

CAS/IR 557, Guerrilla Warfare and Terrorism (Prof. H. Joachim Maitre), Spring 2007

Open to seniors and graduate students. Time: Mondays and Wednesdays, 17.00 to 18.30 hours. Place: College of Arts and Sciences, 725 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 222

Synopsis:

Conventional guerrilla wars are rare today. The Soviet Union's collapse in 1991 crushed many an armed conflict in the Third World, turning former "revolutionary" vassals into mere "market reformers" — in Mozambique and Vietnam, Ethiopia and Nicaragua — while generating violent centrifugal forces at home (in Chechnya and Tajikistan, Georgia and Moldova). Yet real "small wars" continue elsewhere, starve for temporary lack of fuel, smolder on, and flare up again, unaffected by the rise and fall of greater powers or the global commodity trade. Colombians and Somalis, Tamils and Congolese, Afghans and Angolans witness first-hand the failure and death of "the state." While no end seems in sight for armed strife over land and language in Kashmir, Sri Lanka, and the near Middle East, Ms. Madeleine Albright in 1998 prophetically called global terrorism conducted by non-state entities "the war of the future."

Objective:

To gain a comprehensive overview and understanding of post-World War Two anti-colonial guerrilla/independence movements in South East Asia and North Africa; of "the winds of change" in Black Africa, leading to post-colonial "sovereignty" and East-West proxy wars with insurgency and counter-insurgency from the Cape to Cairo, from Cuba to Colombia; of urban "armed struggle": the (Italian) Red Brigades, (German) Red Army Faction, (Uruguayan) Tupamaros, (French) Direct Action; of the quest for secession through violence: IRA, ETA, FLQ. Theoreticians of violence/insurgency: Lenin, Mao, Giap, Marighella, Guevara, Debray. The State's counter-offensive in the '80s and '90s: guerrillas fading, terrorism rising. USA, September 11, 2001: the leads, the immediate aftermath. The "War on Terror" and National Interest.

Rules of Engagement:

Final grade based on MidTerm, Final Exam, Term Paper/Presentation, Participation (25 percent each). Attendance is mandatory. No food or beverage in the lecture hall.

Office Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays, 15.00 to 16.30 hours. 67 Bay State Road (Center for Defense Journalism)

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Reading List (• mandatory for all)

- Anonymous, Through Our Enemies' Eyes: Osama Bin Laden, Radical Islam, and the Future of America, Brassey's, 2002
- Regis Debray, Revolution in the Revolution? – Armed Struggle and Political Struggle in Latin America, Monthly Review Press, 1967
- Frantz Fanon, The Wretched of the Earth, Grove Press, 1976
- Ernesto “Che” Guevara, Guerrilla Warfare: the Authorized Edition, Ocean Press, 2006
 - Ernesto “Che” Guevara, The African Dream – The Diaries of the Revolutionary War in the Congo, Grove Press, 2000
 - Bruce Hoffman, Inside Terrorism, Columbia University Press, 2006
- James Hoge, Jr., How Did This Happen? Terrorism and the New War, Public Affairs, 2001
- Anthony James Joes, Guerrilla Warfare – A Historical, Biographical, and Bibliographical Sourcebook, Greenwood Press, 1996
- Clifford Simonsen and Jeremy Spindlove, Terrorism Today – The Past, The Players, The Future, Prentice Hall, 2007
 - Andrew Sinclair, An Anatomy of Terror, Pan Macmillan, 2004
 - --- Unabomber's Manifesto, <http://www.thecourier.com/manifest.htm>
 - 9/11 Commission Report: National Commission on Terrorist Attacks, Barnes & Noble, 2004

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<u>Sequence of Topics, I:</u>	Texts to be read by...
17 January	Introduction: Terms, Definitions <u>The Battle of Algiers</u>
22/24 January	Andrew Sinclair, <u>An Anatomy of Terror</u>
29/31 January	The Age of Decolonization “Winds of Change”, “Wars of Liberation”. Bruce Hoffman, <u>Inside Terrorism</u>
5/7 February	T.E. Lawrence, Guerrilla Warfare in the Middle East, Fall of the Ottoman Empire (Guest: Professor David Fromkin)
12/14 February	<u>Five Strategies of Terrorism</u> (Christopher C. Harmon) Simonson/Spindlove, <u>Terrorism Today, Part 1</u>
20/21 February	Simonson/Spindlove, <u>Terrorism Today, Part 2</u> Marighella, <u>Minimanual of the Urban Guerrilla</u>
26/28 February	Simonson/Spindlove, <u>Terrorism Today, Part 3 (Counter Terrorism)</u>
5 March	Russia in Chechnya (Urban Combat) <u>Russia’s 1994-96 Campaign for Chechnya: A Failure in Shaping the Battlespace</u> (Norman L. Cooling, <u>Marine Corps Gazette</u> , October 2001)
	Review of course’s first half
7 March	MidTerm, 60 Minutes