

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

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

MODULE AIMS

Terrorism has been a significant challenge to international peace and security for many years especially since 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. The train bombings in Madrid in 2004 and in London in 2005 and more recently the rise of Islamist terror groups in the Arabian Peninsula and North Africa serve only to remind us of the serious threat terrorism poses to human security. This module aims to examine incidents of international terrorism, the obligations states have to protect themselves from acts and threats of terrorism, transnational legal responses to terrorism and the rights of individuals suspected of terrorism in the pursuit of protecting human security.

MODULE CONTENT

Indicative syllabus content:

1. Incidents of international terrorism
2. States’ domestic and international obligations to protect human security from terrorism
3. Transnational strategies for protecting human security from terrorism
4. Defining terrorism in international law
5. Counter-terrorism powers in international law
6. Transnational techniques for collecting evidence against terror suspects such as search warrants, surveillance and interception of telecommunications
7. Transnational criminal offences of terrorism I: proscription
8. Transnational criminal offences of terrorism II: public provocation to commit terrorism
9. Transnational laws regulating the prevention of terrorism
10. Issues in transnational regulation of terrorism eg. the torture of terror suspects, extraordinary rendition, Guantanamo 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 human security 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.
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TEACHING METHODS

This module is organised into 2-hour weekly seminars. During each seminar, the tutor will deliver a short presentation and facilitate a discussion of critical issues within the said topic led by the students, either working in groups or individually. Some topics may be divided between two Seminars. Students will be expected to have independently researched the issues for discussion in each seminar and to come to seminars prepared to respond and participate in an open and active critical discussion.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through an individual presentation and a written assignment.