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THE ROUTINIZATION OF ISLAMIC STATE'S GLOBAL ENTERPRISE



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The lack of a coherent and consistent lens through which to understand Islamic State's (ISIS) transnational enterprise is undermining our understanding of the significance of the group's global agenda. Islamic State's self-proclaimed "caliphate" today is best understood as an adhocratic global insurgency – an irregularly managed collection of diverse, geographically dispersed militant groups competing to govern in suitable areas – the character of which is reflective of the ideological compulsion, strategic principles, and organizational traits that underpin the ambitions of its larger political project. Drawing on a spectrum of case studies, this lecture will address what these mean for both Islamic State's core and its global provinces.

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