**Book Proposal: research monographs**

**Fighting terrorism – legitimacy and effectiveness**

**The cases of USA vs. Taliban & Al-Qaeda, Israel vs. Hamas & Hezbollah**

**Sri Lanka vs. Tamil Tigers**

**I would like to submit my dissertation in order to publish it as a book. Of course, I'm making all changes needed in order to transform it to a great publishable book.**

**It is written in Hebrew so I can submit now the abstract which is written in English. After making all the necessary changes I'm planning of-course to translate it into English.**

**Statement of Aims**

The book discuss and explore the tension confronted by democracies, between the need to protect their citizens from terror or guerilla attacks and preservation of civil rights, the rule of law and fundamental freedom while fighting with moral and legal justifications that are not suitable for these kind of wars. It also emphasis the importance of international legitimation to the success of the military operation.

The book bring up relevant parts from within international law and Just War Theory, that deal with the way in which wars are been fought. As well as ethical doctrine for fighting terror that was developed by National Defense Collage of the Israel Defence force, led by Professor Asa Kasher, an expert in the field of military ethics and General Amos Yadlin, a former head of the IDF [Military Intelligence Directorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_Intelligence_Directorate_(Israel)).

The book include a comparative part of four case studies that were chosen as models for democracies fighting a war against terror and guerilla organizations: The U.S. battle against the Taliban and AL-Qaeda in the first stage of Operation Enduring Freedom (2001); Israel's combat against Hezbollah in the second Lebanon War (2006); Israel fight against Hamas in Operation Cast Lead(2009) and Sri Lanka's fight against the Tamil Tigers in the fourth Tamil-Eelam War(2009).

Each case study bring up the characteristic of the organization in order to determine whether it is a terror organization, a guerilla organization or an organization with characteristic of both (teroguerilla). It will also discuss the roots of the conflict and deals with the main steps occurred during the war and emphasis the international community's ethical arguments against the fighting state actions'.

The book not only raise the problems facing democratic states during low-intensity wars, but it also give a unique solution that intend to provide democratic states fighting these organization with an operative instrument for doing so – an ethical doctrine for fighting terror and guerilla. The doctrine aim to assist democratic states fighting wars, determining the stat's obligations and defining realistic requirements to help the state maintain its military effectiveness while increasing the legitimacy of its actions in the eyes of the international community.

Plenty of books talks about low-intensity wars, terror and guerilla organizations, humanitarian law or philosophic aspects regarding to that field. However, the book I intend to publish is interdisciplinary. It is straddling the disciplines of national security, international relations, philosophy and international law, which make a real contribution to the field. From the one hand, the book raise moral and legal dilemmas that democracies has to face with when fighting against terror and guerilla organization. On the other hand, it gives an original solution that do not exist in any other book. A comprehensive moral-ethical doctrine developed by me, that will enable democracies to protect their citizens in a variety of low intensity confrontations with terror and/or guerilla organizations without compromising their most cherished values, norms, principles and ideals. The principles which appear in the doctrine defining realistic requirements to help the state maintain its military effectiveness while increasing the legitimacy of its actions in the eyes of the international community. Such as the proportionality principle was hardened and a greater emphasis was placed on the operation's value. In addition, the doctrine distinguishes between professional military and a conscript military when facing the dilemma of who whose life are more important and has to be protected more carefully ? The soldier's life or the other side civilians? etc.

**Book Abstract:**

Democratic states who fight against terror and/or guerilla organizations face a dilemma. On the one hand, their role is to defend their citizens on the other hand they have to watch their most cherished values, norms principles and ideals. Nevertheless, they have to fight against enemies that have no respect for international norms and laws, with moral and legal justifications that are not suitable for low-intensity wars. The book brings up working definition for terror and guerilla that helps analyzing the characteristic of the various organization. Also it brings up four case studies of four universal low-intensity confrontations with terror and/or guerilla organizations. It comprising description and analysis of their operational, legal, moral and ethical facts. Based on these case studies two novel universal moral ethical doctrine for fighting terror and guerilla were developed. The doctrines intend to provide democratic states fighting these organizations with an operative instrument for doing so.

**A detailed Synopsis, Including Chapter Summaries**

**Table of contents**

**Introduction**

The book's structure, terror's definition (my own definition), guerilla's definition (my own definition), the importance of democratic states getting an International legitimacy to their actions during combat, the difficulty of democratic state to balance between the need to protect its citizens and fighting effectively to the need to maintain its democratic roots.

**PART I The Difficulty to act in the light of Low-Intensity War**

1. Just War Theory in the light of low intensity war
2. International low in the light of low intensity war
3. Military doctrine in the light of low intensity war

\*This part brings Just war Theory and International law parameters (such as distinction and proportionality) and discuss their challenges and implications in the context of low intensity war (such as the observance of the dividing line between combatants to non-combatants, the democratic country's soldiers and the other side's civilians –whose life are more important). In the discussion, I bring upon Humanitarian law, philosophic and legalist aspects.

Also I discuss military doctrine and bring upon the Ethical Doctrine for fighting terror that was developed at the National Defense College of the IDF led by professor Asa Kasher and General Amos Yadlin. The doctrine based on the Israeli Palestinian relations.

**PART II Democracies vs. Terror and guerilla organizations**

1. *Case study: United States vs. Taliban and Al-Qaeda, Operation Enduring Freedom*

The roots of the conflict between the USA to the Taliban and Al-Qaeda

The Taliban– analyzing their [characteristic](bword://BAB!ALL!,characteristic/) קווים לדמותם

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Al-Qaeda– analyzing their [characteristic](bword://BAB!ALL!,characteristic/)

Main steps during the war

\*Each case study will analyze the main steps that were taken during the war by both sides

Ethical arguments of the international community

\*each case study include a discussion of the international community's ethical arguments against the actions of the fighting state.

1. *Case study: Israel vs. Hamas, operation Cast Lead*

The roots of the conflict between Israel to Hamas

Hamas - analyzing their [characteristic](bword://BAB!ALL!,characteristic/)

Main steps during the operation

Ethical arguments of the international community

1. *Case study: Israel vs. Hezbollah, Second Lebanon War*

The roots of the conflict between Israel to Hezbollah

Hezbollah - analyzing their [characteristic](bword://BAB!ALL!,characteristic/)

Main steps during the war

Ethical arguments of the international community

1. *Case study: Sri Lanka vs. Tamil Tigers, fourth Tamil-Eelam war*

The roots of the conflict between the Tamils to the Sinhalese

The Tamil Tigers – analyzing their [characteristic](bword://BAB!ALL!,characteristic/)

Main steps during the war

Ethical arguments of the international community

**PART III How to fight terror and guerilla successfully and with grater International legitimacy**

1. Different states different ways of fighting. Is that so? (\* an additional short cross-board comparative analysis will be performed)
2. Universal ethical doctrine for fighting terror
3. Universal ethical doctrine for fighting guerilla

\*The chapter will present a novel and unique universal ethical doctrine for fighting terror and guerilla organizations, which I developed on the basis of the comparative portion of the book. The doctrine is divided into two parts, one dealing with fighting terror organizations and the other with combating guerilla organizations.

**A Description of the Target Market**

The book is relevant and suitable to various audience, such as researchers, professionals and students in the fields of security, law, philosophy, political science, international relationship. It also fits to lecturers and cadets in military academies.

**Portion list of journals the book can appeal**: Journal of Military Ethics, Journal of Military and Strategic Studies, Journal of Military History, Armed Forces Journal, Journal of Military Operation, Journal of Conflict and Security Law, Journal of National Security Law and Policy, Journal of Armed Forces & Society, Journal of Foreign Affairs, International Journal of Conflict and Violence, Journal of International Security, Journal of Moral Philosophy, Terrorism and Political Violence, Yale Journal of International Affairs.

The book has an international appeal, since the terror challenge is an issue many countries suffer from and has to deal with. Since its an international problem the doctrines which I developed meant to enable democracies to protect their citizens in a variety of low-intensity confrontations with terror and/or guerilla organizations.

In order to develop such a universal doctrine I chose four different case studies that differ in several key respect – from the strength of the democratic system, to the different nature of the respective terror and/or guerilla groups, to the level of international interest in the conflict. Besides the case studies there are references along the book to other countries.

**A Review of the main Competing Titles**

The book I wish to publish is very different from other books in the field, since it deals with the aspect of democratic countries facing terror and guerilla organization from a very wide perspective. Not like other books that examine that issue but from a narrow perspective.

Not only that but my book suggest a very unique doctrine for fighting terror. Which does not exist yet.

Books related to the field and deals with aspects similar to mine (but from a narrow prespective):

* "Just and Unjust Warriors, edited by David Rodin& David show. Was published by Oxford Press. The book challenge the idea that there is a separation between the rules governing the justice going to war and the rules governing what combating can do in war. It raise a debate regarding moral and legal status of warriors.
* "Protecting Civilians During Violent Conflict". Edited by David W. Lovell& Igor Primoratz. Was published by Ashgate Press. The book raise ethical and legal questions regarding civilians immunity complications, arising from the new styles of conflict where enemy and civilian populations merge.
* "Moral Dilemmas of Modern War". By Michael L. Gross. By Cambridge Press. The book aims to answer moral and legal questions regarding the different tactics, weapons and practices placed on the table during asymmetric conflict, such as human shields, the status of all those civilians who shelter and aid guerilla, etc.

**Format and Timeline –**

I intend to submit the final manuscript in January 2019

The book will consist proximately 107,000 words not including references and footnotes.

Every case study will consist one illustrate.

Third party material: few maps illustrations (one for each case study). It shows were the terror organization has the control. And a diagrams of each organization structure. Also there are footnotes since I'm using references from various books – relating low intensity wars, terror, guerilla, international law, Just War Theory, roots of each conflict, terror and guerilla organizations that are discussed, Ethical arguments of the international community toward the fighting state, etc.

Additional information:

As you can see I submitted the dissertation abstract. In the book I intend to take off the core question of the study and instead talk about the tension confronted by democracies, between the need to protect their citizens from terror or guerilla attacks and preservation of civil rights, the rule of law and fundamental freedom, while fighting with moral and legal justifications that are not suitable for these kind of wars.

In the dissertation I reviewed numerous existing definitions to terror and guerilla fighting and then proposed my own working definition, while in the book I won't review definitions but will only bring my own working definitions and explain it.

At the comparative section, I'll bring everything that is written in the abstract, besides the comparison between the states acts to the Kasher-Yadlin parameters. I will only discuss it in general in the cross-board comparative analysis. my doctrine still based on there's doctrine and I will explain how.

I took a look at other Routledge books and I can assure you the book will be well organized and written and lots of people will find it fascinating.