I. Course Requirements. A 15 page research paper will be required and there will be a final exam. You will also be required to make a class presentation on your research paper. Quizzes are an unwelcome possibility. They will take place only if I feel that students are not coming to class well-prepared. Active participation based on good preparation is a course requirement too.

II. Grading. Your grade will be made up in equal parts of your seminar paper, your final exam, and your class participation, into which any quiz results and your class presentation will be figured.

III. Honesty. The provisions of the Student Handbook on Academic Honesty apply to this course as well.

IV. Disability. If you have what you think is a disability that affects your work in this course, contact Dean Salva and she will contact me.

V. Schedule. The course schedule outlined below is how things look to me now. Bear in mind, I have never taught the course before. So you can expect changes as we go and can expect me to give you sufficient notice. Just try, in your reading, to stay a week’s worth ahead of where we are.

Week 1 Introduction: What, if anything, is “Terrorism?”
(Handout: “Terrorism: No Prohibition Without Definition” Boaz Ganor)

Week 2 Origins of Terrorism
Laqueur, A History of Terrorism, chs. 1 and 2
Laqueur, Voices of Terror, Part 1, section 2.

Week 3 State Terrorism: How different, how similar?
Eres readings: 1) Sarmiento, extracts from Facundo or Civilization and Barbarism, 2) Curtis, extracts from Saint-Just Colleague of Robespierre, 3) Jordan, extracts from The Revolutionary Career of Maximilian Robespierre and 4) Conquest, extracts from The Great Terror*

*(Your Eres password is “Terror”)

Week 4 Causes of Terrorism?
Reich, Origins of Terrorism, Part 1, Part 2, chs. 3,5,7,8, Part 3, ch. 10
Laqueur, History of Terrorism, ch. 3
Week 5       Islamic Terrorism
            Voices of Terror, pp. 153-157 and 388-452
            Gunaratna, Inside Al Qaeda

Week 6       Defense against Terrorism I
            Emerson, American Jihad
            A list of web articles, to be distributed
            And, if I get it written, an essay on Israeli anti-terror defense that will
            otherwise have to be presented in lecture form.

Week 7:      Defense against Terrorism II
            Schweitzer, A Faceless Enemy

Week 8       Defense Against Terrorism III
            9/11 Commission Report, chs. 1-10

Week 9       Defense Against Terrorism IV
            9/11 Commission Report, chs. 11-13
            Review

Week 10      The War on Terror I
            Johnson, The Sorrows of Empire

Week 11      The War on Terror II
            Gaddis, Surprise, Security and the American Experience

Week 12      Presentations

Week 13      Presentations

Week 14      Concluding Discussion
            Reich, Origins of Terrorism, ch. 14
            Laqueur, A History of Terrorism, ch. 4
            Voices of Terror, Part 3, section 2