

## INTERNATIONAL POLICY 632: ADVANCED STUDIES IN TERRORISM

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Wednesday 2-3:50, Room B209  
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This seminar is designed to provide an in-depth examination of certain key aspects of contemporary terrorism, and is specifically intended for graduate students who have already taken lecture-oriented undergraduate or graduate courses dealing with terrorism. The class will be divided into three separate portions. During the first portion, after a session devoted to the provision of basic information about terrorism, Islam, and Islamism, everyone in the class will read chapters from a series of important recent books that deal with global jihadist networks and their objectives. Given the threat that such networks and their supporters currently pose to the security of the West, Russia, India, various states in Asia, and moderate Muslims everywhere, it is necessary for every student interested in terrorism to become much more knowledgeable about the jihadist agenda. During the second portion of the course, students will spend their time working independently on the individual research topics they have selected, which can deal with any aspect of terrorism that interests them. During the third and final portion, each student will give an oral report in class to present and analyze his or her research findings, which will then be discussed by the entire class. Near the end of this last portion of the class, if not earlier, students must submit their completed research papers. The course requirements are as follows: regular attendance and active participation in class discussions (30% of grade), an oral report to be delivered in class (30% of grade), and a 15-20 page research paper (40% of grade).

The following books have been assigned for this course and are either on reserve at the MIIS library or available for purchase from online booksellers:

### Required:

Fawaz Gerges, *The Far Enemy: Why Jihad Went Global* (New York: Cambridge University, 2005)  
Bruce Lawrence, ed., *Messages to the World: The Statements of Osama bin Laden* (London and New York: Verso, 2005)  
Steven Emerson and the Investigative Project on Terrorism, *Jihad Incorporated: A Guide to Militant Islam in the US* (Amherst, NY: Prometheus, 2006)

Recommended (required if you have little or no background in Islam or Middle Eastern history):

L. Carl Brown, *Religion and State: The Muslim Approach to Politics* (New York: Columbia University, 2000)

In addition, a few books or article-size items may be placed on 2-hour reserve at the library as the semester progresses. Note that these items will *not* be placed on e-reserve (in order to avoid potential copyright problems), so students must actually go to the library and make their own copies (or read the material on the premises).

## **Part I: Global Jihadist Networks**

Week 1 (24 January): Terrorism, Islam, Islamism

Required Reading:

Brown, *Religion and State*, chapters 2-7, 12-14

Schmid, *Political Terrorism*, pp. 1-38 (if you have not already read it or taken my lecture course)

Week 2 (31 January): Insider Accounts of the Evolution of the Jihadist Movement

Required Reading:

Gergas, *Far Enemy*, chapters 3-4

Week 3 (7 February): Insider Accounts of the Evolution of the Jihadist Movement (cont.)

Required Reading:

Gergas, *Far Enemy*, chapters 5-6

Week 4 (14 February): Global Jihadist Objectives, Stated and Unstated

Required Reading:

Lawrence, *Messages to the World*, pp.3-14, 23-30, 58-62, 65-94, 106-29

Week 5 (21 February): Global Jihadist Objectives, Stated and Unstated (cont.)

Required Reading:

Lawrence, *Messages to the World*, pp. 145-57, 161-72, 186-206, 233-6

Week 6 (28 February): Jihadist Networks in the West

Required Reading:

Emerson, *Jihad Incorporated*, chapters 1-3, 8

## **Part II: Individual Project Research**

Weeks 7 (7 March), 9 (29 March) – 10 (5 April)

no actual class – individual consultations available during normal class period

Week 8 (14 March): Spring Break

## **Part III: Student Oral Reports**

Weeks 11 (11 April) – 15 (9 May)

3 oral reports per week

Research papers are due **no later than** “in class” on Week 14 (2 May) – the earlier, the better