Course program and reading list

Semester 1 Year 2021

School: Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy B.A

Global Terrorism: Al Qaeda and Hezbollah

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Course No.:	Course Type :	Weekly Hours :	Credit:
4515	Lecture	2	2

Course Requirements :	Group Code :	Language:
Final Paper	211451501	English

◎ Course Description

The course will discuss the following items:

- Radicalization Process – from Da'wa to Jihad Radicalization and Deradicalization in the Muslim World
- The Evolvement of Global Jihad
- Selected Strategies and Modus Operendi of Selected Terrorist Organizations Al Qaeda Hezbollah
- ISIS and the threat posed by Foreign Fighters

On November 15th, 2020 there will be a "guided exercise". The class will be divided (on Zoom) to working groups. Dr. Azani will visit the rooms and discuss with each group as per the selected subject matter. *Attendance is mandatory in that date*.

📋 Course Goals

The scope of terrorist attacks launched in the US post-September 11, the growing use of the threat of using unconventional weapons, and the spread of a radical-Islamic network of terrorism have transformed the once localized threat of terrorism into an international problem. By intentionally targeting civilians while exploiting the freedom embedded in liberal-democratic values, terrorism presents a difficult and complex challenge to decision- makers and counter-terrorism experts.

🅰 Grading

Assessment: midterm presentation (20%)

Final Exam (80%)

Midterm presentation

- The assignment will be submitted by groups of 3-5 students
- Each group will select three of the topics below, out of which one topic will be selected for the group and must be approved by Dr. Koblenz (TA) by 11.8.20 @ liram@ict.org.il.
- The assignment will be presented in class (approx. 15 minutes) either on 1.3.2021 or on 1.1.0.2021 as per the date

assigned by Dr. Koblenz.

- By 1.17.2021 @ 00:00 the presentation should be submitted on MOODLE along with two legend pages clarifying the content of the presentation.

Possible Presentation Subject:

1. Radicalization processes in Germany.
2. Radicalization processes in France.
3. Radicalization processes in Spain.
4. Radicalization processes in the Netherlands.
5. Radicalization processes in Italy.
6. Radicalization processes in prisons.
7. Radicalization processes in Australia and New Zealand.
8. The challenge of dealing with foreign and returning fighters – Europe.
9. The challenge of dealing with foreign and returning fighters – the U.S.
10. Deradicalization vs. radicalization in the UK.
11. Deradicalization vs. radicalization in Belgium.
12. Deradicalization vs. radicalization in Australia and New Zealand.
13. Deradicalization vs. radicalization in Canada.
14. Anwar al-Awlaqi as a radicalization generator
15. Abu Qathada as a radicalization generator
16. Analysis of a hybrid terror organization – Hamas
17. Analysis of a hybrid terror organization – Hezbollah

Tutor Office Hours

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Teaching Assistant

TA: Dr. Liram Koblentz liram@ict.org.il

Reading List

Required Reading*

Types of Operations

Azani, Eitan. Hezbollah: "The Story of the Party of God". New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011. (Chapter 1 and Chapter 2)

Azani Eitan. "The Hybrid Terrorist Organization: Hezbollah as a Case Study". Studies in Conflict& Terrorism, Vol. 36, 2013, Issue 11.

Azani Eitan. Global Jihad – The Shift from Hierarchal Terrorist Organizations to Decentralized Systems, June 2018, IDC website,
https://www.ict.org.il/Article/2210/Global_Jihad_Shift_from_Hierarchal_Terrorist_Organizations#gsc.tab=0

Azani Eitan, Atiyas-Lvovsky Lorena, Citrinowicz Danny, Messing Dafna, The Iranian "Threat Network and the Export of the Islamic Revolution", July 2020, ICT Website,
https://www.ict.org.il/images/Iranian%20Threat%20Network.pdf

Radicalization

Azani Eitan, Koblentz Liram, Muslim Converts Who Turn to Global Jihad: Radicalization Characteristics and Countermeasures. Studies in Conflict &Terrorism, September 6 2019

Karmon Ely, The Jihadist Radicalization (2001-2019) Processes in Europe, July 2019, IDC Website, file:///C:/Users/97254/Downloads/Radicalization%20Processes%20in%20Europe%20%20-Karmon.pdf

Mitchell D. Silber and Arvin Bhatt (NYPD) "Radicalization in the West: The Homegrown Threat". pp 5-54. From https://sethgodin.typepad.com :/seths_blog/files/NYPD_Report-Radicalization_in_the_West.pdf

Al-Qaeda

Beyond al-Qaeda: The Global Jihadist Movement (part 1). RAND Corporation: Santa

Monica, 2006

Cruickshank, Paul, and Mohannad Hage Ali. "Abu Musab Al Suri: Architect of the New Al- Qaeda ,"Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Vol. 30, Issue 1, 2007

Don Rassler, et al., Letters From Abbottabad: bin Laden Sidelined? (West Point, NY: Combating Terrorism Center, 2012), (Note: read both the CTC report and the 17 documents)

Raphaeli, Nimrod. "Ayman Muhammad Rabi' Al-Zawahiri: The Making of an Arch- Terrorist". Terrorism and Political Violence, Vol. 14, No. 4, Winter 2002

Hezbollah

Azani, Eitan. Hezbollah's Strategy of "Walking on the Edge": Between Political Game and Political Violence. Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Vol. 35, Issue 11, 2012

ICT & AJC, Setting the Record Straight on Hezbollah, October 2019. From: https://www.ict.org.il/Article/2455/Setting_the_Record_Straight_on_Hezbollah#gsc.tab=0

The Islamic State

Michael Knights, Aaron Y. Zelin, Matthew Levitt, Jeffrey White, James F. Jeffrey, Dennis Ross, and Michael Singh, 'Ten Things You Need to Know about ISIS', The Washington Institute for Near East Policy (http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy- analysis/view/ten-things-you-need-to-know-about-isis)

Karmon Ely. The Death of Abu-Baker al -Baghdadi. October 10 2019, ICT website, https://www.ict.org.il/Article/2461/The_Death_of_Abu_Bakr_al-Baghdadi_-_Some_initial_Comments#gsc.tab=0

J.M. Berger. "The Islamic State vs. al Qaeda". Foreign Policy, September 2, 2014,

Available at http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2014/09/02/islamic_state_vs_al_qaeda_next_jihadi_super_power.

Michael Knights, Aaron Y. Zelin, Matthew Levitt, Jeffrey White, James F. Jeffrey, Dennis Ross, and Michael Singh, Ten Things You Need to Know about ISIS', The Washington Institute for Near East Policy (http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy- analysis/view/ten-things-you-need-to-know-about-isis)

Aaron Zelin, "ISIS is Dead: Long Live the Islamic State," Foreign Policy, June 30, 2014. Available at

http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2014/06/30/isis_is_dead_long_live_the_islamic_state_iraq_syria

H. Ronen, Far Right Terrorism Similarities and Differences vs. Islamic Terrorism, March 2020, ICT

Website, https://www.ict.org.il/images/Far%20Right%20Eng.pdf

Recommended Reading

ICT's Jihadi Websites Monitoring Group (JWMG)

Raphaeli, Nimrod. "Ayman Muhammad Rabi' Al-Zawahiri: The Making of an Arch- Terrorist". Terrorism and Political Violence, Vol. 14, No. 4, Winter 2002

Crenshaw, Martha. Terrorism in context, Pennsylvania University Park: The Pennsylvania State University Press, USA, 1995

Dershowitz, Alan. Why Terrorism Works, New haven and London: Yale University Press, 2002.

Hemmingsen, A.-S., & Andreasen, S.J. (n.d.). Radicalization in Europe: A

post 9/11 perspective. Copenhagen: Danish Institute for International Studies.

Horgan, John, Psychology of Terrorism (London: Routledge, 2005).

Hudson, Rex A., The Sociology and Psychology of Terrorism: Who Becomes a Terrorist and Why? (University Press of the Pacific, 2005)

Kepel, Gilles. Jihad: the Tail of Political Islam, (trans. Anthony F. Roberts).

Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2002

Neumann, P.R. (2008). Introduction. In P.R. Neumann, J. Stoil, & D. Esfandiary (Eds.) Perspectives on radicalisation and political violence: papers from The First International Conference on Radicalisation and Political Violence (pp. 2-7), London: International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation and Political Violence.

Nicholas Noe, Voice of Hezbollah: The Statements of Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah (London:Verso, 2007)

Post-modern terrorism: trends, scenarios, and future threats, Boaz Ganor (ed.), Herzliya: The Institute for Counter-Terrorism, Mifalot Herzliya Projects Publ., Israel, 2005.

Sageman, M. (2007, June 27). Radicalization of global Islamist terrorists. Testimony presented to U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Shavit, Uriya. "Al-Qaeda's Saudi Origins Islamist Ideology", Middle East Quarterly, Fall 2006

Walter Reich (ed.), Origins of Terrorism: Psychologies, Ideologies, Theologies, States of Mind (The Woodrow Wilson Center Press, 1998)

List of Selected Useful Websites

The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) - www.ict.org.il

ICT's Jihadi Websites Monitoring Group (JWMG) - http://www.ict.org.il/ResearchPublications/JihadiWebsitesMonitoring/JWMGPeriodicalReviews/tabid/344/Default.aspx Intelligence & Terrorism Information Center -

http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/site/home/default.asp The Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) - www.memri.org

Library of Congress: Portals to the world- terrorism - http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/hispanic/terrorism/terrorism.html The Long War Journal -

http://www.longwarjournal.org

National Counter Terrorism Center: World Wide Incidents Tracking System (WITS) http://www.nctc.gov/site/other/wits.html

RAND Database of Worldwide Terrorism Incidents - http://www.rand.org/nsrd/projects/terrorism-incidents/index.html South Asia Terrorism Portal (SATP) -

http://www.satp.org

START: Global Terrorism Database - http://www.start.umd.edu/gtd/

University of Chicago Project on Security and Terrorism (CPOST): Suicide Terrorism Database -

http://cpost.uchicago.edu/search.php

National Security Archive, September 11th-George Washington University http://www.gwu.edu/~archive/NSAEBB/#911

The Avalon project of Yale's Law School - http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/21st.asp US Department of State: Counterterrorism http://www.state.gov/s/ct/index.htm

Combating Terrorism Center at West Point: Sentinel - http://ctc.usma.edu/

Jamestown Foundation: Terrorism Monitor - http://www.jamestown.org

Brookings Institution-Project on Terrorism and American Foreign Policy - http://www.brookings.org/terrorism/

Center for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence, University of St. Andrews (UK) -

http://www.st-and.ac.uk/academic/intel/research/cstpv Council on Foreign Relations - http://www.cfr.org/issue/135/

Federation of American Scientists (FAS) - http://www.fas.org/terrorism/index.html

Forsvarets forskningsinstitutt (FFI) [Norwegian Defence Research Establishment] - http://www.ffi.no

Foundation for Defense of Democracies - http://www.defenddemocracy.org

RAND Corporation http://www.RAND.org/research_areas/terrorism Jihadica -

www.jihadica.com