

**THE COMMAND AND STAFF SCHOOL  
DEFENCE & STRATEGIC STUDIES MODULE  
TERRORISM PANEL DISCUSSION**

1. **Subject:** Terrorism/Counter-terrorism Panel Discussion

2. **Programmed for:** 1400hrs Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of October in Pearse Officers' Mess.

3. **Aim:** To introduce course members to key concepts around terrorism and counter-terrorism.

4. **Study assignment:** All course members will read the following paper (link):

- Paul Rogers, '[Terrorism](#)' and Paul Pillar '[Counter-terrorism](#)' in Paul Williams and Matt McDonald, Security Studies. An Introduction, (London: Routledge, 2018) p.395-421

5. **Further reading/watching** – for reference and follow up for essays if desired:

- Erica Chenoweth, Richard English, Andreas Gofas & Stathis Kalyvas (eds.), [The Oxford Handbook of Terrorism](#), (Oxford: OUP, 2019)
- Bruce Hoffman, [Inside Terrorism 3rd ed.](#) (Columbia University Press, 2017)
- Richard English, [Terrorism. How to Respond](#), (Oxford: OUP, 2009)
- David Whittaker (ed.), [The Terrorism Reader](#), (Abingdon: Routledge, 2012)
- A Kundani, [Radicalisation: the Journeys of a Concept](#), (Los Angeles, SAGE, 2012)
- D. Rappoport, [Generations and Waves: The Keys to Understanding Rebel Terror Movements](#), (Abingdon: Routledge, 2003)
- Andrew Moran, '[Terrorism](#)', in Hough et al, International Security Studies. Theory and Practice, (Abingdon: Routledge, 2020) pp. 148-161
- James Kiras, '[Irregular Warfare](#)', in Jordan et al, Understanding Modern Warfare, (Cambridge, CUP, 2014) chaps 13-15
- Marc Sageman, Misunderstanding Terrorism, (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016)
- Charles Townshend, [Terrorism. A Very Short Introduction](#), (Oxford: OUP, 2018)
- Lawrence Freedman, [The Future of War](#), (London: Allen Lane, 2017) esp. chaps 16-17.
- See Publications and Reports from the West Point Combating Terrorism Center <https://ctc.usma.edu/ctc-sentinel/>
- See the Journal, [Critical Studies in Terrorism](#),

6. **Questions:** for the facilitators to consider opening the discussion.

- Is it possible to provide a satisfactory definition of the term 'terrorism'?
- Discuss the nature of the contemporary terrorism globally, with reference to motivation, tactics/strategy and impact.
- How should the Irish state respond to the threat posed by domestic and international terrorism?

7. **Syndicate Leaders**

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8. **Point of Contact:** Comdt Simon Keenan