

POLS 429: International Terrorism

Lecture 1: Introduction

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TODAY'S PLAN:

- 1 Introductions
- 2 Review syllabus & class procedures
- 3 Course topics - a general overview
- 4 Q's??

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INTRODUCTIONS:

- Rotem Dvir - 5th year graduate student
- Main field: International Relations
- Focus: International security and foreign policy

MORE?

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Syllabus Review

IT'S ALL IN THE SYLLABUS

Some basics

- Class meetings time, Office hours.
- My office (room #122): new LASB building, first floor.

What is this class?

- Scientific and historical study of international terrorism.
- Main Objectives.

Syllabus Review

Your responsibilities

- Required Readings:
 - ① Textbook: *The Politics of Terror, 2018* (PSEL Reserves)
 - ② Articles: links in syllabus, Google Scholar.
- Reading assignments for each session/week.
- Read before class!!!
- Attendance policy: 5% of final grade.
- Free unexcused absences.
- Then what?
- Excused absences and make-up policy.

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Grading

MID-TERM EXAM

- Exam consist of 30 multiple-choice questions.
- Make sure you have scantrons, pencils and eraser(s).
- Mid-term Exam counts as 35% of final grade.

TERM PAPER

- By yourself or in a group (3 students max).
- Case Analysis of a terror incident.
- Approve case with me by March 18, 2020.
- Due on last day of class: April 27, 2020.
- 5-10 minutes presentation, last week of semester.
- Counts as 60% of final grade (paper is 50%, presentation is 10%).

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Classroom & Electronics

- Come ready to class, it is (mostly) for you...
- Proper and respectful behavior.
- Bring your laptop, iPad, tablet or smartphone.

▶ OddPeople

Communication

- 1 Ask anything, classroom is the best place
- 2 Office hours are for you - use it...
- 3 You may also email me, I will try to respond within 24 hours
- 4 Weekends: no email responses (unless urgent)

Course Topics: A Bird's eye view

- ① What is terrorism and why do we care? (2 meetings)
- ② How do we study terrorism? (2 meetings)
- ③ How can science help us explain terrorism - multiple approaches (11 meetings)
- ④ What strategies terrorists use? (1 meeting)
- ⑤ Suicide terrorism (2 meetings)
- ⑥ How terrorism affects the public? (4 meetings)
- ⑦ Global terror groups and where are we today (2 meetings)
- ⑧ Why and how states sponsor terror groups? (1 meeting)
- ⑨ What are the main ways to finance terrorism? (1 meeting)
- ⑩ Countering terrorism (2 meetings)
- ⑪ 'New age' terrorism (3 meetings)
- ⑫ How terrorism ends? (1 meeting)

Q's ???

Please Don't...

Things I Noticed EARTH 222/ENVIRON 232 Students Doing During Class Meg Veitch, April 2017

An (x) means I've seen it a lot, as in multiple students every day.

- Chipotle menu
- ESPN
- Hamilton tickets
- Wolverine access(x)
- Amazon(x)
- Facebook(x)
- Job applications (x)
- IM: breaking up with boyfriend
- HuffingtonPost/NYTimes/othernews(x)
- Buying makeup
- Pornography
- Reddit (x)
- <Writing obscene things...can't put here...>
- Tumblr (x)
- Looking at pictures of themselves in suits
- A relay page?
- Cooking show
- Chinese rap videos

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- Buying \$240 worth of turtle necks
- Looking at pictures of sliced bread
- Photoshopping President Trump onto muppets
- Watching baseball/basketball/golf
- Programing homework
- Translating German
- Taking selfies
- Playing Mortal Kombat
- Playing agar.io
- Fantasy baseball/basketball
- Breeding dragons (draconic neopets???)
- Playing racing game
- Cat videos
- General shopping (x)
- Sex tapes
- Drawing a tree? A squid?
- Watching Planet Earth 2