Conflict Management and Counter-Terrorism in Israel and the Middle East
Study Tour in Israel (45 hours)*

The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) at
The Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

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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 means to content with the current conflict.

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

17.05.2017: IDC Herzliya (PE104 in the Morning, SL401 in the Afternoon)
- 09.00-10.30: Prof. Boaz Ganor: The Art of Counter-Terrorism
- 11.00-12.30: Col. (Res.) Miri Eisin: The Changing Middle East - Security Implications for Israel
- 12.30-13.30: Lunch
- 13.30-15.00: Mr. Meir Javedanfar: Challenges in Contemporary Iran

Required Readings

18.05.2017: The Israel Heritage & Commemoration Center (Glilot)
Lt. Col. (Res.) Uri Ben Yaakov: Senior Researcher, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), IDC Herzliya
- 08.00: Departure from Shfayim to Glilot
- 08.30: Commemoration of the intelligence community fallen, Tour of the Museum of Capture Palestinian Material, Lecture by a Former High-Ranking Intelligence Official
- 11.30: Departure from Glilot

Required Readings

21.05.2017: The North
Brig. Gen. Nitzan Nuriel: Former Director of the Israeli Counter-Terrorism Bureau, Prime Minister's Office

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.
- 08.30: Departure from Tiberius Club Hotel (discussing Yom Kippur war & triangle borders).
- 09:30: Observation point Mount Saki
- 11.00: Observation point Mount Bental (Qunaytra)
- 12.15: Valley of Tears (OZ-77)
- 13.30: Lunch (Kiryat Shmona)
- 14.30: Observation point Dado (Metula)
- 16.30: Observation point Mount Hadir - towered Lebanon.
- 17.30: Leaving to Jerusalem

**Required Readings**

**23.05.2017: Jerusalem**
*Demographics and Security and threats to Jerusalem: Managing Problems in the most volatile region in the world*
- 09.00: Departing from the Ramat Rachel Hotel
- Jerusalem surrounding (detailed points of observation will be given in due time)
- 18.00: Arrival to Ramat Rachel Hotel.

**25.05.2017: The South (The Gaza Strip and the Sinai)**
*Col. (Res.) Avi Eliyahu*: Former Head Intelligence Officer, Southern Command
*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*
- 08:00: Departure from Chan Hashayarot
- 09.30: The "Black Arrow Monument": Observation on Gaza, explanation of the security background of the region, from the establishment of the state until disengagement.
- 11.00: Option 1: Erez Crossing - visit at the crossing area, lecture on the humanitarian help of Israel the Gaza residents, young female soldier operating the balloon observation.
- 11.00: Option 2: Division Headquarter
- 14.00: Lunch in Shederot
- 15.00: Shederot: Kasam museum, lecture on the security aspects of the city, shield (kinder garden), observation on kasam falls
- 16.00: Departure to Shfayim
**Required Readings**

**26.05.2017: War Game (IDC Herzliya) - E304**
Stevie Weinberg, Director of Operations and Researcher, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), IDC Herzliya

War Games usually involve two inter-acting parties simulating several given roles under strict laboratory conditions whereby the audience is drilled in their roles against our team simulating terrorist hostiles. In the context of Counter-Terrorism this methodology can be useful in simulating Crisis Management situations before, during or after a “hostile terrorist operation”.

**26.05.2017: Directed Studies (IDC Herzliya) - E304**
Prof. Boaz Ganor: Dean of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy and Founder & Executive Director of the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya

Each student will be required to present a policy memo based on the required readings and their learning outcome from the lectures and field trips.

*Additional guidelines will be provided in the introduction meeting.*

**Grading:** 30% of the final grade
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 May 26th, 2017
  - The paper should be submitted by June 30th, 2017.
- **Line Spacing**: 1.5
- **Font**: Times New Roman
- **Size**: 12
- **Margin**: Standard
- **Literature**: The paper must be written according to academic writing standards
- **Grading**: 70% of the final grade
RECOMMENDED READINGS


ICT's Jihadi Websites Monitoring Group (JWMG)

Inspire Magazine


Rassler, Don, et al. *Letters From Abbottabad: bin Laden Sidelined?.* West Point, New York: Combating Terrorism Center, 2012. (Note: read both the CTC report and the 17 documents)


List of Selected Useful Websites

- The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) - [www.ict.org.il](http://www.ict.org.il)
- Intelligence & Terrorism Information Center - [http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/site/home/default.asp](http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/site/home/default.asp)
- The Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) - [www.memri.org](http://www.memri.org)
- The Long War Journal - [http://www.longwarjournal.org](http://www.longwarjournal.org)
- National Counter Terrorism Center: World Wide Incidents Tracking System (WITS) - [http://www.nctc.gov/site/other/wits.html](http://www.nctc.gov/site/other/wits.html)
- South Asia Terrorism Portal (SATP) - [http://www.satp.org](http://www.satp.org)
- START: Global Terrorism Database - [http://www.start.umd.edu/gtd/](http://www.start.umd.edu/gtd/)
- University of Chicago Project on Security and Terrorism (CPOST): Suicide Terrorism Database - [http://cpost.uchicago.edu/search.php](http://cpost.uchicago.edu/search.php)
- National Security Archive, September 11th-George Washington University - [http://www.gwu.edu/~archive/NSAEBB/#911](http://www.gwu.edu/~archive/NSAEBB/#911)
- The Avalon project of Yale's Law School - [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/21st.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/21st.asp)
- Combating Terrorism Center at West Point: Sentinel - [http://ctc.usma.edu/](http://ctc.usma.edu/)
- Jamestown Foundation: Terrorism Monitor - [http://www.jamestown.org](http://www.jamestown.org)
- Brookings Institution-Project on Terrorism and American Foreign Policy - [http://www.brookings.org/terrorism/](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

- Foundation for Defense of Democracies -
  http://www.defenddemocracy.org

- 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