

ROUNDTABLE

THE MIDDLE EAST DIRECTIONS PROGRAMME

THE DAY AFTER IS MILITARY DEFEAT

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■ INTRODUCTION

The event will be organised by the Middle East Directions Programme (MEDirections) of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS), European University Institute (EUI), in partnership with the European Policy Centre (EPC). It will be a roundtable structured into two sets of questions.

The first will be dedicated to post-IS scenarios in Syria and Iraq, focusing on the local dynamics of power and security and questioning the viability of new political order after IS. MEDirections researchers will introduce the debate with an overview of the main dynamics observed and the challenges ahead. Two colleagues from the region will focus on specific case studies and analysis of the post-IS context in Libya will constitute a 'mirror case'.

The second question will focus on transformations within the jihadist sphere, both in the MENA region and in Europe, including the issue of 'returnees'. MEDirections and the EPC will introduce the discussion and provide a general wrap-up to the debate. Speakers of the first session will be invited to intervene.

■ PROGRAMME

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14.30 - 14.40	Welcome by the European Policy Centre
14.40 - 15.00	Introduction by Agnès Favier and Tine Gade Middle East Directions Programme, Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute
15.00 - 16.00	Case studies (Syria, Iraq and Libya) and roundtable debate
16.00 - 16.30	Questions and answers
16.30 - 16.50	Introduction by Olivier Roy Middle East Directions Programme, Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute
16.50 - 17.30	Roundtable debate with questions and answers

■ SPEAKERS

Daryous Al Darwich	Syrian journalist and human rights activist, Independent
Yayha Alkubaisi	Consultant, Iraqi Centre for Strategic Studies
Virginie Collombier	Scientific Coordinator, Middle East Directions Programme Robert Schuman Centre European University Institute
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