



Course program and reading list

Semester 1 Year 2023

School: Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy M.A

Radical Islamic Ideologies

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Course No.:	Course Type :	Weekly Hours :	Credit:
24136	Lecture	2	2

Course Requirements :	Group Code :	Language:
Final Paper	231413601	English



Course Description

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Countering Global Jihad is complicated and multi-dimensional. It requires a deep understanding of all levels of the threat, emphasizing the ideological component and its derivatives: policy, strategy, and modus operandi.



Course Goals

The Radical Islamic Ideologies Course will deepen the student's understanding and knowledge of the development of radical Islamic ideologies, the reciprocal relations between them, and competing Muslim and Western ideologies. The course will deal, inter alia, with "the ideological attack", the fusing of various radical ideologies, and the manner

in which they have been translated into policy and operational strategies. Special emphasis will be placed on understanding the part played by the various philosophers in the development of ideological cogitation, from Ibn Hanbal (in the 9 century) to Abu Musab Al-Suri, Al Qaida's ideologist (21 century).

Grading

The grading in the course will be as follows:

1. Core Assignment (20%)
2. A final paper (80%). The students will be required to write on one of the topics relating to the course based on the lessons in class and the reading list; By the end of the semester, full instructions will be published.

Core Assignment (20%):

The students (groups of three–four students) will be required to write a core assignment on one of the following topics in which they will analyze a main concept/idea viewed by a main radical ideologist and its translation to a strategy / its implementation in practice based on primary sources (most of it will be on the Moodle).

1. The ideological debate between Abdullah Azzam to bin Laden on: defining the enemy, prioritizing the ways of action, and the perception of the Mujahideen.
2. Refer to the use of the concept of *Hijra* from Sayyid Qutb to ISIS; refer as well to the way the message was conveyed and its scale of influence.
3. What are the attitudes among the leaderships of the global jihad organizations with an emphasis on al-Qaeda and ISIS regarding the establishment of the Caliphate and refer to the responses of leading Muslim scholars.
4. The development of the perception of Jihad in the eyes of Hassan al-Banna, Sayyid Qutb and Abdullah Azzam
5. The development of the perception of Jihad in the eyes of bin Laden, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.
6. What is the ideological line that characterized Anwar al-Alwlaqi; Refer to his accessibility to the hazards of 9/11 terrorist attacks; his activities in AQAP; and to his series of speeches / writings / statements on ideology, strategy and operation.
7. *Walaah and Baraa* – The Wahhabi approach; al-Qaeda approach; ISIS's approach.
8. The Near Enemy and the Far Enemy – as it viewed by AQ following Sep 11, 2001 and following the Arab Spring (2011).
9. The Near Enemy and the Far Enemy – ISIS
10. *Takfir* – as it viewed by AQ following Sep 11, 2001 and following the Arab Spring (2011).

11. *Takfir* - The concept of *Takfir* in ISIS compared to al Qaeda. Also point to the internal debate in ISIS regarding heresy.
12. Abu Musab al-Suri is an outstanding figure in the leadership of al Qaeda and one of the leaders of the strategists in the organization - who is the man, what is his contribution to the ideological discourse and what is his contribution to al Qaeda's operational conduct?
13. Analyze the main points of bin Laden's ideological and operational conception based on his speeches.
14. Analyze the main points of Ayman al-Zawahiri's ideological and operative conception based on his book and speeches.
15. Analyze the main ideas of Sayyid Qutb's ideology and the operative lines he suggests to counter the crisis that afflicts Islam, as emerges from his writings.

The assignment will include the following:

1. A presentation (5-7 slides).
2. A summary (2-3 pages) that will include:
 1. The name of the course
 2. Name of the student
 3. D. number
 4. Name of the topic
 5. Overview
 6. Body
 7. Conclusion / Insight

The team must send the topic they chose to Dr. Michael Barak's email for his approval following the end of the second lesson.

The students will present their work in the 10th-11st lessons, i.e., Jan 5, 2023, & Jan 12, 2023.



Lecturer Office Hours

In Advanced



Tutor Office Hours

In Advanced



Teaching Assistant

 Reading List

Reading list

General

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- Haykel, Bernard. "On the Nature of Salafi Thought and Action" in Roel Meijer (ed.), *Global Salafism: Islam's New Religious Movement*. Columbia: Columbia University Press, 2009, pp.33-57.
- Kepel, Gilles. *Jihad: the Trail of Political Islam*, (trans. Anthony F. Roberts). Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2002, pp.23-80.
- Quintan, Wiktorowicz. "Anatomy of the Salafi Movement", *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, 29, No.3, April-May 2006, pp. 207-239.
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The Muslim Brothers

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- Abu-Rabi', Ibrahim M. *Intellectual Origins of Islamic Resurgence in the Modern Arab World*, New York: State University of New York Press, 1996, pp.138-165.

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- Soage, Ana Belén, "Shaykh Yusuf Al-Qaradawi: Portrait of A Leading Islamic Cleric", **MERIA**, Vol. 12, No. 1, March 2008, pp.51-68.

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Abd Allah 'Azzam

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- Wagemakers, Joas. "Defining the Enemy: Abū Muhammad al-Maqdisi's Radical Reading of Sūrat al-Mumtahana," *Die Welt des Islams*, Vol. 48, No. 3-4, 2008, pp. 348-371.

Abu Mus'ab al-Suri

- Paul, Cruickshank, and Mohannad Hage Ali. "Abu Musab Al Suri: Architect of the New Al Qaeda," *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, Vol. 30, Issue 1, 2007, pp.1-14.

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- Brisard, Jean-Charles. *The New Face of Al-Qaeda*. Other Press LLC, 2005, pp.233-251.
- Kazimi, Nibras. "A Virulent Ideology in Mutation: Zarqawi Upstages Maqdisi", pp. 59-73 in Hillel Fradkin and others (eds.), *Current Trends in Islamist Ideology*, Hudson Institute, Vol.2, 2005.
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- Azzam, Abdullah. A Message To Every Youth. Al-Tibyan Publications.
- Azzam, Abdullah. Being True With Allah. Al-Tibyan Publications.
- Azzam, Abdullah. Defence of the Muslim Lands. Al-Tibyan Publications.
- Azzam, Abdullah. Join the Caravan. Al-Tibyan Publications.
- Azzam, Abdullah. Signs of ar-Rahman in Jihad of Afghan. Al-Tibyan Publications.
- Azzam, Abdullah. The Lofty Mountain. Al-Tibyan Publications.
- Azzam, Abdullah. The Ruling On Meat Slaughtered in the West. Al-Tibyan Publications.
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- Al-Maqdisi, Abu Muhammad Asim. Expect Best of Allah. Al-Tibyan Publications.
- Al-Maqdisi, Abu Muhammad Asim. Millat Ibraheem. Al-Tibyan Publications.
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Al-Zarqawi, Abu Musab

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- Brachman Jarret and others. "The Power of Truth? Questions for Ayman al-Zawahiri", *Combating Terrorism Center*, 2008.
- "Ayman al-Zawahiri: On the Islamists Revolution in Egypt (January 2002)", pp.69-72.
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