



**Module Name:** Terrorism  
**Module Code:** PUBL0015  
**Teaching:** 10 hours of lectures, 10 hours of seminars  
**Credits:** 15  
**Assessment:** 1 essay (3,000 words)  
**Essay Deadline:** Wednesday, 22 April 2020 (by 2pm)  
**Lecturer:** Dr Manuel Vogt  
**Office Hours:** TBC

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## Overview and Objectives

This module will acquaint students with the main theoretical debates and empirical findings in the research on terrorism. It covers the topic from both a contemporary and an historical perspective and examines terrorism as a strategic tool of intra-state and transnational warfare. We will draw on insights from political science, sociology, psychology, criminology, economics, and history to shed light on such topics as the historical trends in terrorist activity, the relationship of terrorism to other forms of political violence, the use of one-sided violence in civil conflicts, the system and individual-level roots of terrorism, the role of religion in contemporary transnational terrorism, as well as the effects and effectiveness of this strategy of political violence. We will also examine the policy responses available to political decision makers in the field of security, including the ethical concerns arising in the context of counter-terrorist strategies.

Students will be asked to complete a comprehensive set of readings, to participate actively in seminar discussions, and to complete a long paper assignment. In addition to the required readings, the syllabus below provides an ample body of additional literature for each session and topic. These readings are not required for the course, but students are encouraged to draw on them to deepen their understanding of topics that are of particular interest to them.

By the end of the term, students should be equipped to answer central theoretical and practical questions, such as: why and when do organizations resort to terrorist strategies? Under what conditions are grievances and opportunities for terrorism most likely to emerge? How does violence spill across borders, and what drives transnational terrorism? What leads individuals to the point at which they feel that violence is their only option to bring about political change? How does terrorism affect politics and society in the target countries? How do terrorist organizations collapse, and what options do policymakers have to counter the threat of terrorism?

## Module Objectives

By the end of the module students will have developed an understanding of the individual, organization, state/societal, and transnational causes of terrorism.

- They will be able to critically evaluate competing approaches to the analysis of terrorist violence and apply theory to reflect on and develop their own understanding of contemporary counterterrorism debates.
- They will have familiarized themselves with a number of case studies of historical and contemporary relevance to the study of terrorism.
- They will have gained the analytical and methodological skills to systematically analyse key issues associated with the causes and consequences of terrorism.
- They will have developed the necessary skills to participate in group discussions about conceptual issues and theoretical debates related to terrorism and to write essays on the topic.

## Assessment

This module is assessed by a 3,000-word essay. Please see the corresponding guidelines document for further information.

**Classroom Policy**

We aim to create an inclusive classroom environment that encourages participation, critical thinking, and debate. Please observe the following classroom policies: (1) complete all required readings prior to seminar, (2) arrive on time, and (3) use electronic devices responsibly.

**Communication**

The classroom is the best place to raise questions that are relevant for everybody in the class. The best time to ask short questions that might not be relevant for everybody is after class. The office hours should be dedicated to discuss more in-depth questions and your essay. Unlike other modes of communication, this face-to-face setting allows for interactive discussions, including the possibility to ask questions of clarification. Given these clear advantages, we will not reply to emails with issues that could be resolved (1) in class, (2) after class, or (3) during office hours.

## Schedule

### Week 1. The Concept and Its History

#### Topics:

- Definition(s)
- Historical background and global trends
- History of, and current state of affairs in, research on terrorism

#### Required readings:

Laqueur, Walter. 2002. *A History of Terrorism*. 2nd printing. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers. Chapter 1.

Tilly, Charles. 2004. "Terror, Terrorism, Terrorists." *Sociological Theory* 22(1): 5-13.

Rapoport, David C. 2002. "The Four Waves of Rebel Terror and September 11." *Anthropoetics* 8(1): 1-17.

Sandler, Todd. 2014. "The Analytical Study of Terrorism." *Journal of Peace Research* 51(2): 257-271.

#### Additional literature:

Crenshaw, Martha. 1981. "The Causes of Terrorism." *Comparative Politics* 13(4): 379-399.

Shapiro, Jacob N. 2012. Terrorist Decision-Making: Insights from Economics and Political Science. *Perspectives on Terrorism* 6(4-5): 5-20.

Walzer, Michael. 2002. "Five Questions about Terrorism." *Dissent* 49(1): 1-9.

LaFree, Gary and Laura Dugan. 2015. "How Has Criminology Contributed to the Study of Terrorism since 9/11?" Pp. 1-23 in *Terrorism and Counterterrorism Today, Sociology of Crime, Law and Deviance*, edited by M. Deflem: Emerald Group Publishing Limited.

Young, Joseph K., and Michael G. Findley. 2011. "Promise and Pitfalls of Terrorism Research." *International Studies Review* 13(3): 411-431.

LaFree, Gary, and Gary Ackerman. 2009. "The Empirical Study of Terrorism: Social and Legal Research." *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 5(1): 347-374.

Rasler, Karen, and William R. Thompson. 2009. "Looking for Waves of Terrorism." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 21(1): 28-41.

Sedgwick, Mark. 2007. "Inspiration and the Origins of Global Waves of Terrorism." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 30(2): 97-112.

Shughart, William F. 2006. "An Analytical History of Terrorism, 1945–2000." *Public Choice* 128(1-2): 7-39.

Rapoport, David C. 1984. "Fear and Trembling: Terrorism in Three Religious Traditions." *American Political Science Review* 78(3): 658-677.

## Week 2. Terrorism as an Insurgent Strategy I: A Conceptual Perspective

### Topics:

- Putting terrorism in perspective: How is terrorism distinguished from, and how is it related to, other forms of political violence?
- Violence against civilians as a strategy in civil war
- The strategic functions of terrorism outside of civil war

### Required readings:

Valentino, Benjamin A. 2014. "Why We Kill: The Political Science of Political Violence against Civilians." *Annual Review of Political Science* 17: 89–103.

Findley, Michael G., and Joseph K. Young. 2012. "Terrorism and Civil War: A Spatial and Temporal Approach to a Conceptual Problem." *Perspectives on Politics* 10(02): 285-305.

Kydd, Andrew H., and Barbara F. Walter. 2006. "The Strategies of Terrorism." *International Security* 31(1): 49–80.

### Additional literature:

Kalyvas, Stathis N. 2006. *The Logic of Violence in Civil War*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pp. 1-31.

Pape, Robert A. 2003. "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism." *American Political Science Review* 97(3): 343-361.

Goodwin, Jeff. 2006. "What Do We Really Know About (Suicide) Terrorism?" *Sociological Forum* 21(2): 315-330.

Martha Crenshaw. 2016. "The Strategic Logic of Terrorism." In R. K. Betts (ed.): *Conflict After the Cold War*. New York, NY: Routledge. 471-484.

Lake, David A. 2002. "Rational Extremism: Understanding Terrorism in the Twenty-first Century." *Dialogue IO* 1(1): 15-29.

Chaliand, Gérard and Arnaud Blin (eds.). 2016. *The History of Terrorism: From Antiquity to ISIS*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press. Chapter 2.

de la Calle, Luis, and Ignacio Sanchez-Cuenca. 2012. "Rebels without a Territory: An Analysis of Nonterritorial Conflicts in the World, 1970-1997." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 56(4): 580-603.

Bueno de Mesquita, Ethan, and Eric S. Dickson. 2007. "The Propaganda of the Deed: Terrorism, Counterterrorism, and Mobilization." *American Journal of Political Science* 51(2): 364-381.

Kydd, Andrew, and Barbara F. Walter. 2002. "Sabotaging the Peace: The Politics of Extremist Violence." *International Organization* 56(2): 263-296.

Sambanis, Nicholas. 2008. "Terrorism and Civil War." In P. Keefer and N. Loayza (eds.): *Terrorism, Economic Development, and Political Openness*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 174-206.

## Week 3. Terrorism as an Insurgent Strategy II: Organizational Characteristics and the Strategic Environment

### Topics:

- When do insurgent organizations resort to terrorism? And who are their targets?
- The influence of organizational characteristics and inter-organizational competition

*Required readings:*

Goodwin, Jeff. 2006. "A Theory of Categorical Terrorism." *Social Forces* 84(4): 2027-2046.

Abrahms, Max, and Philip B. K. Potter. 2015. "Explaining Terrorism: Leadership Deficits and Militant Group Tactics." *International Organization* 69(2): 311-342.

Nemeth, Stephen. 2014. "The Effect of Competition on Terrorist Group Operations." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58(2): 336-362.

*Additional literature:*

Shapiro, Jacob N. 2012. "Terrorist Decision-Making: Insights from Economics and Political Science." *Perspectives on Terrorism* 6(4-5): 5-20.

Bloom, Mia M. 2004. "Palestinian Suicide Bombing: Public Support, Market Share, and Outbidding." *Political Science Quarterly* 119 (1):61-88.

Findley, Michael G., and Joseph K. Young. 2012. "More Combatant Groups, More Terror?: Empirical Tests of an Outbidding Logic." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 24(5): 706-721.

Conrad, Justin, and Kevin Greene. 2015. "Competition, Differentiation, and the Severity of Terrorist Attacks." *The Journal of Politics* 77(2): 546-561.

Phillips, Brian J. 2015. "Enemies with Benefits? Violent Rivalry and Terrorist Group Longevity." *Journal of Peace Research* 52(1): 62-75.

Wood, Reed M., and Jacob D. Kathman. 2015. "Competing for the Crown: Inter-rebel Competition and Civilian Targeting in Civil War." *Political Research Quarterly* 68(1): 167-179.

Humphreys, Macartan and Jeremy M. Weinstein. 2006. "Handling and Manhandling Civilians in Civil War: Determinants of the Strategies of Warring Factions." *American Political Science Review* 100(3): 429-447.

Salehyan, Idean, David Siroky, and Reed M. Wood. 2014. "External Rebel Sponsorship and Civilian Abuse: A Principal-Agent Analysis of Wartime Atrocities." *International Organization* 68(3): 633-661.

Wood, R. M. 2010. "Rebel Capability and Strategic Violence against Civilians." *Journal of Peace Research* 47(5): 601-614.

Fjelde, Hanne, and Lisa Hultman. 2014. "Weakening the Enemy: A Disaggregated Study of Violence against Civilians in Africa." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58(7): 1230-1257.

Balcells, Laia. 2010. Rivalry and Revenge: Violence against Civilians in Conventional Civil Wars. *International Studies Quarterly* 54(2): 291-313.

Danzell, Orlandrew E. 2011. "Political Parties: When Do They Turn to Terror?" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 55(1): 85-105.

Asal, Victor, Mitchell Brown, and Marcus Schulzke. 2015. "'Kill Them All—Old and Young, Girls and Women and Little Children': An Examination of the Organizational Choice of Targeting Civilians." *Political Science Research and Methods* 3(03): 589-607.

Asal, Victor, and R. Karl Rethemeyer. 2008. "The Nature of the Beast: Organizational Structures and the Lethality of Terrorist Attacks." *The Journal of Politics* 70(2): 437-449.

Laitin, David D., and Jacob N. Shapiro. 2008. "The Political, Economic, and Organizational Sources of Terrorism." In P. Keefer and N. Loayza (eds.): *Terrorism, Economic Development, and Political Openness*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 209-232.

Rohner, Dominic, and Bruno S. Frey. 2007. "Blood and Ink! The Common-interest-Game between Terrorists and the Media." *Public Choice* 133(1-2): 129-145.

Piazza, James A. 2009. "Is Islamist Terrorism More Dangerous?: An Empirical Study of Group Ideology, Organization, and Goal Structure." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 21(1): 62-88.

Berman, Eli, and David D. Laitin. 2008. "Religion, Terrorism and Public Goods: Testing the Club Model." *Journal of Public Economics* 92(10-11): 1942-1967.

Cunningham, Kathleen Gallagher, Kristin M. Bakke, and Lee J. M. Seymour. 2012. "Shirts Today, Skins Tomorrow: Dual Contests and the Effects of Fragmentation in Self-Determination Disputes." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 56(1): 67-93.

Kalyvas, Stathis N. 2006. *The Logic of Violence in Civil War*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 6.

Horowitz, Michael C. 2010. "Nonstate Actors and the Diffusion of Innovations: The Case of Suicide Terrorism." *International Organization* 64(1): 33-64.

#### **Week 4. The Causes of Terrorism: State-level Explanations**

##### *Topics:*

- Where and why does terrorism occur?
- Grievances vs. opportunities
- The role of democracy, group discrimination, and state strength

##### *Required readings:*

Hendrix, Cullen S., and Joseph K. Young. 2014. "State Capacity and Terrorism: A Two-Dimensional Approach." *Security Studies* 23(2): 329-363.

Brooks, Risa. 2009. "Researching Democracy and Terrorism: How Political Access Affects Militant Activity." *Security Studies* 18(4): 756-788.

Piazza, James A. 2011. "Poverty, Minority Economic Discrimination, and Domestic Terrorism." *Journal of Peace Research* 48(3): 339-353.

##### *Additional literature:*

Sambanis, Nicholas. 2008. "Terrorism and Civil War." In P. Keefer and N. Loayza (eds.): *Terrorism, Economic Development, and Political Openness*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 174-206.

Coggins, Bridget L. 2015. "Does State Failure Cause Terrorism? An Empirical Analysis (1999–2008)." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 59(3): 455-483.

Krueger, Alan B. and David D. Laitin. 2008. "Kto Kogo?: A Cross-country Study of the Origins and Targets of Terrorism." In P. Keefer and N. Loayza (eds.): *Terrorism, Economic Development, and Political Openness*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 148-173.

Chenoweth, Erica. 2010. "Democratic Competition and Terrorist Activity." *The Journal of Politics* 72(1): 16-30.

Abrahms, Max. 2007. "Why Democracies Make Superior Counterterrorists." *Security Studies* 16(2): 223-253.

Young, Joseph K., and Laura Dugan. 2011. "Veto Players and Terror." *Journal of Peace Research* 48(1): 19-33.

Krieger, T., and D. Meierrieks. 2010. "Terrorism in the Worlds of Welfare Capitalism." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 54(6): 902-939.

Aksoy, Deniz, David B. Carter, and Joseph Wright. 2012. "Terrorism In Dictatorships." *The Journal of Politics* 74(3): 810-826.

Abadie, Alberto. 2006. "Poverty, Political Freedom, and the Roots of Terrorism." *American Economic Review* 96(2): 50-56.

Ezcurra, Roberto, and David Palacios. 2016. "Terrorism and Spatial Disparities: Does Interregional Inequality Matter?" *European Journal of Political Economy* 42: 60-74.

## **Week 5. The Causes of Terrorism: Individual-level Motivations**

### *Topics:*

- Why do individuals participate in armed conflict and terrorism?
- The role of politics, poverty, ideology, and peer effects in radicalization processes

### *Required readings:*

Lee, Alexander. 2011. "Who Becomes a Terrorist? Poverty, Education, and the Origins of Political Violence." *World Politics* 63(2): 203-245.

McCauley, Clark, and Sophia Moskalenko. 2017. "Understanding Political Radicalization: The Two-Pyramids Model." *American Psychologist* 72(3): 205-216.

LaFree, Gary, and Erin Miller. 2008. "Desistance from Terrorism: What Can We Learn from Criminology?" *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict* 1(3): 203-230.

### *Additional literature:*

Sageman, Marc. 2004. *Understanding Terror Networks*. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press. Chapter 4.

Costalli, Stefano, and Andrea Ruggeri. 2015. "Indignation, Ideologies, and Armed Mobilization: Civil War in Italy, 1943–45." *International Security* 40(2): 119-157.

Obaidi, Milan, Robin Bergh, Jim Sidanius, and Lotte Thomsen. 2018. "The Mistreatment of My People: Victimization by Proxy and Behavioral Intentions to Commit Violence Among Muslims in Denmark." *Political Psychology* 39(3): 577-593.

Moghaddam, F. M. 2005. "The Staircase to Terrorism: A Psychological Exploration." *American Psychologist* 60(2): 161-169.

Doosje, Bertjan, Fathali M. Moghaddam, Arie W. Kruglanski, Arjan de Wolf, Liesbeth Mann, and Allard R. Feddes. 2016. "Terrorism, Radicalization and De-radicalization." *Current Opinion in Psychology* 11: 79-84.

Hafez, Mohammed, and Creighton Mullins. 2015. "The Radicalization Puzzle: A Theoretical Synthesis of Empirical Approaches to Homegrown Extremism." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 38(11): 958-975.

Bartlett, Jamie, and Carl Miller. 2012. "The Edge of Violence: Towards Telling the Difference Between Violent and Non-Violent Radicalization." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 24(1): 1-21.

Doosje, Bertjan, Annemarie Loseman, and Kees van den Bos. 2013. "Determinants of Radicalization of Islamic Youth in the Netherlands: Personal Uncertainty, Perceived Injustice, and Perceived Group Threat." *Journal of Social Issues* 69(3): 586-604.



- Jasko, Katarzyna, Gary LaFree, and Arie Kruglanski. 2017. "Quest for Significance and Violent Extremism: The Case of Domestic Radicalization." *Political Psychology* 38(5): 815-831.
- Krueger, Alan B., and Jitka Malečková. 2003. "Education, Poverty and Terrorism: Is There a Causal Connection?" *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 17(4): 119-144.
- Cunningham, Karla J. 2003. "Cross-Regional Trends in Female Terrorism." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 26(3): 171-195.
- Wood, Reed M., and Jakana Thomas. 2017. "Women on the Frontline: Rebel Group Ideology and Women's Participation in Violent Rebellion." *Journal of Peace Research* 54(1): 31-46.
- Benmelech, Efraim, Claude Berrebi, and Esteban F. Klor. 2012. "Economic Conditions and the Quality of Suicide Terrorism." *The Journal of Politics* 74(1): 113-128.
- Humphreys, Macartan, and Jeremy M. Weinstein. 2008. "Who Fights? The Determinants of Participation in Civil War." *American Journal of Political Science* 52(2): 436-455.
- Argo, Nichole. 2009. "Why Fight?: Examining Self-Interested Versus Communally-Oriented Motivations in Palestinian Resistance and Rebellion." *Security Studies* 18(4): 651-680.
- Magouirk, Justin, Scott Atran, and Marc Sageman. 2008. "Connecting Terrorist Networks." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 31(1): 1-16.
- Reynolds, Sean C., and Mohammed M. Hafez. Forthcoming. "Social Network Analysis of German Foreign Fighters in Syria and Iraq." *Terrorism and Political Violence*.

## **Week 6. The Causes of Terrorism: Transnational Factors and the Role of Religion**

### *Topics:*

- How does violence spread across borders?
- Globalization and transnational terrorism
- Global jihad and the role of religion

### *Required readings:*

Findley, Michael G., James A. Piazza, and Joseph K. Young. 2012. "Games Rivals Play: Terrorism in International Rivalries." *The Journal of Politics* 74(1): 235-248.

Walter, Barbara F. 2017. "The New New Civil Wars." *Annual Review of Political Science* 20(1): 469-486.

Kalyvas, Stathis N. 2018. "Jihadi Rebels in Civil War." *Daedalus* 147(1): 36-47.

Ahmad, Aisha. 2016. "Going Global: Islamist Competition in Contemporary Civil Wars." *Security Studies* 25(2): 353-384.

### *Additional literature:*

Forsberg, Erika. 2016. "Transnational Dimensions of Civil Wars: Clustering, Contagion, and Connectedness." In *What Do We Know About Civil Wars?*, edited by T. D. Mason and S. McLaughlin Mitchell. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield. 75-90.

Conrad, Justin. 2011. "Interstate Rivalry and Terrorism: An Unprobed Link." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 55(4): 529-555.

Braithwaite, Alex. 2015. "Transnational Terrorism as an Unintended Consequence of a Military Footprint." *Security Studies* 24(2): 349-375.

- Collard-Wexler, Simon, Costantino Pischetta, and Michael G. Smith. 2014. "Do Foreign Occupations Cause Suicide Attacks?" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58(4): 625-657.
- Blomberg, S. Brock and Gregory D. Hess. 2008. "The Lexus and the Olive Branch: Globalization, Democratization, and Terrorism." In P. Keefer and N. Loayza (eds.): *Terrorism, Economic Development, and Political Openness*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 116-147.
- Horowitz, Michael C. 2010. "Nonstate Actors and the Diffusion of Innovations: The Case of Suicide Terrorism." *International Organization* 64(1): 33-64.
- Byman, Daniel L., and Sarah E. Kreps. 2010. "Agents of Destruction? Applying Principal-Agent Analysis to State-Sponsored Terrorism." *International Studies Perspectives* 11(1): 1-18.
- Carter, David B. 2012. "A Blessing or a Curse? State Support for Terrorist Groups." *International Organization* 66 (01):129-151.
- Salehyan, Idean, David Siroky, and Reed M. Wood. 2014. "External Rebel Sponsorship and Civilian Abuse: A Principal-Agent Analysis of Wartime Atrocities." *International Organization* 68(3): 633-661.
- Piazza, James A. 2008. "Incubators of Terror: Do Failed and Failing States Promote Transnational Terrorism?" *International Studies Quarterly* 52(3): 469-488.
- Coggins, Bridget L. 2015. "Does State Failure Cause Terrorism? An Empirical Analysis (1999-2008)." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 59(3): 455-483.
- George, Justin. 2018. "State Failure and Transnational Terrorism: An Empirical Analysis." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62(3):471-95.
- Philpott, Daniel. 2002. "The Challenge of September 11 to Secularism in International Relations." *World Politics* 55(1): 66-95.
- Sedgwick, Mark. 2004. "Al-Qaeda and the Nature of Religious Terrorism." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 16(4): 795-814.
- Hegghammer, Thomas. 2010. "The Rise of Muslim Foreign Fighters: Islam and the Globalization of Jihad." *International Security* 35(3): 53-94.
- Benmelech, Efraim, and Esteban F. Klor. Forthcoming. "What Explains the Flow of Foreign Fighters to ISIS?" *Terrorism and Political Violence*.
- Isaacs, Matthew. 2016. "Sacred Violence or Strategic Faith? Disentangling the Relationship between Religion and Violence in Armed Conflict." *Journal of Peace Research* 53(2): 211-225.
- Bormann, Nils-Christian, Lars-Erik Cederman, and Manuel Vogt. 2017. "Language, Religion, and Ethnic Civil War." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(4): 744-771.
- Moghaddam, Fathali M., Zachary Warren, and K. Love. 2013. "Religion and the Staircase to Terrorism." *Handbook of the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*. Pp. 632-648.
- Buhaug, Halvard, and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch. 2008. "Contagion or Confusion? Why Conflicts Cluster in Space." *International Studies Quarterly* 52(2): 215-233.
- Norbrook, Nicholas. 2016. Islamic State in Africa and the grim utopia. The Africa Report. Berkhamsted, UK, Groupe Jeune Afrique. Online: <http://www.theafricareport.com/North-Africa/islamic-state-in-africa-and-the-grim-utopia.html>
- Skelton, Rose. 2015. Mali: Faith and the fightback. The Africa Report. Berkhamsted, UK, Groupe Jeune Afrique. Online: <http://www.theafricareport.com/West-Africa/mali-faith-and-the-fightback.html>

## Week 7. Internal Organization: Organizational Structure, Recruitment, and Tactics

### Topics:

- How do terrorist groups organize themselves?
- How do they recruit members?
- And what are the practical consequences of these organizational structures and strategies?

### Required readings:

Shapiro, Jacob N. 2013. *The Terrorist's Dilemma: Managing Violent Covert Organizations*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. PAGES TO BE ANNOUNCED!

Eilstrup-Sangiovanni, Mette, and Calvert Jones. 2008. "Assessing the Dangers of Illicit Networks." *International Security* 33(2): 7-44.

Hegghammer, Thomas. 2009. "The Recruiter's Dilemma: Signalling and Rebel Recruitment Tactics." *Journal of Peace Research* 50(1): 3-16.

### Additional literature:

Sageman, Marc. 2004. *Understanding Terror Networks*. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press. Chapter 5.

Sageman, Marc. 2011. *Leaderless Jihad: Terror Networks in the Twenty-First Century*. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press. Chapters 6 & 7.

Helfstein, Scott. 2009. "Governance of Terror: New Institutionalism and the Evolution of Terrorist Organizations." *Public Administration Review* 69(4): 727-739.

Shapiro, Jacob N., and David A. Siegel. 2011. "Moral Hazard, Discipline, and the Management of Terrorist Organizations." *World Politics* 64(1): 39-78.

Weinstein, Jeremy M. 2007. *Inside Rebellion: The Politics of Insurgent Violence*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Pp. 1-24.

Staniland, Paul. 2012. "Organizing Insurgency: Networks, Resources, and Rebellion in South Asia." *International Security* 37(1): 142-177.

Brown, Joseph M. Forthcoming. "Notes to the Underground: Credit Claiming and Organizing in the Earth Liberation Front." *Terrorism and Political Violence*.

Chen, Hsinchun, Wingyan Chung, Jialun Qin, Edna Reid, Marc Sageman, and Gabriel Weimann. 2008. "Uncovering the Dark Web: A Case Study of Jihad on the Web." *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology* 59(8): 1347-1359.

Cuéllar, Mariano-Florentino. 2006. "The Untold Story of al Qaeda's Administrative Law Dilemmas." *Minnesota Law Review* 91: 1302-1368.

Benson, David C. 2014. "Why the Internet Is Not Increasing Terrorism." *Security Studies* 23(2): 293-328.

Mueller, John, and Mark G. Stewart. 2015. "Terrorism, Counterterrorism, and the Internet: The American Cases." *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict* 8(2): 176-190.

Horowitz, Michael C. 2010. "Nonstate Actors and the Diffusion of Innovations: The Case of Suicide Terrorism." *International Organization* 64(1): 33-64.

Santfort, Charlinda, Todd Sandler, and Patrick T. Brandt. 2013. "Terrorist Attack and Target Diversity: Changepoints and Their Drivers." *Journal of Peace Research* 50(1): 75-90.

Benmelech, Efraim, Claude Berrebi, and Esteban F. Klor. 2012. "Economic Conditions and the Quality of Suicide Terrorism." *The Journal of Politics* 74(1): 113-128.

Ugarriza, Juan E., and Matthew J. Craig. 2013. "The Relevance of Ideology to Contemporary Armed Conflicts." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 57(3): 445-477.

Spaaij, Ramón. 2010. "The Enigma of Lone Wolf Terrorism: An Assessment." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 33(9): 854-870.

Becker, Michael. 2014. "Explaining Lone Wolf Target Selection in the United States." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 37(11): 959-978.

Moskalenko, Sophia, and Clark McCauley. 2011. "The Psychology of Lone-wolf Terrorism." *Counselling Psychology Quarterly* 24(2): 115-126.

## Week 8. Does Terrorism Work?

### Topics:

- The effectiveness of terrorism as a strategy of political violence
- Individual and system-level consequences of terrorism

### Required readings:

Krause, Peter. 2013. "The Political Effectiveness of Non-State Violence: A Two-Level Framework to Transform a Deceptive Debate." *Security Studies* 22(2): 259-294.

Fortna, Virginia Page. 2015. Do Terrorists Win? Rebels' Use of Terrorism and Civil War Outcomes. *International Organization* 69(3): 519-556.

Hirsch-Hoefler, Sivan, Daphna Canetti-Nisim, Carmit Rapaport, and Stevan E. Hobfoll. 2014. "Conflict will Harden your Heart: Exposure to Violence, Psychological Distress, and Peace Barriers in Israel and Palestine." *British Journal of Political Science* 46(4): 845-859.

### Additional literature:

Abrahms, M. 2012. "The Political Effectiveness of Terrorism Revisited." *Comparative Political Studies* 45(3): 366-393.

Berrebi, Claude, and Esteban F. Klor. 2008. "Are Voters Sensitive to Terrorism? Direct Evidence from the Israeli Electorate." *American Political Science Review* 102(3): 279-301.

Gould, Eric D., and Esteban F. Klor. 2010. "Does Terrorism Work?" *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 125(4): 1459-1510.

Montalvo, José G. 2011. "Voting after the Bombings: A Natural Experiment on the Effect of Terrorist Attacks on Democratic Elections." *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 93(4): 1146-1154.

Woods, Joshua. 2011. "The 9/11 Effect: Toward a Social Science of the Terrorist Threat." *The Social Science Journal* 48(1): 213-233.

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- Repression vs. accommodation
- "Clinical" and social approaches to counter-terrorism

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- Indiscriminate counter-insurgency
- Violence and terror as an instrument of political control
- Strategic vs. ideological roots of state terror

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