Security, Terrorism, and War

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	6216CRIM
Formal Module Title	Security, Terrorism, and War
Owning School	Justice Studies
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 6
Grading Schema	40

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Justice Studies

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Workshop	33

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
SEP-MTP	MTP	September	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	This module aims to:• Examine the challenges associated with defining and studying terrorism and insurgency• Assess how terrorism is constructed in social, political, legal, and media discourses • Analyse how governments and nation-states respond and react to contemporary forms of terrorism in a globalised world • Map the connections between organised crime and terrorist actors• Document the effects of counterterrorism and security policy on communities and counter-hegemonic politics more broadly

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Critically evaluate the ways in which contemporary terrorism and/or counterterrorism has been defined, constructed, exercised or experienced by communities in a written plan.
MLO2	2	Critically analyse the methods, motivations, and justifications given for the employment of political violence by states and/or non-state actors in a globalised world
MLO3	3	Critically interrogate the role and impact of counterterrorism policies and security initiatives on communities.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	Indicative topics/sessions include:• Module Introduction: A History of Terrorism and Political Violence • Orthodox Terrorism Studies (OTS) and Critical Studies on Terrorism (CST)• Law, Legality, and the Challenges of Studying Terrorism• Media, Popular Culture, and the Social Construction of Terrorism• Insurgency, Counterinsurgency, and Irregular Warfare • Protest, Militarisation, and Political Policing • Globalisation, Religion, and the emergence of 'New Terrorism' • September 11 and the Global 'War on Terror'• The 'Crime-Terror' Nexus • Surveillance, Policing, and 'Suspect Communities' • '(De)Radicalisation', Countering Violent Extremism (CVE), and Securitisation• Module assessment support & guidance.
Module Overview	
Additional Information	This module critically interrogates state and non-state political violence in reference to terrorism, counterterrorism, insurgency, and counterinsurgency war. The module is loosely divided into three broad blocs or segments. Firstly, it maps and evaluates the ways in which terrorism and insurgency are defined, how knowledge about them is produced, and how they are understood in government, policy, and military/security/policing circles. Attention is also given to the way they are socially constructed in popular culture and media discourse and some of the ethical and methodological challenges associated with studying, researching, and teaching the subjects. Secondly, the module engages in a critical examination of the methods used by governments, military, and policing agencies in dealing with terrorism and armed struggle in a globalised world by paying particular attention to wars of counterinsurgency and the global 'war on terror' through the study of confinement/imprisonment, law, drone warfare, torture, surveillance, de-radicalisation, militarisation, securitisation, and political policing. Thirdly, the module maps the harmful effects and outcomes of counterterrorism on communities and counter-hegemonic politics more broadly. The aim here is to help students reflect on the discrepancies between what counterterrorism and security policy desire in theory and what they achieve in practice.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Essay Plan 1,000 words	15	0	MLO1
Essay	Essay 3,000 words	85	0	MLO2, MLO3

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings