



Course Code IREL-669	Course Title Causes of, and responses to, terrorism in the new millennium	ECTS Credits 7.5
Department European Studies and International Relations	Semester Summer	Prerequisites None
Type of Course Elective	Field International Relations	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 2 nd Cycle	Year of Study 2 nd	Lecturer(s) Dr Giorgos Kentas
Mode of Delivery face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The course explores the relationship between terrorism and the nature of the international political system and looks at why an international dimension is so central to terrorism. First, it examines the difficulties in the way of understanding the concept of terrorism in the light of the emotive force of the term and the attempts by academics to distinguish terrorism from other forms of violence. Also, it examines the different strands of political violence in the 21st century. Finally, it examines the issue of stopping terrorism: case studies are employed to analyze factors that have influences the ending or the extending of campaigns of violence.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Analyze and evaluate particular aspects of the Greek-Turkish relations.
2. Demonstrate independent research skills on historical, political, diplomatic and strategic issues which are pertinent to Greek-Turkish relations.
3. Illustrate mastery of a range of primary and secondary resources.
4. Illustrate an enhanced understanding of the impact of the Cyprus problem on the evolution of Greek-Turkish relations.
5. Integrate historical episodes of the Greek-Turkish relationship from the wider global perspective.
6. Examine the role of third parties in the development of their bilateral relationship.
7. Analyze the impact of the EU.
8. Illustrate a full understanding of the various dimensions of Greek-Turkish disputes and consider possible solutions.

Course Contents:

1. The paradoxes of terrorism
2. The mystery of the new global terrorism
3. Defining terrorism: Why so many definitions?
4. A dual reality: Terrorism against the state and terrorism by the state
5. Is there a good terrorist?
6. The strategic logic of terrorism
7. Conditions and Causes of Terrorism
8. "Old" and "new" forms of terrorism
9. Motivation, social origins, recruitment, groups, audiences and the media in the terrorism process
10. Suicide terrorism: Does it work?
11. Is America the primary target?
12. What happened on September 11 2001? Why it happened? Was it inevitable?
13. The "war on terror"
14. Is there a relationship between religion and terrorism
15. Is the new global terrorism a clash of civilization?
16. Responses to terrorism at the domestic and international level
17. Inter-state cooperation and coordination against terrorism
18. Anticipating, experiencing and responding to terrorist attacks

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Discussion, Presentation and Assignments

Assessment Methods:

Participation, Review Essay, Project and Final Exam

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Combs, Cindy (2006) *Terrorism in the Twenty-First Century*. Fourth Edition. NJ: Prentice Hall.
Kegley, Charles ed. (2003) *The New Global Terrorism*. Characteristics, Causes, Controls. NJ: Prentice Hall.
Smelser, Neil (2007) *The Faces of Terrorism. Social and Psychological Dimensions*. NJ: Princeton University Press.
Townshend, Charles (2002), *Terrorism. A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Abbott, Chris, Paul, Rogers and John, Sloboda (June 2006), "Global Responses to Global Threats. Sustainable Security for the 21st Century". *Oxford Research Group*.
Abrahms, Max (2006), "Why Terrorism does not work." *International Security* 31:2, pp. 42–78.
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- Falkenrath, Richard (2005), "The 9/11 Commission Report: A Review Essay." *International Security* 29:3, pp. 170–190.
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Useful Webpages:

- *Global Terrorism Database*: <http://www.start.umd.edu/data/gtd/>
- *Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism*: <http://www.mipt.org/>
- *Terrorism Research*: <http://www.terrorism-research.com/goals/scourge.php>
- *Terrorism and Crime Studies (Federal Research Division)*: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/frd/terrorism.html>
- *United States Institute of Peace*: <http://www.usip.org/pubs/specialreports/sr116.html>
- *The White Path*: <http://www.thewhitepath.com/>