



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Issues in Terrorism - 58745

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: International Relations

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

In recent decades, and especially since the events of September 11, 2001, terrorism has received a significant research boost. Political and public interest in the issue increased markedly, particularly due to the global scale of the phenomenon and the large number of fatalities and casualties. The course will present a general background of the main issues pertaining to terrorism: the definition of terrorism, history of terrorism, politics of terrorist organizations and causes of terrorism such as globalization, poverty and religion. Topics such as terrorist financing, fighting terrorism and the dilemmas involved will also be discussed. Several lessons will be dedicated to analyzing current terrorist incidents.

Course/Module aims:

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- *Think critically about the key aspects of terrorism.*
- *Understand the complexity of the definition of terrorism and the nature of the phenomenon.*
- *Demonstrate knowledge about major trends in the world of terrorism.*
- *Display in-depth knowledge about the causes of terrorism.*
- *Demonstrate familiarity with the tools for coping with terrorist organizations as well as their limitations.*

Attendance requirements(%):

80

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

*Sub-conventional warfare as a strategy
The history of terrorism
Globalization and terrorism
Religion, poverty, and regime type as causes of terrorism
Coping with terrorism - dilemmas and challenges
Stick or carrot in coping with terrorism?
Terrorist organizations and international legitimacy*

Civil wars, terrorism and democracy in the Middle East.
Islamic terrorist organizations

Required Reading:

- גולדמן שלמה עוגן. 2019. טרור בין מיתוסים למציאות. תל-אביב: רסלינג, 62-33.*
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- Aboudd Samer N., and Benjamin Muller J. 2016. *Rethinking Hizballah: Legitimacy, Authority, Violence*. Routledge: London and New York, 83-99.*
- אבולוף, אוריאל ועוגן גולדמן. 2016. "אלימות פנים-מדינתית במזרח התיכון: על דמוקרטיה, דמוקרטיזציה ולאומיות" פוליטיקה 25, עמ' 137-165.*
- גולדמן שלמה עוגן. 2019. טרור בין מיתוסים למציאות. תל-אביב: רסלינג, 133-160.*
- Justin, Conrad and Daniel Milton. 2013. "Unpacking the Connection Between Terror and Islam." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 36(4): 315-36.*
- Piazza, James A. 2009. "Is Islamist Terrorism More Dangerous?: An Empirical Study of Group Ideology, Organization, and Goal Structure." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 21(1): 62-88.*

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 90 %

Active Participation / Team Assignment 10 %

Additional information: