



# Jihadist Insurgency Conference

*28 and 29 May, 2015, King's College, London*

TRENDS Research & Advisory and the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation are pleased to be hosting a two day conference on Jihadist Insurgency. The influence and impact of jihadist insurgency movements is being felt around the world in both “failed states” and established states. This two day conference brings together experts from around the world to discuss and explore the phenomenon of insurgency movements that are utilizing the concept of jihad to guide and justify their actions and objectives. The conference seeks to provide up to date insights and understandings of the wide range of Islamic-inspired Jihadist insurgent movements in the world, as well as investigating the methods employed by these organisations. In improving our understanding of jihadist insurgency we can better develop the responses available.

## Conference Programme

### **Thursday 28 May**

**9:00** Registration and breakfast

**10:00** Welcome and introductions

**10:10 Session 1     How to Understand Jihadist Insurgency**

- *How revolutionary are jihadist insurgencies?* Paul B Rich, TRENDS.
- *The international jihadist network and recruitment of mercenary fighters* George Joffe, University of Cambridge.
- *Women and jihadist insurgency* Celeste Ward Gventer, Clements Centre for History, Strategy, and Statecraft, University of Texas at Austin.

**11.40** Coffee

**12.00 Paper Launch     Female Foreign Fighters**



**12:45** Lunch

**13:45 Session 2     Jihadist Insurgency in Africa**

- *Jihadist insurgencies in Somalia* Stig Jarle Hansen, Norwegian University of Life Sciences.
- *Boko Haram and jihadist insurgency in Nigeria* Marc Antoine Perouse de Montclos, Institut français de géopolitique, Université Paris 8.
- *Understanding how Al-Shabaab has established itself in Kenya* Alexander Meleagrou-Hitchens, ICSR, King's College.

**15:15** Coffee Break

**15:45 Roundtable: Practical Solutions to ISIS**

- Peter Neumann, ICSR
- Shiraz Maher, ICSR
- Dan Chugg, Head of HMG ISIL Task Force, FCO
- Munqith Dagher, IIACSS

**17:00** Keynote, Professor Theo Farrell, Head of the Department of War Studies and Professor of War in the Modern World at King's College.

**Friday 29 May**

**9:30** Coffee and breakfast

**10:30 Session 3     Jihadist Insurgency in Central/South Asia**

- *The Pakistan Taliban and the challenge to the Pakistani state* Christine Fair, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University.
- *The Jihadi landscape in Jammu & Kashmir* Shanthie D'Souza and Bibhu Prasad Routray, Mantraya.org, New Delhi.
- *Chechen fighters in Syria: implications for the Caucasus Emirate* Domitilla Sagramoso, King's College.

**11:30** Coffee break



#### **12:00 Session 4 Responding to Jihadist Insurgency**

- *Operation Barkhane and Boko Haram: French counterterrorism and military cooperation in the Sahel* Christopher Griffin, Université Savoie Mont Blanc, Chambéry, France.
- *Jihadists in Europe: 'Who are they and how do they operate?'* Edwin Bakker, Centre for Terrorism and Counterterrorism, Leiden University Campus The Hague.
- *ISIS and jihadist insurgency in the North Caucasus: the (limits of) parallels and links* Ekaterina Stepanova, Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Moscow.

**13:00** Lunch

**14:30** Closing Keynote, Professor Peter Neumann, Director, ICSR and Professor of Security Studies, Department of War Studies, King's College

**16:00** Close

The event is open to the public. If you wish to attend please RSVP to Katie Rothman [katie.rothman@icsr.info](mailto:katie.rothman@icsr.info), +44 (0)207 848 2065.

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