



## Course Syllabus

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>ECTS Credits</b>
MIR-614DE	Terrorism in the New Millennium	10
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Semester</b>
None	Politics and Governance	Fall/Spring
<b>Type of Course</b>	<b>Field</b>	<b>Language of Instruction</b>
Elective	International Relations	English/Greek
<b>Level of Course</b>	<b>Lecturer(s)</b>	<b>Year of Study</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cycle	Dr. Constantinos Adamides	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Mode of Delivery</b>	<b>Work Placement</b>	<b>Co-requisites</b>
Distance Learning	N/A	None

### Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Develop a profound understanding of several theoretical aspects of terrorism, including but not limited to, its historical roots, the different dimensions over the years, how it is funded and its relationship with the media.
- Furthermore, one of the primary objectives is to acquire knowledge and develop analytical skills on, inter alia, the history and modus operanti of specific terrorist groups, anti-terrorist governmental and non-governmental options and on the impact of terrorism on geopolitical relationships.

### Learning Outcomes:

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

- Comprehend what is – and equally importantly what is not – terrorism and terrorist groups.
- Develop analytical and research skills using the theoretical knowledge acquired on issues of mainstream and more contemporary terrorism.
- Analyze and present case studies of specific terrorist groups and terrorism incidences.
- Generate profound reports on at least 3 case studies.
- Describe and evaluate the impact of specific geopolitical changes and historical circumstances on the development and actions of specific terrorist groups.
- Utilize international relations-based theoretical tools – especially from the field of security and conflicts – to analyze terrorism.

- Acquire a profound understanding of the different dimensions of terrorism and the contemporary challenges, including cyber terrorism, the ability (or inability) to profile potential terrorists, anti-terrorist options, etc.
- Communicate in English language both orally and in written form at a high level of competence.
- Use IT skills (word processing, Internet and e-mail) as study and communication tools.
- Have the learning skills to allow them to partake in research of international phenomena with a minimal amount of assistance.
- Make efficient use of libraries, bibliographical material and academic research

### **Course Content:**

1. Terrorism - theoretical approaches
  - 1.1 The evolution of terrorism
  - 1.2 The development of contemporary terrorism
  - 1.3 State and other forms of terrorism
  - 1.4 Ethnic/national terrorism
  - 1.5 Violence and terrorism
2. Contemporary dimensions of terrorism
  - 2.1 Media and terrorism
  - 2.2 Terrorism and international law
  - 2.3 Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction
  - 2.4 International terrorism and asymmetric threats
  - 2.5 Obstacles in identifying potential terrorist
  - 2.6 Freedom vs. security
3. Terrorist or freedom fighters? Case studies
  - 3.1 Hamas
  - 3.2 Hezbollah
  - 3.3 Al Qaida
  - 3.4 ISIS

### **Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Lectures, presentations, individual guidance, case Study analysis and discussion

### **Assessment Methods:**

- Research paper
- 4 response papers
- Final exam

### Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Terrorism in the Twenty-First Century	Combs, C.C.	(7th. Edition), Routledge	2016	978-0-205-85165-2

### Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

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Hoffman Bruce (2016). The coming ISIS-al Qaeda Merger, *Foreign Affairs*, available at <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2016-03-29/coming-isis-al-qaeda-merger>

Kaminski Matthew (2015). Interview 'All the terrorists are migrants', Politico, available at <http://www.politico.eu/article/viktor-orban-interview-terrorists-migrants-eu-russia-putin-borders-schengen/>

McLaughlin John (2016). Islamic State and WMD: A future nightmare? Available at <http://www.ozy.com/OZY-TRIBE/JOHN-MCLAUGHLIN/2751>

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Oyewole Samuel (2013). Boko Haram and the challenges of Nigeria's war on terror, *Defense & Security Analysis*. Vol 29, No. 23, pp. 253-262

Ryamond Ibrahim (2016). Should the US build an 'ISIS Wall'? available at <http://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/7987/isis-mexico-border-wall>

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