

WITH THE FALTERING CEASEFIRE IN GAZA AND THE RECURRING POLITICAL INSTABILITY, VIOLENCE AND SOCIAL TURMOIL IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THIS EVENING'S SEMINAR WILL TRACE THE ESSENCE OF THE ISLAMIST REVOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ALSO OFFER STRATEGIC INSIGHTS INTO THE ORIGINS AND LEGITIMACY OF RESISTANCE PRACTICED BY GRASSROOTS ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS HAMAS AND HIZBULLAH.

The Islamist Revolution & The Role of Resistance

BOOK LAUNCH AND SEMINAR

SPEAKER:

ALASTAIR CROOKE

Was advisor to EU High Representative Javier Solana in the Middle East between 1997 and 2003. He was involved in facilitating a series of de-escalations of violence and military withdrawals in Palestine with Islamist movements from 2000-2003 and the end to the Bethlehem Church of the Nativity siege. He was a staff member of the Mitchell Committee into the causes of the Intifada in 2000. He is Director and founder of Conflicts Forum.

MODERATOR:

ANAS ALTIKRITI

Chief Executive, The Cordoba Foundation



Resistance: The Essence of the Islamist Revolution by Alastair Crooke will be on sale at a discounted rate at this event. This new release, traces the essence of the Islamist Revolution from its origins in Egypt, through Najaf, Lebanon, Iran and the Iranian Revolution up to the present day. The author argues that the emergence of Islamist Revolution is largely one of an Islamic response to Western thinking based around individualism and personal relationships with the divine, juxtaposed to the Islamist demand to place human values above politics and self-interest.

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