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

Ganor, Boaz, *Four Questions on ISIS: A "Trend" Analysis of the Islamic State*, Perspectives on Terrorism, Vol. 9, No. 3, 2015. 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

Azani, Eitan, An Overview: Hezbollah as a Terrorist Organization, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism, Available here

Eitan Azani , *Hezbollah – a global terrorist organization – situational report as of September 2006*, House Committee on International Relations – Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, Available here.

31/12/2018 (Monday): An Overview of Security Challenges Israel is facing

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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

Crenshaw, Martha, *Explaining Suicide Terrorism: A Review Essay,* Security Studies 16, no. 1 (January-March 2007). Available here

01/01/2019 (Tuesday): An Overview of Security Challenges Israel is facing

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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

Hasson, Shlomo. "Relations between Jews and Arabsin Israel Future Scenarios," *Institute for Israel Studies,* University of Maryland (2012). Available here

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

Ganor, Boaz, *the Formulation of a Counter-Terrorism Strategy*, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism. Available here

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

Bergman, Ronen, *The Battle over Sinai: ISIS's next strong force,* Ynet. Available here
Yaari, Ehud, *Hamas and the Islamic State: Growing Cooperation in the Sinai*, the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Available here.
Yaari, Ehud, *Hamas Searches for a New Strategy*, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Available here.

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   Concluding 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

Azani, Eitan. *Hezbollah: The Story of the Party of God*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

Azani, Eitan, "Hezbollah's Strategy of 'Walking on the Edge': Between Political Game and Political Violence." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 35, no. 11 (2012).

J. M. Berger. "The Islamic State vs. Al Qaeda*." Foreign Policy*, September 2, 2014. Available here

"Beyond al-Qaeda: The Global Jihadist Movement - Part 1*." RAND Corporation*, November 16, 2006

Cruickshank, Paul, and Mohannad Hage Ali. "Abu Musab Al Suri: Architect of the New Al Qaeda." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 30, no. 1 (2007).

Crenshaw, Martha*. Terrorism in Context*. Pennsylvania University Park: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 1995.

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

Ganor, Boaz*. The Counter-Terrorism Puzzle: A Guide for Decision-Makers*. New York: Transaction Publishers, 2005.

Ganor, Boaz. *Global Alert: The Rationality of Modern Islamist Terrorism and the Challenge to the Liberal Democratic World*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2014.

Gunaratna, Rohan*. Inside Al Qaeda: Global Network of Terror*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2002.

Hoffman, Bruce. *Inside Terrorism*. London: Victor Gollancz, 1998.

Huntington, P. Samuel. *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1996.

ICT's Jihadi Websites Monitoring Group (JWMG)

Inspire Magazine

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*, September 4, 2014. Available here

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)

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

Sprinzak, Ehud. "The Process of Delegitimation: Towards a Linkage Theory of Political Terrorism." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 3, no. 1 (1991).

Schmid, Alex and Jongman Albert. *Political Terrorism*. Amsterdam: North-Holland, 1998.

Weinmann, Gabriel and Winn Conrad. *The Theater of Terror: The Mass Media and International Terrorism*. New York: Longman Publishing, 1994.

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

Zelin, Aaron. "The Islamic State's Model." *Washington Post*, January 28, 2015. Available here

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 -
  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

- 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 -
  https://cpost.uchicago.edu

- National Security Archive, September 11th-George Washington University
  https://nsarchive2.gwu.edu/NSAEBB/sept11/index.html

- 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/

- 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)
  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

- 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://ent.siteintelgroup.com