

Transnational Islamic Movements: Global and Local Realities
Friday 29 November 2024

1-day workshop organised by the Contemporary Islamic Studies Programme, St Anthony's College, University of Oxford in collaboration with the SEPAD Project (the Sectarianism, Proxies and De-Sectarianization project), Richardson Institute, Lancaster University

Overview

This workshop aims to explore the evolving roles of Islamic movements and their transnational dynamics, with a particular focus on developments following the events of October 7, 2023.

It will examine how regional actors exploit diverging intra-Muslim identities and the ways in which these divides are leveraged as tools for geopolitical advantage. Additionally, the workshop will analyse the growing significance of Islamist resistance movements, focusing on how grassroots initiatives and armed struggles challenge existing political structures and foster transnational solidarity among Islamic movements.

By situating Islamic movements within the shifting power dynamics at local, regional, and global levels, the workshop seeks to provide another layer of understanding of the interplay between these movements, intra-Muslim relations, and resistance. Particular attention will be given to how recent events have redefined the political, religious, ideological, and geopolitical landscape.

The day will be organised across four panels:

8:30-8:55 Arrival and light breakfast

9:00-10:30 **Session One**
Intra-Muslim relations and Geopolitical Transformation
(Chair: Eugene Rogan)
Speakers:

- **Hisham Hellyer:** The 'Day After' October 7 and Geopolitical Transformations in the Wider Arab World Region
- **Maryam Alemzadeh:** Iran is Far Less Interested in Resistance Than You Are Made to Believe
- **Simon Mabon:** Saudi Arabia and Iran: Transnational Shifts and Regional Order

10:30-11:00 Morning break

11:00-12:30 **Session Two**

(Chair: Antonella Acinapura)

Islamist and Religious Currents: Networks of Influence and Ideology

- **Raihan Ismail:** Religious actors and transnational solidarity: the question of Palestine
- **Michael Willis:** Whatever happened to Algerian Islamism?
- **Ezgi Basaran:** Islamist Networks 2011-2013: The AKP, Ennahda and the Muslim Brotherhood

12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:30-3:30 **Session Three**

Reverberations of Resistance

(Chair: Neil Ketchley)

- **Susann Kassem:** Israel's war on Lebanon: Social and Political Ramifications
- **Inna Rudolf:** The nuances within Iraq's Islamic Resistance
- **Somdeep Sen:** Hamas and the Global Dialectics of Resistance?
- **Yasmeen Eryani:** The Houthis: from local insurgents to a regional actor - exploiting global solidarities

3:30-4:00 Afternoon break

4:00-5:00 **Final Session**

Roundtable discussion

- **Pascal Menoret (Discussant)**