Conflict Management and Counter-Terrorism in Israel and the Middle East
Study Tour in Israel

The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) at
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COURSE OBJECTIVE

The scope of terrorist attacks launched in the US post-September 11, the growing threat of the use of 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. In order to effectively deal with the phenomenon of terrorism, decision-makers must address various dilemmas related to counter-terrorism: coping with the threat on an offensive, pre-emptive, and defensive level; collecting intelligence; and responding to terrorism through deterrent, punitive, and legislative measures.

The aim of the course is to analyse the current terrorism threats faced by Israel and learn, through a combination of lectures and field trip, from the extensive Israeli experience means to content with the current conflict.

Students are required to attend all classes, yours and any assigned supplementary activities related to the course. Classes will consist of lectures, guest speakers, and on site tours.

*The course, its content and lecturers are subject to changes.*
**27.12.2017:** Shefayim Hotel promises
- 20.00-21.30 Introduction (Lt. Col. (Res.). Uri Ben Yaakov & Neil Lazarus)

**Required Readings**
Ganor, Boaz, *Defining Terrorism - Is One Man’s Terrorist another Man’s Freedom Fighter?*, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism. Available [here](#)


**28.12.2017:** IDC Herzliya & The Security Fence
- 09.00-10.30: The Terrorism threat to Israel (Prof. Boaz Ganor)
- 11.00-12.00: The changing Middle East - security implications for Israel (Col. (Res.) Miri Eisin)
- 12.00-12.30: Suicide Terrorism (Stevie Weinberg)
- 12.30-13.30: Lunch
- 14.00-17.00: The Israeli Fence (Lt. Col. (Res.). Jonathan Davis)

**Required Readings**


**31.12.2017:** The North

*Geopolitical Tour along the Northern Border, from Metulah to the Golan Heights: Terrorism and Security Challenges to the North, in light of the conflict in Syria, ISIS, Hezbollah and Lebanon.*

- 11.00-18.00: Security along the borders with Lebanon and Syria.

**Required Readings**


**01.01.2018:** The Israeli Arab Society - Baka al-Gharbia (Lt. Col. (Res.). Uri Ben Yaakov)
- 09.00-10.00: Short presentation by Mayor Mursi Abu Moch and leaders from the Mayor’s Office.
- 10.00-11.00: Visit in a local mosque
- 11.00-12.00: A guided tour to the security fence (its impact on the city)
- 12.00-13:00: Lunch

**Required Readings**
01.01.2018: Adam Training Facilities (Lt. Col. (Res.) Uri Ben Yaakov)
- 14.00-15.30: Dilemmas in Counter-Terrorism (Brig. Gen. Nitzan Nuriel)
- 15.30-17.30: Israeli Army Counter-Terrorism training base.
- 17.30-18.00: Dinner
- 18.00-20.00: Panel with Soldiers

Required Readings

03.01.2018: The South (The Gaza Strip and the Sinai) (Col. (Res.) Avi Eliyahu)

**Geopolitical Tour along the Southern Border – from the Gaza Strip to the Sinai: Terrorism and Security Challenges to the South, in light of Hamas and ISIS**
- 09.00-10.30: The "Black Arrow Monument": Observation on Gaza, explanation of the security background of the region, from the establishment of the state until disengagement.
- 10.30-13.00: Option 1: Erez Crossing - visit at the crossing area, lecture on the humanitarian help of Israel the Gaza residents, young female soldier operating the balloon observation.
- 13.30-14.30: Lunch in Sderot
- 14.30-16:00: Sderot - Kasam museum, lecture on the security aspects of the city, shield (kindergarten), observation on kasam falls

Required Readings

07.01.2018: Jerusalem (Col. (Res.) Miri Eisin)

**Demographics and Security and threats to Jerusalem: Managing Problems in the most volatile region in the world**
- 09.30-12.30: Jerusalem surrounding (detailed points of observation will be given in due time)

Required Readings
Satloff, Robert, *Moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem – From Campaign Promise to Policy Challenge*, the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Available [here](#).

07.01.2018: IDC Herzliya - War Game (ICT Experts)

War Games usually involve two inter-acting parties simulating several given roles under strict laboratory conditions whereby the audience is drilled in their roles against our team simulating terrorist hostiles. In the context of Counter-Terrorism this methodology can be useful in simulating Crisis Management situations before, during or after a “hostile terrorist operation”.
- 15.00-17.00: War Game Simulation
- 17.00-18.00: The Art of Counter-Terrorism
COURSE GRADING METHOD

- **Product:** Final Paper
- **Length:** 7-10 pages
- **Topic:** of your choice approved by the Course Academic Coordinator.
- **Structure**
  - Abstract
  - Introduction
  - Literature Review
  - Case Study
  - Analysis & Discussion
  - Conclusion and/or Recommendation
  - Summary
  - Bibliography
- **Deadlines:**
  - The topic should be submitted by January 31st, 2018
  - The paper should be submitted by February 28th, 2018
- **Line Spacing:** 1.5
- **Font:** Times New Roman
- **Size:** 12
- **Margin:** Standard
- **Literature:** The paper must be written according to academic writing standards
- **Grading:** 100% of the final grade
RECOMMENDED READINGS


ICT's Jihadi Websites Monitoring Group (JWMG)

Inspire Magazine


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


List of Selected Useful Websites

- The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) - www.ict.org.il
- Intelligence & Terrorism Information Center - http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/site/home/default.asp
- The Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) - www.memri.org
- 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
- 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/
- 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
• Jihadology net: a clearing house for jihadi primary source material
  http://jihadology.net
• SITE Intelligence Group -
  https://wwwsiteintelgroup.com/Pages/Default.aspx