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SUMMER SCHOOL ON POST-CONFLICT STABILISATION: THE DAY AFTER IS MILITARY DEFEAT

Scientific Organisers: **Virginie Collombier** and **Agnès Favier** | European University Institute

Sala del Capitolo

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9 - 11 JULY 2018

■ INTRODUCTION

The Summer School on Post-Conflict Stabilisation will focus on the main challenges facing the post-Islamic State (IS) scenario. It aims to provide policy-makers, practitioners and academics with a thorough understanding of the most relevant factors affecting liberated areas and the broader region. Three case studies will be central to the programme: Syria, Iraq and Libya.

Over the past year, IS has lost most of the territories it had controlled in Syria, Iraq and Libya since 2014, as a result of a predominantly military approach used by the International Coalition and the MENA countries in the fight against IS terrorism. To date, post-conflict stabilisation efforts have been limited and have primarily focused on security and humanitarian assistance.

Fundamental questions surrounding post-IS defeat remain largely unanswered: How can sustainable pacification of the liberated areas be ensured? How can a local and national governance system conducive to long-term stabilisation be created? How can the impact of stabilisation and reconstruction aid be maximised? What will the impact of IS military defeat be on radical jihadism in the MENA region and in Europe, and how can it be controlled?

The Summer School will address three strategic issues by drawing on practitioners' experience, on the latest academic analysis and on field-based research:

- The economic and security dimensions of post-conflict stabilisation and the design of an assistance strategy that can ensure the provision of basic services to communities;
- How to identify local powers and actors who can play a positive role in building inclusive governance systems;
- The future of jihadist movements: how to build a narrative that counters IS ideology in the case-study areas and how to deal with IS's former fighters or militants.

■ PROGRAMME

9 JULY

- 08.45 - 09.00 **Institutional welcome**
Brigid Laffan | Director of the Robert Schuman Centre
Miguel Poiares Maduro | Director of the School of Transnational Governance
Luigi Narbone | Director of the Middle East Directions Programme
- 09.00 - 09.45 **Introduction to the Summer School by the organisers**
Virginie Collombier | MEDirections Programme
Agnès Favier | MEDirections Programme
Sarah St. John | MEDirections Programme
- 09.45 - 10.45 **Session 1 | The economic and security dimensions of post-conflict stabilisation: Designing an assistance strategy that ensures the provision of basic services to communities**
Research perspective
Frederic Wehrey | Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- 10.45 - 11.45 **Experience from the field**
Amer Karkoutli | Syria Stabilisation Programmes Specialist
- 11.45 - 12.15 Coffee break
- 12.15 - 13.30 **Participant interventions and general discussion**
- 13.30 - 14.30 Lunch
Canteen and Sala Rossa
- 14.30 - 14.45 **Case study presentation and preparation**
- 14.45 - 15.30 **Group practice session**
Coffee available between 15.00 - 15.30
- 19.00 - 20.00 **Group practice session: Expert Advisory Meetings**
- 16.15 - 17.15 **Group practice session continued**
- 17.30 - 19.00 **Presentation and discussion of the documentary film: *Children of ISIS* (2017)**
François-Xavier Trégan | Filmmaker
- 19.00 - 20.00 **Welcome drink**
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- 09.00 - 10.00 **Session 2 | Identifying local powers and actors who can play a positive role in building inclusive governance systems**
Research perspective
Maria Fantappie | International Crisis Group

- 10.00 - 11.00 **Experience from the field**
Emadeddin Badi | Peaceful Change Initiative
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 - 13.00 **Participant interventions and general discussion**
- 13.00 - 14.00 Lunch
Canteen and Sala Rossa
- 14.00 - 16.30 **Group practice session**
- 16.30 - 17.00 Coffee break
- 17.00 - 19.00 **Keynote lecture | Conceptualising the Islamic State**
Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou | Graduate Institute of International and Development
Please note this event will take place in the **Refectory** (Badia Fiesolana)
- 19.30 - 22.00 **Dinner**
Villa Schifanoia

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- 09.00 - 10.00 **Session 3 | The future of jihadist movements: Building a narrative that counters IS ideology dealing with former IS fighters or militants**
Research perspective
Charles Lister | Middle East Institute
- 10.00 - 11.00 **Experience from the field**
Oussama Chourbaji | AFAQ Academy
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 - 13.00 **Participant interventions and general discussion**
- 13.00 - 14.00 Lunch
Canteen and Sala Rossa
- 14.00 - 16.30 **Group practice session**
- 16.30 - 17.00 Coffee break
- 17.00 - **Group practice session**
- 17.00 - 18.15 **Participant presentations**
- 18.15 - 19.00 **Wrap-up session and evaluations**
- 19.00 - 19.15 **Certificate presentation**
- 19.15 - 20.00 **Farewell drink**
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■ **SPEAKERS**

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