different counter terrorism approaches (soft and hard measures)
14. Victims of terrorism
15. Relationship between organized crime and terrorism
16. Case studies of terrorist organisations (Al-Qaeda, ISIS, Al-Shabaab etc)
17. Contemporary issues

g. **Details of lab work, workshops practice (if applicable).**

Since the course is of an interdisciplinary nature, guest speakers may be invited from the fields of (international) law, international relations, criminology, sociology, and anthropology.

h. **Recommended Reading (including Textbooks and Reference books).**

Books

- Bjorgo, Tore, ed. *Root Causes of Terrorism – Myths, Reality, and Ways Forward*. London: Routledge, 2005.
- Crenshaw, Martha. *Terrorism in Context*. University Park, Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1995.
- Hoffman, Bruce. *Inside Terrorism*, New York: Columbia University Press, 2006.
- Howard, Lawrence, ed. *Terrorism – Roots, Impact, Responses*. New York: Praeger, 1992.
- Jackson, Richard, Marie Breen Smyth, and Jeroen Gunning. *Critical Terrorism Studies – A New Research Agenda*. New York: Routledge, 2009.
- Jurgensmeyer, Mark. *Terror in the Mind of God – The Global Rise of Religious Violence*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2003.
- Kegley Jr., Charles W., ed. *International Terrorism – Characteristics, Causes, Controls*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1990.
- Laqueur, Walter. *The Age of Terrorism*. Boston: Little Brown, 1987.
- Long, David E. *The Anatomy of Terrorism*. New York: The Free Press, 1990.
- Louise, Richardson. *What Terrorists Want – Understanding the Enemy, Containing the Threat*. New York: Random House, 2006.
- Neumann, Peter R. *Old and New Terrorism*. London: Polity, 2009.
- 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.
- Wardlaw, Grant. *Political Terrorism – Theory, Tactics, and Counter-measures*, Cambridge, MA: Cambridge University Press, 1990.

Journals

- Perspectives on terrorism
- Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism
- Journal of Terrorism Research
- Critical Studies on Terrorism
- Terrorism and Political Violence
- Studies in Conflict and Terrorism
- Terrorism: An International Journal

- Foreign Affairs
- Foreign Policy
- Security Studies
- International Security

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- Alan Krueger and Jitka Malečková, "Education, Poverty and Terrorism: Is There a Causal Connection?," *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 17, 4, fall 2003, pp. 119-144.
- Alex Peter Schmid, "Terrorism: The Definitional Problem," *Case Western Journal of International Law*, 36, 2, 2004, pp. 375-419.
- Andrew H. Kydd and Barbara F. Walter, "The Strategies of Terrorism", *International Security*, 31, 1, Summer 2006, pp. 49-80.
- Arsalan M. Suleman, "Strategic Planning for Combating Terrorism: A Critical Examination," *Cardozo Public Law, Policy, and Ethics Journal*, 5, 3, 2007, pp. 567-601.
- Audrey Kurth Cronin, "How Al Qaeda Ends – The Decline and Demise of Terrorist Groups", *International Security*, 31, 1, summer 2006, pp. 7-48
- Barry R. Posen, "The Struggle against Terrorism: Grand Strategy, Strategy, and Tactics," *International Security*, 26, 3, Winter 2001/02, pp. 39-55.
- Ben Saul, " Attempts to define 'terrorism' in international law," *Netherlands International Law Review*, 52, 1, 2005, pp. 57-83.
- Carole Beebe Tarantelli, "The Italian Red Brigades and the Structure and Dynamics of Terrorist Groups," *The International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 91, 2010, pp. 541-560.
- Fred R. Schreier, "Transnational Terrorism: The Newest Mutation in the Forms of Warfare," in Theodor Winkler et al., *Combating Terrorism and Its Implications for the Security Sector*, SNDC, 2005, pp. 45-57.
- Gabor Rona, " Legal Frameworks to Combat Terrorism: an Abundant Framework of Existing Tools," *Chicago Journal of International Law*, 5, 2, 2005, pp. 499-509.
- Herfried Münkler, "International Terrorism," in *The New Wars*, London: Polity, 2005, pp. 99-116.
- John Gray, "The Metamorphosis of War", in *Al Qaeda and What It Means to Be Modern*, London: The New Press, 2003, pp. 71-84

- Jörd Friedrichs, "Defining the International Public Enemy: The Political Struggle Behind the Legal Debate on International Terrorism," *Leiden Journal of International Law*, 19, 1, 2006, pp. 69-91.
- Kapcer Edward Rekawek, "How Terrorism Does Not End – The Case of the Official Irish Republican Army," *Critical Studies on Terrorism*, 1, 3, December 2008, pp. 359-376.
- Karin Von Hippel, "Does Poverty Serve as a Root Cause of Terrorism?" in *Debating Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism*, Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2010, pp. 51-66.
- Mia Bloom, "Bombshells: Women and Terror," *Gender Issues*, 28, pp 1-21.
- Richard Jackson, "The Ghost of State Terror: Knowledge, Politics and Terrorism Studies," *Critical Studies on Terrorism*, 1, 3, December 2008, pp. 377-392.
- Robert Pape, "What is New about Research on Terrorism?" *Security Studies*, 18, 2009, pp. 643-650.
- Scott Atran, "Genesis of Suicide Terrorism," *Science*, 299, March 2003, pp. 1534-1539.
- Stephen M. Walt, "ISIS as Revolutionary State – New Twist on an Old Story," *Foreign Affairs*, November/December 2015.
- Thomas Weigend, "The Universal Terrorist: the International Community Grappling with a Definition," *Journal of International Criminal Justice*, 4, 2006, pp. 912-932.
- Walter Laqueur, "Postmodern Terrorism: New Rules for an Old Game," *Foreign Affairs*, 75, 5, September/October 1996, pp. 24-36.

Documentaries

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