

Political Science 5673: Understanding and Responding to Terrorism
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Class Time and Location

M 7:20-10:00

MUR 340

Office Hours

TTH: 9:00 – 12:00

and by Appointment

Course Description:

This course focuses on a critical political science and emergency management security – terrorism. We will discuss the theories and motivations that underlie international and domestic terrorism. More specifically, we will seek to understand why a person chooses to commit terrorist acts, why organizations arise and decline, and the efficacy of counterterrorism efforts. Our readings will provide a range of explanations and a range of methodologies - quantitative analyses, formal modeling, and case study approaches. We will also talk about how we study this emerging field in a quantitative manner – most weeks we will end class with a discussion of one of the existing data sources on terrorism. This focus on both theory and data should provide a solid background that allows you to develop your own research agenda and interests.

This is a graduate seminar and as such, classes are geared around discussion of the readings. As an emerging field, there is a lack of consensus over what motivates these activities and processes. Consequently, it is important that you critically engage both the theoretical and empirical aspects of the readings. In addition, a graduate course implies that you have an interest in the field above that of undergrads – that being said, both the work and the expectations are increased. Your preparedness for class, participation, and work should reflect more than just a basic consumption of the material.

Readings:

Articles presented in the course outline are available on JSTOR, Google Scholar, etc. Readings that are not available via these sources are posted to our D2L page at oc.okstate.edu. These will be marked with an asterisk (*) in the syllabus below. I also reserve the right to change reading (articles, not books) at my discretion.

Course Requirements:

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Grade Weight</u>	<u>Due Date(s)</u>
Participation	20%	-
Discussion Paper & Leadership	30%	Various
Assignments	20%	Various
Final Exam	30%	Friday, May 6 th

Participation. This comprises two elements:

- First, is regular attendance and participation, with an emphasis on the *quality* of participation. This means being prepared for each course, participating when called upon, and positively contributing to class discussion.
- Second, if you are not writing a discussion paper, you will be asked to provide three questions to be discussed by the class. The questions should be posted to the D2L dropbox by 9:00am on the day of our class meeting. Follow the points below regarding discussion papers for an idea of how to structure your questions. This will comprise 20% of your final grade.

Discussion Papers and Leadership: You will each write 5 discussion papers (3-4 pages) over the course of the semester. We will determine this before Week 2 and I will post this document to D2L. These papers will be a critical review of the week's readings. *Discussion papers should not be a simple summary of what you have read. Instead, they should be a critical response to the work.* Approaches can include:

- 1) criticisms and suggestions for improvement in the theory, methods, or conclusions of specific papers
- 2) extensions or research questions that come from the readings
- 3) theoretical or methodological inconsistencies between articles from the same week or from previous weeks.

The papers should also be posted to the D2L dropbox by 9:00am on the day of our class meeting.

When you write a discussion paper, you will also be asked to lead discussion for that week. This means discussing main ideas and points of contention. *This is not to be a recitation of what you have read but a way to provoke discussion amongst your fellow classmates.* Your ability to distill the readings, raise issues, and engender debate will form the basis of the grade. If there is no discussion, I will direct it and I will call upon people. If my intervention is required, your grade will be negatively affected. Students not writing for the week should still read and be ready to discuss the points and the questions raised by the discussion papers. I will drop the lowest graded paper. This comprises 30% of your final grade

Documents that may help (including one that I used in grad school) will be posted to D2L. Of course, this is not an exhaustive list of what you can write about. If you have any questions about what you wish to write, please let me know.

Assignments. From time to time, I will provide you with an assignment. These will usually entail writing about a particular issue within the field of terrorism studies or gathering data from one of the many available terrorism databases. This will be 20% of your grade. I anticipate having around 4-5 assignments and each will have equal weight within the final grading.

Final. This will be a take home-exam structured in much the same way as a qualifying exam. More about the exam will be discussed in class later in the semester. This will be 30% of your grade.

Note:

Please feel free to see me if you have any questions or concerns. Concerns about grades are much easier to rectify early in the semester than late.

Course Outline:

Week 1 (January 11, 2016) – Review Syllabus

Week 2 (January 18, 2016) – Martin Luther King Jr. Day - University Holiday – No Class

Note – Despite the university being closed, let's read these.

- Cronin, Audrey Kurth. 2003. Behind the Curve: Globalization and International Terrorism. *International Security* 27(3): 30-58.
- Masters, Daniel. 2008. The Origins of Terrorist Threats: Religious, Separatist, or Something Else? *Terrorism and Political Violence* 20(3): 396-414.
- Mueller, John and Mark Stewart. 2012. The Terrorism Delusion: America's Overwrought Response to September 11. *International Security* 37(1): 81-110.
- Rasler, Karen and William Thompson. 2009. Looking for Waves of Terrorism. *Terrorism and Political Violence* 21(1): 28-41.
- Shugart, William. 2006. An Analytical History of Terrorism, 1945-2000. *Public Choice* 128(1-2): 7-39.

Week 3 (January 25, 2016) – Defining Terrorism

Required:

- Ganor, Boaz. 2002. Defining Terrorism: Is One Man's Terrorist Another Man's Freedom Fighter? *Police Practice & Research* 3(4): 287-304.
- Gibbs, Jack P. 1989. Conceptualization of Terrorism. *American Sociological Review* 54(3): 329-340.
- Schmid, Alex. 1992. The Response Problem as a Definition Problem. *Terrorism and Political Violence* 4(4): 7-13.*
- Toros, Harmonie. 2008. Terrorists, Scholars, and Ordinary People: Confronting Terrorism Studies with Field Experiences. *Critical Studies on Terrorism* 1(2): 279-292.
- Weinberg, Leonard, Ami Pedahzur, and Sivan Hirsch-Hoeffler. 2004. The Challenges of Conceptualizing Terrorism. *Terrorism and Political Violence* 16(4): 777-794.

Data Feature- Global Terrorism Dataset (GTD). Available at: <http://www.start.umd.edu/gtd/>

Week 4 (February 1, 2016) – Researching Terrorism

Required:

- Lake, David A. 2002. Rational Extremism: Understanding Terrorism in the Twenty-First Century. *Dialogue IO* 1(1): 15-29.
- Sageman, Marc. 2014. The Stagnation in Terrorism Research. *Terrorism and Political Violence* 26(4): 565-580.
- Silke, Andrew. 2001. The Devil You Know: Continuing Problems with Research on Terrorism. *Terrorism and Political Violence* 13(4): 1-14.
- Victoroff, Jeff. 2005. The Mind of the Terrorist: A Review and Critique of Psychological Approaches. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49(1): 3-42.
- Young, Joseph and Michael Findley. 2011. Promises and Pitfalls of Terrorism Research. *International Studies Review*. 13(3): 411-431.

Data Feature – Terrorist Organizational Profiles (TOPs). Available at: <http://www.start.umd.edu/tops/>

Week 5 (February 8, 2016) – Why Join?

Required:

- Clark, R.P. 1983. Patterns in the Lives of ETA Members. *Terrorism: An International Journal* 6(3): 423-454.*
- Fair, Christine. 2004. Militant Recruitment in Pakistan: Implications for al-Qaeda and Other Organizations. *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 27(6): 489-504.
- McAdam, Douglas. 1986. Recruitment to High-Risk Activism: The Case of Freedom Summer. *American Journal of Sociology* 92(1): 64-90.
- Post, Jerrold, Ehud Sprinzak, and Laurita Denny. 2003. The Terrorists in Their Own Words: Interviews with 35 Incarcerated Middle Eastern Terrorists. *Terrorism and Political Violence* 15(1): 171-184.

Data Feature – Big Allied and Dangerous Dataset (BAAD). Available at: http://www.albany.edu/pvc/current_projects.shtml

Week 6 (February 15, 2016) – Causes of Terrorism I

Required:

- Abrahms, Max. 2008. What Terrorists Really Want. *International Security* 32(4): 78-105.
- Krueger, Alan and Jitka Maleckova. 2003. Education, Poverty, and Terrorism: Is There a Causal Connection? *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 17(4): 119-144.
- McCauley, Clark and Sophia Moskalenko. 2008. Mechanisms of Political Radicalization: Pathways Toward Terrorism. *Terrorism and Political Violence* 20(3): 415-433.

- Moghadam, Assaf. 2009. Motives for Martyrdom: Al-Qaida, Salafi Jihad, and the Spread of Suicide Attacks. *International Security* 33(3): 46-78.

Data Feature – International Terrorism: Attributes of Terrorist Events (ITERATE). Available on D2L

Week 7 (February 22, 2016) – Causes of Terrorism II

Required:

- Savun, Burcu, and Brian Phillips. 2009. Democracy, Foreign Policy, and Terrorism. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53(6): 878-904.
- Crenshaw, Martha. 1981. The Causes of Terrorism. *Comparative Politics* 13(4): 379-399.
- Crenshaw, Martha. 1985. An Organizational Approach to the Analysis of Political Terrorism. *Orbis* 29(3): 465-489.*
- Li, Quan. 2005. Does Democracy Promote or Reduce Transnational Terrorism Incidents? *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49(2): 278-297.
- White, Robert. 1989. From Peaceful Protest to Guerrilla War: Micromobilization of the Provisional Irish Republican Army. *American Journal of Sociology* 94(6): 1277-1302.

Data Feature – Chicago Project on Security and Terrorism (CPOST). Available at:

<http://cpost.uchicago.edu/index.php>

Week 8 (February 29, 2016) – Where Does Terrorism Occur?

Required:

- Enders, Walter and Todd Sandler. 2006. Distribution of Transnational Terrorism Among Countries by Income Class and Geography After 9/11. *International Studies Quarterly* 50(2): 367-393.
- LaFree, Gary and Bianca Bersani. 2014. Country-Level Correlates of Terrorist Attacks in the United States. *Criminology and Public Policy* 13(3): 455-481.
- LaFree, Gary, Nancy Morris, and Laura Dugan. 2010. Cross-National Patterns of Terrorism: Comparing Trajectories for Total, Attributed and Fatal Attacks, 1970-2006. *British Journal of Criminology* 50(4): 622-649.
- Nemeth, Stephen, Jacob Mauslein, and Craig Stapley. 2014. The Primacy of the Local: Identifying Terrorist Hot Spots Using Geographic Information Systems. *Journal of Politics* 76(2): 304-317.

Data Feature – RAND Database of Worldwide Terrorism Incidents (RDWTI). Available at:

<http://www.rand.org/nsrd/projects/terrorism-incidents.html>

Week 9 (March 7, 2016) – Strategy & Tactics

Required:

- Asal, Victor and R. Karl Rethemeyer. 2008. Dilettantes, Ideologues, and the Weak: Terrorists Who Don't Kill. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 25(3): 244-263.
- Bloom, Mia. 2004. Palestinian Suicide Bombing: Public Support, Market Share, and the Outbidding. *Political Science Quarterly* 119(1): 61-88.
- Bueno de Mesquita, Ethan and Eric Dickson. 2007. The Propaganda of the Deed: Terrorism, Counterterrorism, and Mobilization. *American Journal of Political Science* 51(2): 364-381.
- Kydd, Andrew and Barbara Walter. 2006. The Strategies of Terrorism. *International Security* 31(1): 49-80.

Data Feature – Terrorism in Western Europe: Events Data (TWEED). Available at:
<http://folk.uib.no/sspie/tweed.htm>

Week 10 (March 14, 2016) – Spring Break – No Class

Week 11 (March 21, 2016) – Terrorist Life Cycle

Required:

- Cronin, Audrey Kurth. 2012. How al-Qaida Ends: The Decline and Demise of Terrorist Groups. *International Security* 36(1): 7-48.
- Gaibullov, Khusrav and Todd Sandler. 2013. Determinants of the Demise of Terrorist Organizations. *Southern Economic Journal* 79(4): 774-792.
- Miller, Erin. 2012. Patterns of Onset and Decline Among Terrorist Organizations. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 28(1): 77-101.
- Ross, Jeffrey and Ted Robert Gurr. 1989. Why Terrorism Subsides: A Comparative Study of Canada and the United States. *Comparative Politics* 21(4): 405-426.

Week 12 (March 28, 2016) – Incident Response

Required:

- Boin, Arjen and Denis Smith. 2006. Terrorism and Critical Infrastructures: Implications for Public-Private Crisis Management. *Public Money and Management* 26(5): 295-304.

- Eyerman, Joe and Kevin Strom. 2008. Multiagency Coordination and Response: Case Study of the July 2005 London Bombings. *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice* 32(1): 89-109.
- Perry, Ronald. 2003. Emergency Operations Centres in an Era of Terrorism: Policy and Management Functions. *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management* 11(4): 151-159.
- Perry, Ronald. 2003. Municipal Terrorism Management in the United States. *Disaster Prevention and Management: An International Journal* 12(3): 190-202.
- Perry, Ronald and Michael Lindell. 2003. Understanding Citizen Response to Disasters with Implications for Terrorism. *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management* 11(2): 49-60.

Week 13 (April 4, 2016) – Institutional Challenges to Response

Required:

- Brattberg, Erik. 2012. Coordinating for Contingencies: Taking Stock of Post-9/11 Homeland Security Reforms. *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management* 20(2): 77-89.
- Howitt, Arnold and Robyn Pangi. 2003. *Countering Terrorism: Dimensions of Preparedness*. Cambridge: MIT Press. Chapters 1-4.*
- Waugh, William and Gregory Streib. 2006. Collaboration and Leadership for Effective Emergency Management. *Public Administration Review* 66(s1): 131-140.
- Wise, Charles 2002. Organizing for Homeland Security. *Public Administration Review* 62(Special Issue): 44-57.

Week 14 (April 11, 2016) – Law Enforcement and Response

Required:

- Burruss, George, Matthew Giblin, and Joseph Schafer. 2010. Threatened Globally, Acting Locally: Modeling Law Enforcement Homeland Security Practices. *Justice Quarterly* 27(1): 77-101.
- Pelfrey, William. 2007. Local Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Efforts: A State Level Case Study. *Journal of Criminal Justice* 35(3): 313-321.
- Stewart, Daniel and Robert Morris. 2009. A New Era of Policing? An Examination of Texas Police Chiefs' Perceptions of Homeland Security. *Criminal Justice Policy Review* 20(3): 290-309.
- Weisburd, David, Thomas Feucht, Idit Hakimi, Lois Mock, and Simon Perry (eds.). 2011. *To Protect and To Serve: Policing in an Age of Terrorism*. New York: Springer. Chapter 4.*

- Weisburd, David, Badi Hasisi, Tal Jonathan, and Gali Aviv. 2014. Terrorist Threats and Police Performance: A Study of Israeli Communities. *British Journal of Criminology* 50(4): 752-747.

Week 15 (April 18, 2016) – Legal Challenges to Response

Required:

- Brown, Ian and Douwe Korff. Terrorism and the Proportionality of Internet Surveillance. *European Journal of Criminology* 6(2): 119-134.
- Chesterman, Simon. 2010. Privacy and Surveillance in the Age of Terrorism. *Survival: Global Politics and Strategy*. 52(5): 31-46.
- Davis, Darren and Brian Silver. 2003. Civil Liberties vs. Security: Public Opinion in the Context of the Terrorist Attacks on America. *American Journal of Political Science* 48(1): 28-46.
- Kettl, Donald. 2003. Contingent Coordination: Practical and Theoretical Puzzles for Homeland Security. *The American Review of Public Administration* 33(3): 253-277.
- Wise, Charles and Rania Nader. 2002. Organizing the Federal System for Homeland Security: Problems, Issues, and Dilemmas. *Public Administration Review* 62(Special Issue): 44-57.

Week 16 (April 25, 2016) – National Responses

Required:

- Jordan, Jenna. 2009. When Heads Roll: Assessing the Effectiveness of Leadership Decapitation. *Security Studies* 18(4): 719-755.
- Price, Bryan. 2012. Targeting Top Terrorists: How Leadership Decapitation Contributes to Counterterrorism. *International Security* 36(4): 9-46.
- Sederberg, Peter. 1995. Conciliation as a Counter-Terrorist Strategy. *Journal of Peace Research* 32(3): 295-312.
- Tams, Christian. 2009. The Use of Force Against Terrorists. *European Journal of International Law* 20(2): 359-397.