



**Peer Exchange Workshop:
Insights of Recent Research about the Development of
Salafi-Jihadism in the MENA Region and
Entry Points for Conflict Transformation**

Hotel Rotana Raouche Arjaan, Beirut

9 March 2020, 9.30am-5pm

The Berghof Foundation in cooperation with the AHRC's Open research Initiative (OWRI) and al-Sabah Programme, Durham University, is pleased to announce the workshop on "Insights of Recent Research about the Development of Salafi-Jihadism in the MENA Region and Entry Points for Conflict Transformation".

The key objectives of the workshop are threefold:

- Sharing insights of recent analysis about Salafi-Jihadism in the MENA region, collecting feedback and developing avenues for future research
- Providing a forum for exchange between academics and practitioners from MENA and Europe on the mobilization and demobilization dynamics of Salafi-Jihadi armed groups
- Comparing experiences and lessons learned from practical approaches to strengthen community resilience and identifying entry points for conflict transformation

Researchers and practitioners from Lebanon, MENA and Europe will give short inputs to present their research or share insights from their practical work followed by interactive discussions.

The workshop will take place on 9 March 2020 at Rotana Arjaan Raouche Hotel in Beirut from 9.30am to 5pm. Simultaneous interpretation English-Arabic will be provided.

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Agenda

9 March, 2020

Venue: Rotana Hotel Raouche Arjaan, Beirut, Lebanon

- 09:30 – 10:00 Registration
- 10:00 – 10:15 Welcome and objectives of the workshop
Berghof Foundation Beirut Team

First Panel

10:15 – 11:45

Sharing Insights from Analysis on Origins, Discourses and Recent Trends of Salafi-Jihadism in the MENA Region

Deregionalization, State Fragmentation and the Rise of Salafi-Jihadism in MENA

Dr. Amjed Rasheed, University of Durham

Islamic State's Discursive Power in MENA

Dr. Juline Beaujouan, University of Edinburgh

Progression of Salafi-Jihadi Groups' Discourse and Recent Trends

Sheikh Mohamed Abu Zaid

Plenary Discussion

Facilitation: Berghof Foundation

- 11:45 – 12:00 Coffee/Tea Break

Second Panel

12:00 – 13:30

Reflections on Mobilization and Demobilization Dynamics of Salafi-Jihadi Armed Groups in the MENA Region and Beyond

Challenges and Opportunities for Conflict De-Escalation and Dialogue with Salafi-Jihadi Armed Groups

Karin Göldner Ebenthal, Berghof Foundation Berlin

Beyond Radicalism, the Politicization of non-IS Salafi Jihadi Groups

Dr. Jérôme Drevon, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

Shaping Rebel Behavior: Usbat Al-Ansar from Violence to Exiting Violence

Dr. Marie Kortam, Institut français du Proche-Orient (Ifpo)

Plenary Discussion

Facilitation: Berghof Foundation



13:30 – 15:00 Lunch Break

Third Panel

15:00 – 16:30

Approaches to Strengthen Community Resilience and Identifying Entry Points for Conflict Transformation

Complexities, Challenges and Reintegration of Ex-Combatants of Salafi-Jihadi Armed Groups: Examples from the Islamic State in North Lebanon
May Tamimova, University of Oxford

Sharing Insights from Practical Engagement to Strengthen Resilience against Violent Extremism in Lebanese Communities
Nidal Khaled, Youth Initiative Association

Community Perspectives on Preventing Violent Extremism and Entry Points for Conflict Transformation
Dr. Véronique Dudouet, Berghof Foundation Berlin

Plenary Discussion

Facilitation: Berghof Foundation

16:30 – 17:00

Final Recommendations and Closing Remarks
Berghof Foundation Beirut Team