

The historical origins of global jihad, revisited



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Keynote

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Where does transnational jihadism come from? Why did militant Islamists start targeting the West in the 1990s after decades of operating locally? In this lecture, Thomas Hegghammer will revisit the historical origins of the phenomenon often referred to as "global jihadism". Using insights from his latest book, *The Caravan: Abdallah Azzam and the Rise of Global Jihad* (Cambridge, 2020), he will argue that the standard narrative established in the years after 9/11 was too West-focused and state-centric, and that local politics and technology played a greater role than is often acknowledged.

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