

# **Post-Paris: Countering Islamic State group at home and abroad**

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**Oxford Analytica Client Conference Call  
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Islamic State group (ISG)'s claims of responsibility for the recent deadly attacks on Paris, Beirut and a Russian airliner over Sinai suggest that it may have metamorphosed into a global terrorist network with locally born and bred affiliates taking terror directly to those nations opposing core ISG's efforts to establish a caliphate in Iraq and Syria.

This raises several key questions:

- does ISG now have new command and control capacities to manage the logistics of such far-flung operations;
- how are those nations under attack now likely to respond, both directly against ISG in Syria and Iraq and to their own radicalised and politically marginalised Muslim populations that are providing the personnel and support for ISG's wider global network;
- who can win the 'war' against ISG, what will it take, and at what cost militarily, politically and to civil society;
- how will the international efforts to end the civil war in Syria and President Putin's support for Syrian President Assad be changed;
- what will be the electoral consequences if the Paris attacks, in particular, polarise the European debates over migration, immigration and the Schengen agreement on borders; and
- will all cities prove as resilient in the face of terror attacks as New York, London, Madrid, Mumbai, Nairobi and Paris?

Please join me in discussing these issues among others with a panel of Oxford Analytica's expert advisors in a client conference call on Wednesday, November 18 at 3 pm UK time.

## Chair

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### **Paul Maidment, Director of Analysis and Managing Editor, Oxford Analytica**

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Paul Maidment joined Oxford Analytica in December 2014 as the Director of Analysis and Managing Editor of the Oxford Analytica Daily Brief.

He is an award-winning journalist who founded the New York-based digital editorial consultancy Bystander Media in 2010. A pioneer in combining digital and print journalism, he was previously Editor of [Forbes.com](http://Forbes.com) and Executive Editor of Forbes, transforming a magazine website into the leading online destination for business, finance and up-scale lifestyle. Before joining Forbes in 2001, Paul was the founding Editor of the Financial Times' award-winning web site [FT.com](http://FT.com) and Assistant Editor of the newspaper. His early career as an editor and foreign correspondent encompassed The Economist, the Asian Wall Street Journal and the BBC in the U.K. the U.S. and Asia — a depth of journalistic experience and breadth of media that gives him a unique perspective on the changes transforming publishing and the world economy. Paul was inducted into the Digital Hall of Fame in New York in 2010.

### **Panellists will include:**

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#### **Eloi Laurent, Senior Economist and Professor, Sciences Po; Visiting Professor, Stanford University**

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Based at OFCE (Sciences Po Center for Economic Research), in Paris. A former aide in the French Parliament and for the French Prime Minister, macro-economist by training, his current research agenda focuses on sustainability science and welfare economics. A former visiting scholar at Columbia University and NYU, he currently teaches at the School of Engineering and the Paris program at Stanford University and in Sciences Po. Dr Laurent was Visiting Professor and Visiting Scholar at Harvard University in fall 2013.

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#### **Mark Galeotti, Professor of Global Affairs at the Center for Global Affairs, New York University**

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Mark Galeotti is a specialist in transnational security issues, especially organised crime, intelligence and law enforcement. He also works on Russian security affairs. He was founding Director of Keele University's Organised Russian and Eurasian Crime Research Unit, founded the interdisciplinary journal Global Crime, has been visiting professor at institutions in the United States, Moscow and Prague, has authored or edited thirteen books and has consulted for a wide range of UK, US and international government agencies. He has been a member of Oxford Analytica's global expert network for many years, writing on Russian and international organised crime, intelligence and security issues.

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**Sune Haugbolle is Associate Professor in Global Studies at Roskilde University, Denmark**

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Sune holds BA and MA degrees in Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies from Copenhagen University and a D.Phil. in Modern Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Oxford. He has published widely on culture and politics in the contemporary Middle East and is the author of *War and Memory in Lebanon* (Cambridge UP 2010) and co-editor of *The Politics of Violence, Truth and Reconciliation in the Arab Middle East* (Routledge 2009), and *Visual Culture in the Modern Middle East: Rhetoric of the Image* (Indiana University Press 2013). He currently directs a research group on Secular Ideology in the Middle East and is Review Editor for the *Middle East Journal of Culture and Communication*.

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**Jean-Pierre Filiu Professor of Middle East Studies, Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po**

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Jean-Pierre Filiu, a historian and an arabist, is professor of Middle East Studies at [Sciences Po](#), [Paris School of International Affairs](#) (PSIA). He has held visiting professorships both at [Columbia School of International and Public Affairs](#) (SIPA) and at [Georgetown School of Foreign Service](#) (SFS).

He served also as an adviser to the Prime Minister (2000-2002), to the Minister of Defense (1991-93), and to the Minister of Interior (1990-91). Prof. Filiu was a career diplomat from 1988 to 2006, following humanitarian missions in Afghanistan (1986) and Lebanon (1983-84). He was assigned to Amman, before becoming Deputy Chief of mission in Damascus and Tunis.

His book *Apocalypse in Islam* (University of California Press, 2011) was awarded the main prize by the French History Convention. Hurst (London) and Oxford University Press (New York) published his *Arab Revolution, ten lessons from the democratic uprising* in 2011, *Gaza, a History* in 2014 and *From Deep State to Islamic State: the Arab counter-revolution and its jihadi legacy* in 2015. His works and articles about contemporary Islam and the Arab world have been published in a dozen languages. Prof. Filiu also wrote the script of *Best of Enemies*, a graphic novel about US in the Middle East (two of the three volumes are already out with *Self Made Hero*).