Course Description

The course Dilemmas in Counter-Terrorism Decision-Making will analyze the main dilemmas in Counter-Terrorism Decision-Making in different areas. Students will be introduced to these dilemmas in an innovative way: both by interaction with guest lecturers – former decision-makers and by writing together a synopsis for a script for a TV series that will present and analyze these dilemmas from an Israeli Perspective.

Course Goals

In the relatively new and constantly changing field of terrorism and counter-terrorism
studies, it is critical to establish comprehensive understandings of the phenomenon of terrorism and the options available to counter the phenomenon. Such analyses and insights should help policymakers and counter-terrorism officials develop more effective policies and practices in the campaign against terrorism.

Terrorism intentionally targets civilians while exploiting the freedom of liberal-democratic values. By doing so, it presents a far more difficult and complicated challenge to the decision makers and counter-terrorism experts. Effectively dealing with the phenomenon of terrorism must address several dilemmas. These dilemmas include offensive, preemptive, defensive and intelligence activities and should be followed by various actions; deterrence, punitive, legislative, and so on.

Israel has been used as a “case study” for its wide experience in the area of counter-terrorism and dealing with the continuous threats of terrorism. As such, through guest speakers who are experts in different fields of counter-terrorism, frontal lectures, videos, class discussion and group writing, we will analyze these dilemmas and their potential responses together.

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**Grading**

Final Assignment: Position Paper (100% of the final grade)

- Analysis of one of the dilemmas discussed in class.
- Further information will be provided in class and on the course website.
- **Length:** 5-7 pages
- Submitted via Moodle
- **Deadline:** TBA
- **Line Spacing:** 1.5
- **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 University / Program / School
  - Topic:
  - Date of Submission:

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Reading List
- Ganor, Boaz, “Israel’s Policy in Extortionist Attack (Abduction and Hostage Barricade Situation), Perspectives on Terrorism, Volume 11, No. 11, 2017
- Hoffman, Bruce. Inside Terrorism, Columbia University Press, 2018