

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	TRANSNATIONAL REGULATION OF TERRORISM AND COUNTER-TERRORISM		
MODULE CODE	LA4503 (L7)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

Terrorism presents one of the most significant challenges to international peace and security. The advent of Islamist terror groups such as Al-Qaeda in Afghanistan and Pakistan in the late 1990s - culminating in the "9/11" atrocities of 2001 - brought to the forefront the need to establish a legal framework for the regulation of terrorism and counterterrorism. The aim of this module is to explain and evaluate the transnational nature of terrorism and the transnational laws and strategies adopted and developed in combatting terrorism, and more recent manifestations of the phenomenon, such as the rise of the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL/Da'esh).

MODULE CONTENT

Indicative syllabus content:

1. Incidents of international terrorism
2. Defining terrorism in international law
3. The regulation of terrorism at the international level – the legal framework and States' domestic and international obligations to protect security from terrorism
4. The regulation of terrorism and counter-terrorism at the regional level, such as the European Union and the Council of Europe
5. Human rights and counter-terrorism – human rights treaties and bodies at the international and regional level - such as the work of the UN human rights monitoring bodies/committees and the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights
6. The regulatory framework for combating money laundering and terrorist financing at the international and regional level, such as the UN, the EU, the Council of Europe and the Financial Action Task Force Standards
7. Case-studies of individual State responses to terrorism, such as the case studies provided by the UK and Cyprus
8. Current issues in the transnational regulation of terrorism, such as detainment and torture of terror suspects, extraordinary rendition, foreign fighters, targeted killings and drones etc.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

1. Identify, describe and evaluate transnational strategies and duties to protect society from terrorism
2. Identify, describe and evaluate transnational legal responses to terrorism
3. Engage in academic debates and present ideas in a structured and accurate manner.
4. Research, critically evaluate and present well-structured arguments in written and oral work.

TEACHING METHODS

Preparation for the workshops will involve extensive research and reading, to consider and critically analyse the set topics and the discussion questions, set in advance, arising from those topics. Students are expected to prepare answers to the discussion questions and present these to, and discuss with, the workshop tutor and workshop group members. In addition to the skills of analysis and research, students are expected to develop and apply skills of analytical discussion, oral expression and writing. Students will engage with other students and staff in online activities, and synchronous and asynchronous workshops, to consider and critically analyse particular sources and engage in discussion leading to development of these skills. The workshops also give students the opportunity to synthesise in a more dynamic way the independent learning already undertaken and apply principles from various themes covered in the workshop activity sheets.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through one Written Assessment and one Written Exam.