

Political Science 4045: International Terrorism

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Class Meetings: Tuesday and Thursday 1:30 to 2:50

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Course Objectives:

September 11th, 2001 has unfortunately brought home to many Americans the realities of international terrorism. Since then, Americans have been inundated with conflicting information about the causes, consequences, and outcomes of terrorism. This course is meant to provide you with a foundation of knowledge that will allow you to arrive at informed opinions about international terrorism. Clearly this is an emotional and politically charged issue, but that does not mean that objective information does not exist. The course is designed to give you a survey of the historical roots of terrorism as well as its current manifestation. In addition, the course examines how governments, in particular democracies, respond to terrorism.

Required Books:

Hoffman, Bruce. 2006. *Inside Terrorism*. New York: Columbia University Press. ISBN 0231126999.

Juergensmeyer, Mark. 2003. *Terror in the Mind of God: The Global Rise of Religious Violence*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press. ISBN 0520240111.

Laqueur, Walter. 2001. *A History of Terrorism*. London: Transaction Publishers. ISBN 0765807998.

Reich, Walter. 1998. *Origins of Terrorism: Psychologies, Ideologies, Theologies, States of Mind*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press. ISBN 0943875897.

Silberstein, Sandra. 2004. *War of Words: Language, Politics and 9/11*. London: Routledge. ISBN 0415336244.

Reading Schedule

Part I: What is Terrorism?

- 1-14: Introduction
- 1-19: Hoffman, Chapter 1-2
1-21: Hoffman, Chapter 3-4
- 1-26: Juergensmeyer Chapter 1
1-28: Hoffman Chapter 5-7
- 2-2: Laqueur, Chapter 1

Part II: History of Terrorism

- 2-4: Laqueur, Chapters 2-3: First Reaction Paper Due
- 2-9: Mardi Gras Break
2-11: Juergensmeyer Chapters 2-3
- 2-16: Juergensmeyer Chapters 4-6
2-18: Laqueur, Chapters 5-6 and Review for Exam 1
- 2-23: Exam #1

3-24: Spring Break

Part IV: Responses to Terrorism

3-29: Laqueur, Chapter 4

3-31: Exam #2

4-5: Falkenrath, Richard. 2005. "The 9/11 Commission Report." *International Security*. 29(3): 170-90.

4-7: Cronin, Audrey Kurth. 2003. "Behind the Curve: Globalization and International Terrorism." *International Security*. 27(3): 30-58.

4-12: Silberstein, Chapters 1-2

4-14: Silberstein, Chapter 3: FINAL PAPER DUE

4-19: Silberstein, Chapter 5

4-21: Silberstein, Chapters 6-7: Third Reaction Paper Due.

4-26: Silberstein, Chapter 8

4-28: Review for Final Exam: All extra-credit due.

Thursday, May 5th, 3:00-5:00: Final Exam