Terror Organizations Politics and Military
The modules in this class will examine how terror organizations can morph into legitimate political entities.

Module 1
The Irish Republican Army
1. History
2. Leadership
3. Guiding Principles & Strategic Objectives
4. Campaign of Terror
5. Popular Support
6. Ulster Freedom Fighters: the Irish Citizen’s Counter-Terror Group
7. The Political and Military Wings of the IRA
8. IRA Splinter Groups
9. The De-Militarization of the IRA: Politics Trumps Violence
10. Gerry Adams

Module 2
Hamas
1. Origin
2. Guiding Principles and Strategic Objectives
3. Leadership
4. Campaign of Terror
5. Popular Support
6. Support from Nation States
7. Palestinian Politics
8. Political and Military Wings
9. Splinter Groups
10. Hamas Today

Hezbollah
1. Origin
2. Guiding Principles and Strategic Objectives
3. Leadership
4. Campaign of Terror
5. Popular Support
6. Support from Nation States
7. Political and Military Wings
8. Splinter Groups
9. Hezbollah Today

Learning Outcomes from taking both modules:
Student will:
1. Understand the events and circumstances that brought the Irish Republican Army and the British government to the negotiation table, thus ending the IRA’s long campaign of terror and armed resistance.
2. Comprehend how lengthy and bloody terror campaigns can exact a toll on the populations affected by the violence, resulting in social and political pressures upon both the terror organization and its opposition government to negotiate a peaceful solution.
3. Gain an appreciation for how the two wings of these terror groups – the political and the military – work hand-in-hand to achieve the organizations’ strategic objectives.
4. Realize that extended terror campaigns are often successful, resulting in the religious, political and/or social changes for which the terrorists fought coming to fruition.

5. Examine the rise of splinter groups within a terror organization. Ascertain how the goals and actions of these splinter groups can interfere with the identity, mission and operations of the parent group.

6. Understand how, in a world of real-time communications and global media coverage, a society’s desire for security and stability can nudge terror groups to seek structured and non-violent solutions to their grievances.