



# Course program and reading list

Semester 1 Year 2023

**School:** Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy B.A

Global Terrorism: Al Qaeda and Hezbollah

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<b>Course No.:</b>	<b>Course Type :</b>	<b>Weekly Hours :</b>	<b>Credit:</b>
4515	Lecture	2	2

<b>Course Requirements :</b>	<b>Group Code :</b>	<b>Language:</b>
Final Paper	231451501	English

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## Course Description

The course will discuss the following items:

- Radicalization Process – from Da'wa to Jihad
  - Radicalization and Deradicalization in the Muslim World
  - The Evolvement of Global Jihad
  - Selected Strategies and Modus Operendi
  - Selected Terrorist Organizations Al Qaeda Hezbollah ISIS
  - The threat posed by Foreign Fighter.
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## Course Goals

The scope of terrorist attacks launched in the US post-September 11, the growing use of

the threat of using 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.

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## Grading

Assessment:

Midterm presentation and paper (20%)

Final Paper (80%)

The assignment will be submitted in groups of 3-4 students. Each group will select three of the topics below, out of which one topic will be selected for the group and must be approved by Ms. Daniel Haberfeld (TA) by 20.11.2022 [daniel@ict.org.il](mailto:daniel@ict.org.il).

On December 18th, 2022 there will be a "guided exercise". The class will be divided (on Zoom) to working groups. Dr. Azani will visit the rooms and discuss with each group as per the selected subject matter.

The assignment will be presented in class (approx. 15 minutes) either on 08.01.2023 or on 15.01.2023 or 22.01.2023 as per the date assigned by Ms. Haberfeld.

By 27.01.2023 @ 00:00 the presentation should be submitted on MOODLE along with two legend pages clarifying the content of the presentation.

### Possible Presentation Subject:

1. Radicalization processes in Germany.
2. Radicalization processes in France.
3. Radicalization processes in Spain.
4. Radicalization processes in the Netherlands.
5. Radicalization processes in Italy.
6. Radicalization processes in prisons.
7. Radicalization processes in Australia and New Zealand.
8. The challenge of dealing with foreign and returning fighters – Europe
9. The challenge of dealing with foreign and returning fighters – the U.S.
10. Deradicalization vs. radicalization in the UK.
11. Deradicalization vs. radicalization in Belgium.
12. Deradicalization vs. radicalization in Australia and New Zealand.

13. Deradicalization vs. radicalization in Canada.
  14. Anwar al-Awlaqi as a radicalization generator
  15. Abu Gathada as a radicalization generator
  16. Analysis of a hybrid terror organization – Hamas
  17. Analysis of a hybrid terror organization – Hezbollah
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## Reading List

### Radicalization

- Azani Eitan, Koblenz Liram, Muslim Converts Who Turn to Global Jihad: Radicalization Characteristics and Countermeasures. Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, September 6 2019
- Karmon Ely, The Jihadist Radicalization (2001–2019) Processes in Europe, July 2019, IDC Website, <file:///C:/Users/97254/Downloads/Radicalization%20Processes%20in%20Europe%20%20-Karmon.pdf>
- Mitchell D. Silber and Arvin Bhatt (NYPD) "Radicalization in the West: The Homegrown Threat". pp 5–54. From [https://sethgodin.typepad.com/:seths\\_blog/files/NYPD\\_Report-Radicalization\\_in\\_the\\_West.pdf](https://sethgodin.typepad.com/:seths_blog/files/NYPD_Report-Radicalization_in_the_West.pdf)

### Types of Operations

- Azani, Eitan. Hezbollah: "The Story of the Party of God". New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011. (Chapter 1 and Chapter 2)
- Azani Eitan. "The Hybrid Terrorist Organization: Hezbollah as a Case Study". Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Vol. 36, 2013, Issue 11.
- Azani Eitan. Global Jihad – The Shift from Hierarchical Terrorist Organizations to Decentralized Systems, June 2018, IDC website, [https://www.ict.org.il/Article/2210/Global\\_Jihad\\_Shift\\_from\\_Hierarchical\\_Terrorist\\_Organizations#gsc.tab=0](https://www.ict.org.il/Article/2210/Global_Jihad_Shift_from_Hierarchical_Terrorist_Organizations#gsc.tab=0)
- Azani Eitan, Atiyas-Lvovsky Lorena, Citrinowicz Danny, Messing Dafna, The Iranian "Threat Network and the Export of the Islamic Revolution", July 2020, ICT Website, <https://www.ict.org.il/images/Iranian%20Threat%20Network.pdf>

### Al-Qaeda

- Beyond al-Qaeda: The Global Jihadist Movement (part 1). RAND Corporation: Santa

- Monica, 2006
- Cruickshank, Paul, and Mohannad Hage Ali. "Abu Musab Al Suri: Architect of the New Al- Qaeda ,"Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Vol. 30, Issue 1, 2007
- Don Rassler, et al., Letters From Abbottabad: bin Laden Sidelined? (West Point, NY: Combating Terrorism Center, 2012), (Note: read both the CTC report and the 17 documents)
- Raphaeli, Nimrod. "Ayman Muhammad Rabi' Al-Zawahiri: The Making of an Arch-Terrorist". Terrorism and Political Violence, Vol. 14, No. 4, Winter 2002

## Hezbollah

- Azani, Eitan. Hezbollah's Strategy of "Walking on the Edge": Between Political Game and Political Violence. Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Vol. 35, Issue 11, 2012
- ICT & AJC, Setting the Record Straight on Hezbollah, October 2019.  
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## The Islamic State

- 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 (<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/ten-things-you-need-to-know-about-isis>)
- Karmon Ely. The Death of Abu-Baker al -Baghdadi. October 10 2019, ICT website, [https://www.ict.org.il/Article/2461/The\\_Death\\_of\\_Abu\\_Bakr\\_al-Baghdadi\\_-\\_Some\\_initial\\_Comments#gsc.tab=0](https://www.ict.org.il/Article/2461/The_Death_of_Abu_Bakr_al-Baghdadi_-_Some_initial_Comments#gsc.tab=0)
- J.M. Berger. "The Islamic State vs. al Qaeda". Foreign Policy, September 2, 2014,  
Available at [http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2014/09/02/islamic\\_state\\_vs\\_al\\_qaeda\\_next\\_jihadi\\_super\\_power](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2014/09/02/islamic_state_vs_al_qaeda_next_jihadi_super_power).
- Aaron Zelin, "ISIS is Dead: Long Live the Islamic State," Foreign Policy, June 30, 2014.  
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- H. Ronen, Far Right Terrorism Similarities and Differences vs. Islamic Terrorism, March 2020, ICT Website, <https://www.ict.org.il/images/Far%20Right%20Eng.pdf>

## Recommended Reading

- ICT's Jihadi Websites Monitoring Group (JWMG)
- Raphaeli, Nimrod. "Ayman Muhammad Rabi' Al-Zawahiri: The Making of an Arch-Terrorist". Terrorism and Political Violence, Vol. 14, No. 4, Winter 2002
- Crenshaw, Martha. Terrorism in context, Pennsylvania University Park: The Pennsylvania State University Press, USA, 1995
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- Horgan, John, *Psychology of Terrorism* (London: Routledge, 2005).
- Hudson, Rex A., *The Sociology and Psychology of Terrorism: Who Becomes a Terrorist and Why?* (University Press of the Pacific, 2005)
- Kepel, Gilles. *Jihad: the Tail of Political Islam*, (trans. Anthony F. Roberts). Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2002
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- Nicholas Noe, *Voice of Hezbollah: The Statements of Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah* (London:Verso, 2007)
- *Post-modern terrorism: trends, scenarios, and future threats*, Boaz Ganor (ed.), Herzliya: The Institute for Counter-Terrorism, Mifalot Herzliya Projects Publ., Israel, 2005.
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- Walter Reich (ed.), *Origins of Terrorism: Psychologies, Ideologies, Theologies, States of Mind* (The Woodrow Wilson Center Press, 1998)