

Schedule

- Sept. 20 Mutual introductions; presentation by Professor May on the history of the 9/11 Commission and its report. Selection of special topics.*
- Sept. 27 Al Qaeda and Bin Ladin's war against the United States. Readings for the whole seminar: Report, chapter 2 + Hearing No. 3 (July 9, 2003)
- Oct. 4 The target: the USA and its government, 1991-2001 (I): the intelligence community. Readings for the whole seminar: Report, chapter 3, sections 2-4 + Hearing No. 4 (Oct. 14, 2003): testimony of Kerr, McCarthy, and Gannon; Hearing no. 8 (March 3-24, 2004): testimony of Tenet; and Hearing No. 10 (April 13-14, 2004): testimony of Tenet, Black, and Pavitt (July 9, 2003) (94 pp.—typescript)
- Oct. 11 The target: the USA and its government, 1991-2001 (II): The law enforcement and diplomatic communities, the military establishment, the White House, and the Congress. Readings for the whole seminar: Report, chapter 3, sections 5-7 + Hearing No. 6 (Dec. 8, 2003): testimony of Barr, Hamre, and MacGaffin; Hearing No. 8 (March 23-24, 2004): testimony of Albright, Armitage, Powell, Cohen, Rumsfeld, Berger, Steinberg, and Clarke; Hearing No. 9 (April 8, 2004): testimony of Rice; Hearing No. 10: testimony of Freeh, Reno, Pickard, Ashcroft, Pistole, Mueller, and Baginiski
- Oct. 18 US counter-terrorism up to the end of the 1990s. (Designation of commissioner roles to be played after Nov. 8.) Readings for the whole seminar: Report, chapter 3, section 1, and chapters 4 and 5
- Oct. 25 US counter-terrorism, 1999-2001 Readings for the whole seminar: Report, chapters 6, 7, and 8
- Nov. 1 9/11 Readings for the whole seminar: Report, chapters 1, 9, and 10
- Nov. 8 Presentation of and discussion about Democratic and Republican summaries of findings regarding pre-9/11 counterterrorism in the administration of William Jefferson Clinton.
- Nov. 15 Presentation of and discussion about Democratic and Republican summaries of findings regarding pre-9/11 counterterrorism in the administration of George W. Bush
- Nov. 22 NO CLASS MEETING
- Nov. 29 Review of Republican and Democratic statements concerning “lessons of 9/11.”

- Dec. 4 Discussion of Democratic and Republican proposals for bipartisan findings regarding both the history of counterterrorism in the Clinton and Bush administrations and “lessons of 9/11.”
- Dec. 11 How well has the reality of 9/11 been captured by widely viewed movies, docudramas, and televised documentaries?
- Dec. 13 Does 9/11/01 mark a turning point in US history, perhaps in world history? Or will it prove to be just a memorable date—like 11/22/63?

***Special Topics and their Time Frames:**

Before Sept. 27: Al Qaeda and Bin Ladin’s war against the United States—Al Qaeda and Bin Ladin’s war against the United States — (c. 450 pp.): Gilles Keppel, Jihad: The Trail of Political Islam (Harvard University Press, 2002), pp. 1-236.; Lawrence Wright, The Looming Tower: Al Qaeda and The Road to 9/11, pp. 1-268; and Peter L. Bergen, The Osama Bin Laden I Know (Free Press, 2006), pp. 1-218.

Before Oct. 4: The target: the USA and its government, 1991-2001 (I): the intelligence community—: John Ranelagh, The Agency: The Rise and Decline of the CIA (Touchstone, 1986), Introduction and chapters 13-19

Before Oct. 11: The target: the USA and its government, 1991-2001 (II): The law enforcement and diplomatic communities, the military establishment, the White House, and the Congress—: Richard Gid Powers, Broken: The Troubled Past and Uncertain Future of the FBI (Free Press, 2004)

Before Oct. 18: US counter-terrorism up to the end of the 1990s—: Timothy Naftali, Blind Spot: The Secret History of American Counterterrorism (Basic: 2005); Steve Coll, Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan, and Bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001 (Penguin, 2004), Prologue and chapters 1-13

Before Oct. 25: US counter-terrorism, 1999-2001—: Coll, Ghost Wars, chapters 14-32; Richard Clarke, Against all Enemies (Free Press, 2004)