The Challenge of Terrorism to Israel, the Middle East and the Global Arena
Study Tour in Israel – Taglit Mission (40 hours)*

The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) at
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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 in countering terrorism.

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.

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COURSE OUTLINE

24.05.2016: IDC Herzliya (L102)
- 09.00-10.30: Dr. Eitan Azani: Ideology of Jihadist Islamist Terrorists
- 11.00-12.30: Dr. Eitan Azani: Global Jihad: ISIS, al Qaeda and Hezbollah
- 12.30-13.30: Lunch
- 13.30-15.00: Col. (Res.) Miri Eisin: The changing Middle East - security implications for Israel
- 15.30-17.00: Dr. Ronen Hoffman: Is there a chance to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict?

Required Readings
Ganor, Boaz, *Defining Terrorism - Is One Man’s Terrorist another Man’s Freedom Fighter?*, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism. Available [here](#)


25.05.2016: The Security Fence & IDC Herzliya (L103)
Lt. Col. (Res.) Jonathan Davis: Tour to the Security Fence (Kalkilya)
- 09.00: Departure from Shefayim to Kochav Yair
- 10.00: Jonathan Davis Lecture
- 11.00: Tour to the security fence
- 12.30-13.30: Lunch (in IDC)
- 15.30-17.00: Lt. Col. (Res.) Uri Ben Yaakov: Dilemmas in Counter-Terrorism Decision Making

Required Readings


26.05.2016: The North
Col. (Res.) Kobi Marom: Former Commander of the Eastern Sector of Southern Lebanon, IDF Israel. Geopolitical Tour along the Northern Border, from Metulah in the west, to the Golan Heights in the east: Terrorism and Security Challenges to the North, in light of the conflict in Syria, ISIS, Hezbollah and Lebanon.
- 07:30: Departure from the hotel to Metulah
- 10:30: Metulah - observation post: in light of "decade since the second Lebanon war".
- 11.15: Shar Yeshuv - memorial site for the "helicopter disaster", commander of rescue operations personal story, the effect on the withdrawal from Lebanon three years later
- 12.00: Observation on Rhajar at and Shebaa Farms: 2 agenda issues.
- 13.00: Light lunch in Majdal Shams (falafel and drinks)
- 14.00: observation post from Nimrod mount: the Israel - Syria border in light of 5 years to the civil, the Israeli interests and the influence on the Druze community.
- 15.00: Observation on Quinaytra: in light of future settlement possibility and the impact on the international flight against ISIS.
- 15.30: Leaving to Tiberias

*Optional: 30 minutes coffee and chocolate in "De Carina Boutique", Ein Zivan.
Required Readings
Azani, Eitan, An Overview: Hezbollah as a Terrorist Organization, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism, Available here

**30.05.2016: The South (The Gaza Strip and the Sinai)**
Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel: Former Director of the Counter-Terrorism Bureau, Israel.
Geopolitical Tour along the Southern Border – from the Gaza Strip to the Sinai: Terrorism and Security Challenges to the North, in light of Hamas and ISIS
- 08:30: Departure from Kramim to the "Black Arrow Monument", explanation on the security background of the region, from the establishment of the state until disengagement.
- 09:30: Observation on Gaza, explanation of the essence of "Black Arrow Monument"
- 10.45: Coffee Break / refreshment
- 11.00: Departure to Kerem Shalom (can stop on the way at Maon ancient synagogue mosaic)
- 12.00: Visit in Kerem Shalom crossing, observation on the Egyptian border (coordination)
- 13.00: Lunch (coordination)
- 14.00: Visit the Memorial Monument ha-Plada
- 14.30: Departure to Ze'elim \ Yeruham
- 15.00: Visit Ze'elim training base / school for company commanders (coordination)
- 16.30: Departure to Sede Boker

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**02.05.2015: Jerusalem**
Dr. David Koren, Senior Advisor to the Mayor of Jerusalem on Arab Affairs, Israel
Demographics and Security and threats to Jerusalem: Managing Problems in the most volatile region in the world.
- 08.00: At the hotel - Jerusalem in general and East Jerusalem in particular
- 10.00: Departure from Baeit Vagan
- 00.00: Mount Zion Hotel – observation Abu Tor and Silwan on neighborhoods
- 00.00: Walking tour - Jaffa Gate, the old city, Sultan Suleiman Street, Damascus Gate - in light of the security challenge
- 00.00: Wadi Joz – in light of the commercial development in this area
- 00.00: Observation on Hotzvim Mount and neighborhoods of A-Tur and Isawiyya
- 00.00: Observation from the Mount of Olives (Seven Arches Hotel) on the Temple Mount area
- 00.00: Observation from French hill neighborhood on Isawiyya and the security fence
- 00.00: Shuafat and Beit Hanina through the route of the light train.
- 00.00: Arrival to Dan Hotel, Har Hatsofim.
COURSE GRADING METHOD

- **Product**: Final Paper
- **Length**: 7-10 pages
- **Topic**: of your choice approved by the Course Academic Coordinator.

- **Structure**
  - Abstract
  - Introduction
  - Literature Review
  - Case Study
  - Analysis & Discussion
  - Conclusion and/or Recommendation
  - Summary
  - Bibliography

- **Deadlines**:
  - The topic should be submitted by June 2nd, 2016
  - The paper should be submitted by June 30th, 2016.

- **Line Spacing**: 1.5
- **Font**: Times New Roman
- **Size**: 12
- **Margin**: Standard
- **Literature**: The paper must be written according to academic writing standards
RECOMMENDED READINGS

ICT's Jihadi Websites Monitoring Group (JWMG) Inspire Magazine
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)
Schmid, Alex and Jongman Albert. Political Terrorism, Amsterdam: North-Holland, 1998
List of Selected Useful Websites

- The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) - www.ict.org.il
- Intelligence & Terrorism Information Center - http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/site/home/default.asp
- 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
- 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 - http://cpost.uchicago.edu/search.php
- National Security Archive, September 11th-George Washington University http://www.gwu.edu/~archive/NSAEBB/#911
- The Avalon project of Yale's Law School - http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/21st.asp
- US Department of State: Counterterrorism http://www.state.gov/s/ct/index.htm
- Combating Terrorism Center at West Point: Sentinel - http://ctc.usma.edu/
- 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) - http://www.st-and.ac.uk/academic/intel/research/cstpv
- Council on Foreign Relations -
http://www.cfr.org/issue/135/

- Federation of American Scientists (FAS) - http://www.fas.org/terrorism/index.html
- Forsvarets forskningsinstitutt (FFI) [Norwegian Defence Research Establishment] - http://www.ffi.no
- 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://wwwsiteintelgroup.com/Pages/Default.aspx