This course is a systematic examination of the origins and tactics of terrorism as well as of the policies that democratic states have used to defend themselves from terrorism. We will analyze the logic of these unconventional violent acts as well as the political uses of the terms “terrorism,” “terrorist,” “freedom fighter,” “patriot,” and “guerrilla.” An historical and cross-cultural perspective will inform our study of the causes of terrorism and the range of responses to terrorism. These past international and domestic policy responses and trade-offs are discussed as we examine responses to terrorism and guerrilla warfare in the 21st century.

Please note that this is NOT a course on counterterrorism tactics or specifically on US policy in its War on Terrorism; if you are looking for that type of course please look elsewhere. From a social science perspective I find the ‘terrorist’ experiences in which military tactics have failed to defeat terrorism especially interesting – both why some groups using tactics labeled by their targets as ‘terrorism’ have been able to survive and how governments have come to terms with such failures (e.g., IRA in Ireland, Irgun and PLO in Palestine, Muqtada al-Sadr in Iraq).

Readings: Some readings are in a course reader and others are web-based; you can access JSTOR for these latter readings via your UCSD account. Course reader will be provided by University Readers, 4186 Sorrento Valley Blvd Ste H, San Diego, CA 92121, 800.200.3908 (phone), 858.552.1422 (fax) www.universityreaders.com

Course Requirements: Grading will be based on a midterm (40%) and final exam (60%). The final exam is take-home; it will be distributed on the last day of class and is due at the time of our regularly scheduled final exam. You will need to use Turnitin.com; instructions will be provided in class. Please plan accordingly. You are responsible for material in the readings and that which is presented in lecture. PowerPoints summarizing the lectures will be available on the course web site, but lectures are not PodCast. Cheating on exams will result in failure of the entire course.

Please be advised that make-up finals are offered only if a student has a valid reason for not taking the final at the regularly scheduled time. Valid reasons include: serious illness and family disasters. Conflicting finals (either multiple finals on the same day or two finals at the same time) are NOT considered a legitimate reason – students are aware of the final exam schedule when scheduling their courses. The Academic Senate has also rejected early departures from San Diego for internships, Officer Training courses, family vacations and the like as legitimate excuses; please plan accordingly.
Readings

Week 1: Terrorism – Problems of Definition and Classification


Week 2: Debating the Origins of Terrorism

David C. Rapoport, “Fear and Trembling: Terrorism in Three Religious Traditions” American Political Science Review, Vol. 78, No. 3 (Sep., 1984), pp. 658-677 access via JSTOR and your UCSD connection
Martin A. Miller, “The Intellectual Origins of Modern Terrorism in Europe,” READER.
Bruce Hoffman, “The Modern Terrorist Mindset: Tactics, targets and technologies’ Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence, St. Andrews University, Scotland , October 1997 accessible via UCSD library
Ian S. Lustick, “Terrorism in the Arab-Israeli Conflict: Targets and Audiences,” in Crenshaw, ed. Terrorism in Context pp. 514-552 READER

Week 3: Organizing and Financing Terrorism

Kevin Siqueira “Political and Militant Wings within Dissident Movements and Organizations” Journal Of Conflict Resolution, Vol.4 9 No. 2, April2 0052 18-236
As'ad Abu Khalil, “Internal Contradictions in the PFLP: Decision Making and Policy Orientation” Middle East Journal, Vol. 41, No. 3 (Summer, 1987), pp. 361-378 access through JSTOR
Michael Freeman and Moyara Ruehsen, “Terrorism Financing Methods: An Overview” Perspectives on Terrorism 7:4 available on course web site
Week 4: Terrorism in the Name of Revolution: Guerrilla Warfare and State Response

Carlos Marighella, *Minimanual of the Urban Guerrilla*
http://www.marxists.org/archive/marighella-carlos/1969/06/minimanual-urban-guerrilla/index.htm


Week 5: Terrorism in Modern Democracies


Goldie Shabad and Francisco Llera, “Political Violence in a Democratic State: Basque Separatism in Spain,”
http://www.cfr.org/publication/9271/


Week 5 THUR: MIDTERM EXAMINATION

Week 6: The IRA Case


Week 7: The Arab-Israeli Case


Week 8: Cycles of Violence


Véronique Dudouet, “Dynamics and factors of transition from armed struggle to nonviolent resistance”  Journal of Peace Research  May 2013 50: 401-413, access via JSTOR

David Steele, “Creative Approaches to Conflict Transformation in Societies Affected by Extremist Religion” available on course web site


Week 9: A New Terrorism?


“Responding to Terrorism: Crime, Punishment and War”  Harvard Law Review  115:4 Feb 2002 pp. 1217-1238 accessible via UCSD access to JSTOR

Robert A. Pape, “The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism”  American Political Science Review  Vol. 97, No. 3 August 2003 access at JSTOR via UCSD Libraries
Week 10: Responding to Terrorism in the 21st Century: Goals and Strategies

Bruce Hoffman and Kim Cragin, “Counterterrorism Lessons Learned from Five Countries” http://www.fathom.com/feature/190155
Toward a Democratic Response: The Club de Madrid Series on Democracy and Terrorism, Vol 3. The International Summit on Democracy, Terrorism And Security 8-11 March 2005 Madrid same link as above