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

The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) at 
The Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzeliya

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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.*
27/12/2018 (Thursday) Introduction to the Middle East **IDC Herzeliya (Class A316)**
16.00-17.00 General Introduction, Mr. Neil Lazarus
17.00-18.00 Introductory simulation, Lt. Col. (Res.) Uri Ben Yaakov

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

30/12/2018 (Sunday): North Golan Heights **(Dr. Nir Boms)**
Geopolitical Tour along the Golan Heights: Terrorism and Security Challenges to the North, in light of the conflict in Syria, ISIS, Iran Hezbollah and Lebanon.
10.00-11.00 Metulah - observation post: in light of "the next Lebanon war".
11.30-12.30 Shar Yeshuv - memorial site for the "helicopter disaster"
13.30-14.30 Observation on Rhajar at and Shebaa Farms
15.30-16.30 Syrian Golan - Observation on Qunaytra (meeting with UN Officer)
Concluding Lecture: A changing Middle East in the making – new security challenges

**Required Readings**

31/12/2018 (Monday): An Overview of Security Challenges Israel is facing
**IDC Herzeliya (Class A316)**
09.00-10.30 Terrorism Threat to Israel & The Art of Counter-Terrorism **Prof. Boaz Ganor**
10.30-10.45 Break
10.45-12.15 An overview of Palestinian Suicide Terrorism **(Mr. Stevie Weinberg)**
12.15-13.30 Lunch Break

**Kochav Yair & the Security Fence** **(Lt. Col. (Res.) Jonathan Davis)**
14.30-15.30 Lecture at Kochav Yair
15.30-16.30 Tour to the Israeli Fence

**Required Readings**

01/01/2019 (Tuesday): An Overview of Security Challenges Israel is facing
**IDC Herzeliya (Class A316)**
09.00-10.30 The changing Middle East- Security Implications for Israel **(Col. (Res.) Miri Eisin)**
10.30-10.45 Break
10.45-12.15 Islamic Culture and Religion **(Dr. Eitan Azani)**
12.15-13.30 Lunch Break

**Taibe (Lt. Col. (Res.). Uri Ben Yaakov)**
14.30-15.30 The Israeli-Arab Society - Presentation
15.30-17.00 Visit at mosque and tour the city.

**Required Readings**
02/01/2019 (Wednesday): Adam Training Facilities **(Lt. Col. (Res.) Uri Ben Yaakov)**
- Explanation of Adam Training facilities, and the school for counter-terrorism
- Laser shooting range
- The Canine Special Forces Unit of the IDF (Oketz) - demonstration
- Underground warfare - demonstration.
- Round table meeting with soldiers

**Required Readings**

03/01/2019 (Thursday): Jerusalem **(Col. (Res.) Miri Eisin)**

*Demographics, Security & Threats to Jerusalem: Managing Problems in the most volatile region in the world*

08.30-13.30 Managing Problems in the most volatile region in the world - Tour of Jerusalem with overview of the demographics and security threats to the city (including points of observation).

**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](#).

06/01/2019 (Sunday): Israel's South (The Gaza Strip and Sinai) **(Col. (Res.) Avi Eliyahu)**

*Geopolitical Tour along the Gaza Border: Security Challenges to the South, in light of Hamas and ISIS*

09.00-10.30 Nativ Ha'asara - Avi Eliyahu - Gaza and Hamas
10.30-12.00 Nativ Ha'asara - Hila Penlon + observation + mosaic wall
12:30-13:30 Shederot: Lunch Break
13:30-14:30 Shederot: Kasam museum & observation on kasam falls
15.30-16.30 Ugdat Haplada Monument: observation on Kerem Shalom border crossing: the humanitarian help of Israel the Gaza residents

**Required Readings**

08/01/2019 (Tuesday): IDC Herzliya, (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”.

16.00-19.00 Conclusion War-Game simulation & Certificate distribution
COURSE GRADING METHOD

- **Product:** Final Paper
- **Length:** 7-10 pages
- **Topic:** Please choose one of the following:
  1. ISIS is losing its stronghold in Iraq and Syria, how does the threat of the returning foreign fighters affects Europe, United States?
  2. Since the late 2000s, Israel has dramatically reduced the number of suicide attacks, explain what means were used to contribute to this decrease.
  3. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is centered around three major issues: 1. Refugees right of return, borders, and Jerusalem. Choose one of the major issues, analyze the problem and identify possible solutions.
  4. Combatting hybrid terror organizations includes several dilemmas. Choose 2-3 of these dilemmas explain them and analyze them.
  5. The Middle East is in turmoil, with the end of the War in Syria and the stalemate in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Discuss what this means for the state of Israel. What are the challenges and how do you think Israel should approach them?

- **Structure**
  - Abstract
  - Introduction
  - Literature Review
  - Case Study
  - Analysis & Discussion
  - Conclusion and/or Recommendation
  - Summary
  - Bibliography

- **Deadline:**
  - Paper should be submitted by 31st January, 2019

- **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 - https://www.terrorism-info.org.il/en/
- 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 - https://cpost.uchicago.edu
- The Avalon project of Yale's Law School - http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/21st.asp
- US Department of State: Counterterrorism https://www.state.gov/j/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) https://risweb.st-andrews.ac.uk/portal/en/organisations/the-handa-centre-for-the-study-of-terrorism-and-political-violence(a0ea2a3d-2471-4941-9c35-ab7f47a8f4db).html
- Council on Foreign Relations https://www.cfr.org
- Federation of American Scientists (FAS) - http://www.fas.org/terrorism/index.html
- Forsvarets forskningsinstitutt (FFI) [Norwegian Defence Research Establishment] - http://www.ffi.no
- RAND Corporation - http://www.RAND.org/research_areas/terrorism
- Jihadica www.jihadica.com
- SITE Intelligence Group - https://ent.siteintelgroup.com