Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism

This short course provides an overview of the key concepts related to both terrorism and counter-terrorism. Participants will be provided with analysis and insight into the main actors, motivations, capabilities, and tactics of key terrorist entities, and the primary approaches utilised to counter them.

On completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Identify key terrorist organisations and networks, and their relevant motivations and structures
- Understand the relationship between terrorist’s strategic objectives and their tactical and targeting decision making
- Appreciate the increased role of technology by terrorist, particularly the use of the online environment, and the relationship of this with ‘lone-wolf’ and ‘home-grown’ terrorism
- Articulate the importance of both existing and new tactics used by terrorists, particularly those tactics used outside of conflict zones
- Distinguish between the various approaches to counter-terrorism, and the role of different agencies from law enforcement, intelligence, and military agencies
- Identify the challenges that democratic states confront in their efforts to counter-terrorism, and recognise the importance of legal and ethical considerations
- Articulate the importance and value of a variety of counter-terrorism measures, and be capable of providing justifications for the actions of counter-terrorism agencies