

Radical Islamism in Sub-Saharan Africa: the legacy of the past, contemporary problems and prospects

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This lecture aims at giving a comprehensive overview to radical Islamism and its growing political relevance in Sub-Saharan Africa. In order to reach this goal, the lecture starts from the general background of the different historical patterns of introduction of Islam in Africa and will explicitly focus on its dynamics and on the recent connections with the transnational jihadism. To better describe these phenomena a number of case studies will be presented, to address the factors related to the growth of radical Islamist movements and their interactions in domestic political environments that are complicated by the critical state of the economic situations as well as by ethnic and religious cleavages.