

## TÍTULO DA TESE EM INGLÊS: Intelligence in terrorism: 9/11

### ABSTRACT

9/11 was a dramatic event in the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It was the first large-scale terrorist attack on American soil, executed by al-Qa'ida, an organization whose leadership was stationed thousands of kilometers away, guided by a profoundly radical fundamentalist religious narrative. We will reflect upon how al-Qa'ida worked from its inception until the September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 Twin Towers strike. We will use the 9/11 Commission Report as our primary document, and then study intelligence theory as to understand by contrast and comparison what challenges are natural in the practice of intelligence, and how those challenges led up to September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001.

The reader will become familiarized with the CIA, al-Qa'ida, and how these two different entities approached the practice of intelligence. We will dig into the concepts surrounding Structured Analytic Techniques, the Operational Analyst, and at al-Qa'ida's networked structuring and organization in preparation for the 9/11 event.

In conclusion, this dissertation will finish by reflecting on the scientific study area of International Relations, and arguing as to why it is important to insert transnational terrorism into this field of study.

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