Course Description

In this seminar, we will examine the development of Israel's counter-terrorism policies from the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 until the present, in light of the development of the terrorism challenge faced by Israel in the Palestinian, Lebanese and international arenas. We will examine the various positions taken by Israeli decision-makers in contending with the terrorism phenomenon, differences of opinion and various
schools of thought, decision-making procedures and their output.

Course Goals

Israel had to contend with different types of terrorism (suicide attacks, lone wolf attacks, hostage barricade & kidnapping) and has thus developed several measures in terms of prevention, recovery and resilience, offensive and defensive measures, etc. As such, the Israeli Counter Terrorism policy has become an interesting case study, and the lessons learned from this case study are relevant to other democracies around the world.

This seminar will also present both practical and theoretical perspectives on a range of topics and activities related to Israeli dilemmas in countering terrorism.

Grading

Composition of Grade: Final Seminar Paper (80% of the final grade) & Class Presentation (20% of the final grade)

Every student must select one topic from a list which will be presented in class, on which they will need to prepare a 20-30-minute presentation; including 3-4 questions for discussion. Additionally, each student must write a seminar paper on this same topic, approximately 20-30 pages in length. The submission date for the seminar papers and class presentation will be announced at a later date.

Seminar Paper - Guidelines

- Length: 20-30 pages
- Line Spacing:
  - Abstract & Citation: Single
  - Core of the paper: 2.0
- Font: Times New Roman
- Size: 12
- Margin: Standard
- Literature: The paper must be written according to academic writing standards
- Cover Page should include:
  - ID Number
  - Name of the Course
  - Name of the Lecturer
  - Name of the Program & School
  - Topic
  - Date of Submission

* Additional instructions will be provided in class
* Seminar paper will not be accepted without student attendance and submission of presentation.
Lecturer Office Hours
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Tutor Office Hours
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Reading List

- Byman, Daniel. A High Price: The Triumphs and Failures of Israeli Counterterrorism, Oxford University Press
- Israel's Counter-Terrorism Law: https://www.justice.gov.il/Units/YeutzVehakika/InternationalLaw/MainDocs1/TheCounterTerrorismLaw.pdf
- Supreme Court of Israel, Public Committee against Torture in Israel v. Government of Israel, Case No. HCJ 769/02, 13 December 2006