

PSCI 3510  
Terrorism and  
Political Violence  
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### Announcements

- Last extra credit film: *The Killing Fields*. Wednesday evening 6:30 pm in 3301 Friedmann.
- Second writing assignment due Saturday night midnight.
  - Two position papers, each two pages long, one on each topic.
  - They will be posted on the course web site for others to read. You will not have a chance to edit them for content or writing.
- Monday's class will be devoted to drafting resolutions for discussion at the sim.

### Edits to Simulation Rules

- For the simulation, two discussion items:
  1. Improving the United Nations Global Counterterrorism Strategy.
  2. Responding to state sponsors of terrorism (not "putting an end to ISIS terrorism").
- Each draft resolution must have at least two sponsors and at least one (not two) signatory.
- Adoption of a resolution requires eight votes (not nine).

### International Law Regarding War (Jaggar)

- *Jus ad bellum*: the law in waging war. Under what conditions is it acceptable to resort to force?
- Two instances:
  - The right to individual or collective self-defense in response to aggression by another State (or group of States).
  - Based on a UN Security Council decision, the resort to the collective use of force in response to a threat to the peace, a breach of the peace or an act of aggression.



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- *Jus in bello*: the law governing the conduct of hostilities. If engaging in war, what are the rules?
- Two principles:
  - Discrimination: combatants over non-combatants. Avoid the latter, or minimize collateral casualties (i.e., try to foresee and ensure justification).
  - Proportionality: the injury caused should be proportional to the objective desired, and the extent and violence must be tempered to minimize destruction and casualties.



"The evil produced by the war must not be greater than the good done or the evil averted by it."

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Acontecendo agora

**Tânia Bacelar – “Nossa elite é interessante: todos liberais e dependentes do Estado” – Saiba Mais – 22.10.2017**

OUT 2017

A cientista social e economista pernambucana Tânia Bacelar priorizaria investimentos em infraestrutura e Educação para reduzir os efeitos da crise no Nordeste. Para ela, o impacto negativo só não foi maior em razão da pujança econômica do governo Lula na região, o que ainda segurou alguns indicadores.  
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**Boaventura de Sousa Santos – A ilusória “Desglobalização” – Outras Palavras – out. 2017 3p.**

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**UN GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY**

**Pillar I**  
Addressing the Conditions Conducive to the Spread of Terrorism

**Pillar II**  
Preventing and Combatting Terrorism

**Pillar III**  
Building States' capacity and strengthening the role of the United Nations

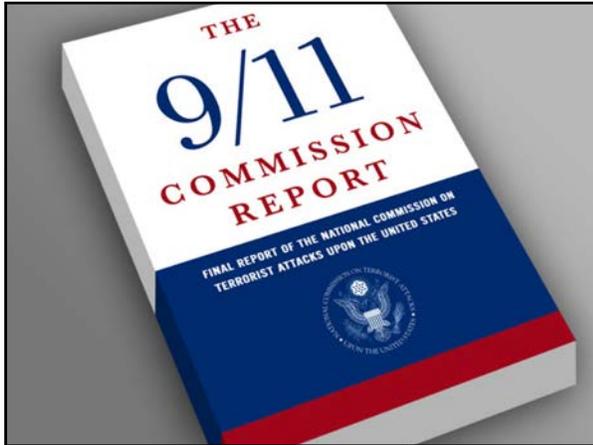
**Pillar IV**  
Ensuring Human rights and the rule of law

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**Islamic Extremist Attacks Against Americans pre-9/11**

- Feb 1993: WTC bomb.
- Oct 1993: Somalia "Black Hawk Down" incident.
- Early 1995: plot against US airliners in Manila foiled.
- Nov 1995: car bomb in Riyadh (SA).
- June 1996: truck bomb in Dhahran (SA).
- Feb 1998: bin Laden fatwa.
- Aug 1998: truck bombs in Nairobi (Kenya) and Dar es Salaam (Tanzania).
  - Retaliation by cruise missile strike in Afghanistan and Sudan.
- Dec 1999: hotel bomb plot in Jordan foiled.
- Dec 1999: plot targeting LAX foiled.
- Oct 2000: USS Cole attack in Yemen.





- ### 9/11 Commission Report: Failures
- Tracking known suspects.
  - Recognizing manipulated passports and false statements on visa applications.
  - Including names from terrorist watchlists on no-fly lists.
  - Securing and hardening cockpit doors.
  - Adjusting Cold War approach to threats.
  - Understanding al-Qaeda.
  - Realizing the threat of attacks.
  - Transition from investigation to prevention (FBI).
  - Connecting field evidence to national priorities (FBI).

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- Adjusting practices to potential threat (FAA).
  - Comprehensively examining intelligence.
  - Over-emphasizing covert action and use of proxies.
  - Pooling intelligence from across agencies ("stovepipes").
  - Including consular services and border patrol in counter-terrorism efforts.
  - Communicating effectively among FAA, DoD and POTUS during attacks.
  - Planning emergency response at such a large scale.
  - Passing effective counter-terrorism legislation.
  - Providing sufficient Congressional oversight of intelligence.

- ### Improvements
- Transportation security.
    - International coordination.
    - International Civil Aviation Organization Declaration on Aviation Security (2010).
    - International Air Transport Association air cargo security measures (2010 UPS/Fedex incidents).
    - Risk assessment (transportation networks, underwater tunnels, bridge security, maritime port security).
    - Transportation Security Administration.
    - Enhanced visa security and screening.



- ### Improvements
- Critical infrastructure and cyber security risk assessment and prevention.
    - Electrical grid.
    - Telecommunications network.
    - Water supply.
    - Public health facilities.
    - Food distribution networks.
    - Critical financial institutions.



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  - Anti-Money Laundering initiatives and certification.
  - Intersection with drug trafficking.
  - Charities.
  - Legitimate businesses.

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- Information sharing among agencies.
  - New DHS Office of Intelligence & Analysis
- New Fusion Centers (72)
  - Information gathering and sharing: law enforcement, public safety, fire service, emergency response, public health, critical infrastructure
  - Criticized as ineffective (useless data) and intrusive (privacy violations)
- Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative
  - Based on tips and suspicions by law enforcement and private citizens

