

## **\*\*DRAFT SYLLABUS\*\***

**Please note the following:**

- The location of HOID 111b has changed to Schwartz Auditorium
- HOID 111b will satisfy a requirement for PAX and NEJS
- The syllabus is subject to change

### **HOID 111B — SEPTEMBER 11: ROOTS AND AFTERMATH**

Spring 2002, Meetings: M, W, 5:10-6:30 PM

Schwartz Auditorium

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**Course Description:** An exploration of the antecedents, meaning, and possible future repercussions of what happened on September 11, 2001, through the perspectives of politics, history, literature, the arts, religion, regional studies, and other disciplines. The course will be a combination of lectures and discussions, with guest speakers from both the Brandeis faculty and outside the University

**Course Requirements:**

1. Regular class attendance and participation in discussion sections
2. Four essays of 4 to 6 pages in length, double-spaced, due on the following dates:
  - Wednesday February 13
  - Monday March 11
  - Monday April 15
  - Wednesday May 8

**Required Texts:**

- Hannah Arendt, *On Violence* (Harcourt Brace, 1970)
- Albert Camus, *Caligula and Three Plays* (Random House, 1962)
- Malise Ruthven, *Islam in the World* (Oxford University Press, 1984)
- Thomas Friedman, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree* (Anchor Books, 2000)
- Kanan Makiya, *Cruelty and Silence* (W.W. Norton, 1993)
- Martha Minow, *Between Vengeance and Forgiveness* (Beacon Press, 1998)
- Daniel Terris and Sylvia Fuks-Fried, eds., *Catholics, Jews and the Prism of Conscience* (Brandeis University, 2001)

These books are available through the University Bookstore, with the exception of the Terris/Fuks-Fried volume, which will made available to students free of charge.

Each discussion will focus on the texts listed under “*Principal Readings*” for that session. The instructors and/or individual discussion leaders will also select texts from the “*Additional Readings*” sections. Please note that, unlike many courses, the syllabus and some of the required readings are likely to change over the course of the semester in order to keep up with the rapid pace of current events. Students are encouraged to suggest readings that they believe will contribute to the course, especially if those readings are available in a no-cost, on-line format.

The majority of the course readings will be made available through the Electronic Reserve system (ERES). Those readings that cannot be placed on ERES will be available in the library on two-hour reserve. Please notify the instructors as soon as possible if there are problems with the ERES system or in finding any of the readings for the course.

**If you are a student with a documented disability on record at Brandeis University and wish to have a reasonable accommodation made for you, please see the instructors immediately after class.**

## PART ONE: INTRODUCTION

Wed 1/23 Course Overview & Sept 11  
Mon 1/28 Thinking About Political Violence  
Wed 1/30 The War and the American Left  
Mon 2/4 Discussion

Daniel Terris  
Kanan Makiya  
Christopher Hitchens  
Staff

### Principal Readings:

Hannah Arendt, *On Violence*  
Walter Laqueur, *The New Terrorism*, pp. 8-49

### Additional Readings:

Chronology of Events: [www.september11news.com/DailyTimeline.htm](http://www.september11news.com/DailyTimeline.htm)  
President's Speech to Congress (Sept. 20) [www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/09/20010920-8.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/09/20010920-8.html)  
President's Speech in Atlanta (Nov. 9) [www.guardian.co.uk/wtccrash/story/0,1300,590593,00.html](http://www.guardian.co.uk/wtccrash/story/0,1300,590593,00.html)  
President's Speech to the UN (Nov. 10) [www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/11/20011110-3.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/11/20011110-3.html)  
NATO's statement invoking Article 5 <http://usinfo.state.gov/regional/nea/sasia/afghan/text/1002nato.htm>  
Bin Laden's Al-Jazeera statements (Oct. 7) [www.guardian.co.uk/waronterror/story/0,1361,565069,00.html](http://www.guardian.co.uk/waronterror/story/0,1361,565069,00.html)  
(Oct. 3) [http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/English/world/monitoring/media\\_reports/newsid\\_1636000/1636782.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/English/world/monitoring/media_reports/newsid_1636000/1636782.stm)  
UK "White Paper" of Evidence against Bin Laden [www.pm.gov.uk/default.asp?PageID=5322](http://www.pm.gov.uk/default.asp?PageID=5322)  
W.H. Auden, "September 1, 1939"  
Ann Coulter, "This Is War" (9/12) [www.nationalreview.com/coulter/coulter091301.shtml](http://www.nationalreview.com/coulter/coulter091301.shtml)  
Tamim Ansary, "The Belly to do What Needs to be Done" (9/15)  
[www.cnn.com/2001/COMMUNITY/09/26/ansary.email/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2001/COMMUNITY/09/26/ansary.email/index.html)  
Edward Said, "Islam and the West are Inadequate Banners" (9/16)  
[www.observer.co.uk/comment/story/0,6903,552764,00.html](http://www.observer.co.uk/comment/story/0,6903,552764,00.html)  
Eduardo Galeano, "The Theatre of Good and Evil" (9/21) [www.peacecouncil.net/TheatreGoodEvil.htm](http://www.peacecouncil.net/TheatreGoodEvil.htm)  
David Grossman, "Terror's Long Shadow" (9/21) [www.guardian.co.uk/wtccrash/story/0,1300,555461,00.html](http://www.guardian.co.uk/wtccrash/story/0,1300,555461,00.html)  
John Updike, Aharon Appelfeld, Susan Sontag, "The Talk of the Town" *The New Yorker* (9/24)  
[www.newyorker.com/FROM THE ARCHIVE/PREVIOUS/](http://www.newyorker.com/FROM_THE_ARCHIVE/PREVIOUS/) under "First Responses"  
Barbara Kingsolver, "And our flag was still there" (9/25)  
[www.sfgate.com/cgi?f=/chronicle/archive/2001/09/25/ED34658.DTL](http://www.sfgate.com/cgi?f=/chronicle/archive/2001/09/25/ED34658.DTL)  
Azmi Bishara, "When Narratives Collide" (9/26) [www.ahram.org.eg/weekly/2001/552/p12fall2.htm](http://www.ahram.org.eg/weekly/2001/552/p12fall2.htm)  
Arundhati Roy, "The Algebra of Infinite Justice" (9/29)  
[www.guardian.co.uk/saturday\\_review/story/0,3605,559756,00.html](http://www.guardian.co.uk/saturday_review/story/0,3605,559756,00.html)  
Kanan Makiya, "Fighting Islam's Ku Klux Klan" (10/7)  
[www.observer.co.uk/waronterrorism/story/0,1373,564700,00.html](http://www.observer.co.uk/waronterrorism/story/0,1373,564700,00.html)  
Francis Fukuyama, "The West Has Won" (10/11)  
[www.guardian.co.uk/waronterror/story/0,1361,567333,00.html](http://www.guardian.co.uk/waronterror/story/0,1361,567333,00.html)  
Safar al-Hawali, "An Open Letter to President Bush" <http://ianaradionet.com/letter/>  
Arundhati Roy, "War is Peace" (10/18)  
[www.outlookindia.com/full.asp?fodname=20011029&fname=arundhati%20\(F\)&sid=1](http://www.outlookindia.com/full.asp?fodname=20011029&fname=arundhati%20(F)&sid=1)  
Samuel Huntington, "So, Are Civilisations at War?" (10/21) [www.observer.co.uk/waronterrorism/story/0,1373,577981,00.html](http://www.observer.co.uk/waronterrorism/story/0,1373,577981,00.html)  
Christopher Hitchens, Noam Chomsky, *The Nation* (10/22)  
[www.thenation.com/special/20010911debate.mhtml](http://www.thenation.com/special/20010911debate.mhtml)  
Cat Stevens, "They Have Hijacked My Religion" (10/26) [www.independent.co.uk/story.jsp?story=101449](http://www.independent.co.uk/story.jsp?story=101449)  
Salman Rushdie, "Yes, This Is About Islam" (11/2) [www.nytimes.com/2001/11/02/opinion/02RUSH.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2001/11/02/opinion/02RUSH.html)  
Katha Pollitt, "War and Peace" (11/5) [www.thenation.com/doc.mhtml?i=20011105&s=pollitt](http://www.thenation.com/doc.mhtml?i=20011105&s=pollitt)  
Ahdaf Soueif, "Nile Blues" (11/6) [www.guardian.co.uk/waronterror/story/0,1361,588474,00.html](http://www.guardian.co.uk/waronterror/story/0,1361,588474,00.html)  
Elaine Sciolino, Interview with President Khatami (11/10)  
Orhan Pamuk, "The Anger of the Damned" (11/15) [www.nybooks.com/articles/14763](http://www.nybooks.com/articles/14763)  
Michael Sells, "The Interlinked Factors of a Tragedy" [www.haverford.edu/relg/sells/interlinkedfactors.htm](http://www.haverford.edu/relg/sells/interlinkedfactors.htm)  
Naomi Shihab Nye, "Letter to Any Would-Be Terrorists" [www.arches.uga.edu/~godlas/shihabnye.html](http://www.arches.uga.edu/~godlas/shihabnye.html)  
Cameron Brown, "The Shot Heard Around the World: the Middle East Reacts to September 11th"

## PART TWO: THE SHADOW OF THE PAST

Wed 2/6	The World and American Innocence	Daniel Terris
Mon 2/11	Perspectives on Terrorism from Literature	Robert Szulkin
Weds 2/13	Discussion [Essay 1 due]	Staff

### Principal Readings

Albert Camus, *The Just Assassins* (in *Caligula and Three Other Plays*)

### Additional Readings:

Robert Allison, *The Crescent Obscured* selections t.b.a.

Walter Laqueur, *The Terrorist Reader*, pp. 53-95

Michael Walzer, "Political Action: The Problem of Dirty Hands" in Rorty, ed., *The Many Faces of Evil*

Wed 2/25	Manual for a "Raid": Understanding the 9/11 Hijackers	Kanan Makiya
Wed 2/27	Discussion	

### Principal Readings

K Makiya & H Mneimneh, 'Manual for a "Raid"', NYRB, Dec 2001 issue

### Additional Readings

Fred Halliday, *Two Hours That Shook The World*, pp. 69-85 (on ERES)

Fyodor Dostoevsky, *Notes From The Underground*

G.K. Chesterton, *The Man Who Was Thursday*

Eric Hoffer, *The True Believer* (New York, 1952) pp.ix-xiii, 57-99

*Laden's Epistle: Declaration of War* [www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn/A4342-2001Sep21](http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn/A4342-2001Sep21)

*Jihad Against Jews and Crusaders* [www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn/A4993-2001Sep21](http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn/A4993-2001Sep21)

## PART THREE: ISLAM AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Mon 3/4	Why Islam? What it is and isn't	Kanan Makiya
Wed 3/6	Understanding Radical Islam	Yitzhak Nakash, Hassan Mneimneh Kanan Makiya
Mon 3/11	Discussion [Essay 2 due]	Staff

### Principal Readings

Malise Ruthven, *Islam in the World*, ch 1-2, -pp. 80-121

Emmanuel Sivan, *Radical Islam*, Preface-p.49 & pp.181-209

Terris and Fuks-Fried (eds.), *Catholics, Jews and the Prism of Conscience*, selections t.b.a.

### Additional Readings

Francis Fukuyama, "Islam's Clash With Modernization"

[http://www.project-syndicate.org/series/series\\_text\\_en.asp?id=720](http://www.project-syndicate.org/series/series_text_en.asp?id=720)

W. Dalrymple, "Scribes of the New Racism" (9/25) [www.independent.co.uk/story/jsp?story=95799](http://www.independent.co.uk/story/jsp?story=95799)

Michael Sells, "Taliban, Image-War, and Iconoclasm" <http://groups.colgate.edu/aarislam/msells.htm>

Halliday, *Two Hours That Shook The World*, pp.51-68, 87-131, 193-216

Amir Taheri, "Understanding of Islam in the West" [www.arabnews.com/article.asp?ID=11130](http://www.arabnews.com/article.asp?ID=11130)

Khaled Abou El Fadl, "Islam and the Theology of Power"

Wed 3/13	The Gulf War & Its Aftermath	Kanan Makiya
Mon 3/18	Religion, Violence, and Peacemaking	James Carroll, Kanan Makiya t.b.a.
Tues 3/19	(1:00 p.m. in Spingold Theater, Special auxiliary class session) <i>September 11 and Its Consequences</i>	Thomas L. Friedman

<b>Wed 3/20</b>	The Arab-Israeli Conflict	Kanan Makiya
<b>Mon 3/25</b>	Discussion	Staff

**Principal Readings**

Makiya, *Cruelty and Silence: War* , pp.15-27, 31-104, 215-283, 312-327  
 Marc Gopin, *Between Eden and Armageddon: the Future of World Religions, Violence, and Peacemaking* ch. 3.

**Additional Readings**

Halliday, *Two Hours That Shook The World*, pp. 133-166.  
 Avishai Margalit, "Settling Scores," (9/20) [www.nybooks.com/articles/14482](http://www.nybooks.com/articles/14482)  
 R. Malley & H. Agha, "Camp David: The Tragedy of Errors" (8/9/2001) [www.nybooks.com/articles/14380](http://www.nybooks.com/articles/14380)  
 Dennis Ross & Gidi Grinstein, "Camp David: An Exchange" (9/20) [www.nybooks.com/articles/14529](http://www.nybooks.com/articles/14529)  
 Chris Hedges, "A Gaza Diary: Scenes from the Palestinian Uprising," [www.harpers.org/online/gaza\\_diary/](http://www.harpers.org/online/gaza_diary/)

**PART FOUR: A WORLD IN TRANSITION**

<b>Mon 4/8</b>	A Global War on Terrorism? Political, Legal and Ethical Problems	Stanley Hoffmann
<b>Wed 4/10</b>	Following the Money	Lynne Federman Jane Hughes
<b>Mon 4/15</b>	Discussion [Essay 3 due]	Staff

**Principal Readings**

Michael Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars* selections t.b.a.  
 Thomas Friedman, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, selections t.b.a.  
 Stanley Hoffmann, "On the War"

**Additional Readings**

Josef Joffe, "Europe and the Campaign Against Terror"  
[www.washingtoninstitute.org/watch/Policywatch/policywatch2001/583.htm](http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/watch/Policywatch/policywatch2001/583.htm)  
 P. Harris, "Unfinished Business" (12/9) [www.observer.co.uk/international/story/0.6903.615810.00.html](http://www.observer.co.uk/international/story/0.6903.615810.00.html)

<b>Wed 4/17</b>	Homeland Security and Civil Liberties	Harvey Silverglate
<b>Mon 4/22</b>	Implications for International Law and Institutions	Anne-Marie Slaughter
<b>Wed 4/24</b>	Discussion	Staff

**Principal Readings**

Minow, *Between Vengeance and Forgiveness*, selections t.b.a.  
 Harvey Silverglate, *The Shadow University: The Betrayal of Liberty on America's Campuses*, Ch. 2  
 David Scheffer, "Options for Prosecuting International Terrorists" *U.S Institute of Peace* [need web address]

**Additional Readings**

Human Rights Watch on Sept 11: <http://www.hrw.org/campaigns/september11/>  
 Doonesbury:  
 • <http://www.doonesbury.com/strip/dailydose/index20011203.htm>  
 • <http://www.doonesbury.com/strip/dailydose/index20011204.htm>  
 • <http://www.doonesbury.com/strip/dailydose/index20011205.htm>  
 K. Roth's letter to Secretary Powell: <http://www.hrw.org/press/2001/09/uspowell0924.htm>.  
 Robert Giles, "Why Are We Hiding Bin Laden?" (11/11) <http://www.usip.org/pubs/specialreports/sr78.html>

<b>Mon 4/29</b>	Open session (students will make suggestions in February)	
<b>Wed 5/1</b>	Artistic Responses to Catastrophe	Nancy Scott (and t.b.a.)
<b>Mon 5/6</b>	Weapons of Mass Destruction	Gregory Petsko Henry Linschitz
<b>Wed 5/8</b>	Discussion and plenary [Essay 4 due]	Makiya, Terris, and Staff

### **Principal Readings**

Minow, *Between Vengeance and Forgiveness* selections t.b.a.

### **Additional Readings**

Richard L. Garwin, "The Many Threats of Terror" (11/1) [www.nybooks.com/articles/14661](http://www.nybooks.com/articles/14661)  
*Technology Review*, Special Report on Technology vs. Terrorism (Dec. 2001)  
[www.technologyreview.com/magazine/dec01/mag\\_toc.asp](http://www.technologyreview.com/magazine/dec01/mag_toc.asp)  
[www.legacy-project.org](http://www.legacy-project.org)  
[www.artcritical.com/wtc.htm](http://www.artcritical.com/wtc.htm)

### **Further Reading**

Fred Halliday, *Two Hours That Shook the World* (Saqi Books, 2001)

### **The Terrorist Mindset**

Joseph Conrad, *The Secret Agent*

Fyodor Dostoevsky, *The Demons*

*Striking Terror*, a collection of articles published by *The New York Review of Books*.

The 'will' left behind by Muhammad Atta: [www.abcnews.go.com/sections/us/dailynews/WTC\\_atta\\_will.html](http://www.abcnews.go.com/sections/us/dailynews/WTC_atta_will.html)

Letter left behind by hijackers

### **Islam**

<http://www.let.leidenuniv.nl/tcimo/tulp/teach-islamic.html#top> This website offers connections to a variety of sources that students may find useful as background material on Islam.

Michael Cook. *Muhammad*

Martin Kramer, *Arab Awakening and Islamic Revival*, "Islam is the Wave of the Future"

Yossef Bodansky, *Bin Laden: The Man Who Declared War on America*

Emmanuel Sivan. *Radical Islam*

Karen Armstrong, *Islam: A Short History*

Karen Armstrong, *The Battle for God*

### **Iraq and the Gulf War**

Laurie Mylroie. *Saddam Hussein and the World Trade Center Attacks: A Study of Revenge*

### **International Relations/ the Terrorist Threat**

Fouad Ajami, "The Sentry's Solitude" *Foreign Affairs* (Nov/Dec 2001) [www.foreignaffairs.org/articles/Ajami1101.html](http://www.foreignaffairs.org/articles/Ajami1101.html)

Benjamin Barber. *Jihad vs. McWorld*

Albert Camus. *The Plague*

Anthony Lake. *Six Nightmares: Real Threats in a Dangerous World and How America Can Meet Them*

Andre Malraux. *Man's Fate*