# Jérôme Drevon

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CONTACT Information

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RESEARCH INTERESTS Civil wars and insurgencies, comparative politics, contentious politics and political violence, institutional and organisational studies, Islamist and jihadi movements, Middle East politics, qualitative methodologies, salafism, social movement studies, social network analysis.

CURRENT POSITIONS

Senior Analyst, Jihad and Modern Conflict

September, 2021 -

International Crisis Group

Research Associate July, 2019 -

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Geneva, Switzerland

FORMER POSITIONS

Advisor For Non-State Armed Groups, Global Affairs September, 2019 - August 2021 International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Geneva, Switzerland

Academic Advisor, Capestone Research Project January, 2020 - December 2020 International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Geneva, Switzerland

Non-Resident Fellow

January, 2019 - December 2020

Middle East Institute, Washington DC, USA

Advanced SNSF Research Fellow (Return phase)

July, 2018 - June, 2019

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Geneva, Switzerland

Advanced SNSF Research Fellow

January, 2017 - June, 2018

University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

- -Blavatnik School of Government
- -Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR)

## Early SNSF Research Fellow

July, 2015 - December, 2016

University of Manchester, Manchester, UK

Additional training in Social Statistics, including Longitudinal Data Analysis, Multilevel Modeling, and Social Network Analysis

EDUCATION

## Ph.D in International Relations

October, 2010 - July, 2015

Durham University, Durham, UK

Thesis: Theorising Militant Groups' Meso-Level Evolution A Comparative Study of the Egyptian Islamic and Jihad Groups

### Master of Arts in International Affairs

October, 2008

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Geneva, Switzerland

Books

- 2. **Drevon, J.** (2024) From Revolution to Realpolitik: How Syrian Jihadis Embraced Politics. Oxford University Press (Forthcoming)
- 1. **Drevon, J.** (2022). Institutionalizing Violence: Strategies of Jihad in Egypt. Oxford University Press

-Presented and discussed in: Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF), Scuola Normale Superiore (SNS), T. E. Lawrence Program on the Study of Conflict (University of Oxford) -Reviewed in: European Eye on Radicalization, Perspectives on Politics

#### Journal Articles

- 7. **Drevon, J.** & Haenni, P., (2022) Redefining Global Jihad and its Termination: The Subjugation of al-Qaeda by its Former Franchise in Syria Studies in Conflict & Terrorism
- Drevon, J.. (2022). Can (Salafi) Jihadi Insurgents Politicise and Become Pragmatic in Civil Wars? Social Movement Restraint in Ahrar al-Sham in Syria, Third World Thematics, 5 (3-6), 189-205
- 5. **Drevon, J.** (2017). The Jihadi Social Movement: Between Factional Hegemonic Drive, National Realities, and Transnational Ambitions, *Perspectives on Terrorism*, 11(6), 55-62
- 4. **Drevon, J.** (2017). The Constrained Institutionalization of Diverging Islamist Strategies: The Jihadis, the Muslim Brotherhood, and the Salafis between Two Aborted Egyptian Revolutions, *Mediterranean Politics*, 22(1), 16-34
- 3. **Drevon, J.** (2016). Embracing *Salafi* Jihadism in Egypt and Mobilizing in the Syrian Jihad, *Middle East Critique*, 25(4), 321-339
- 2. **Drevon, J.** (2015). The Emergence of Ex-Jihadi Political Parties in Post-Mubarak Egypt, *The Middle East Journal*, 69(4), 511-526
- 1. **Drevon, J.** (2015). Assessing Islamist Armed Groups' De-Radicalization in Egypt, *Peace Review. A Journal of Social Justice*, 27(3), 296-303

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

- 6. Drevon, J. & Haenni, P. (2021), The Transformation of a Salafi Jihadi Group after 2011: From Jabhat al-Nusra to Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham, In: Blanc, T. & Roy, R., Salafism: Challenged by Radicalization? Violence, Politics, and the Advent of Post-Salafism, Middle East Directions, European University Institute, 69-74
- Drevon, J. (2021) Ahrar al-Sham's Politicisation during the Syrian Conflict In: Bano, M. Salafi Social and Political Movements: National and Transnational Contexts, Edinburgh University Press, 222-246
- 4. **Drevon, J.** (2020) The Challenge of Hybrid Actors' Governance on Security Structures in MENA In: Conflicts, Pandemics, and Peacebuilding: New Perspectives on Security Sector Reform in the MENA Region, ISPI-DCAF, 29-43
- 3. **Drevon, J.** (2018) The Reconfiguration of the Egyptian Islamist Social Movement Family after Two Political Transitions In: Rivetti, P. & Kraetzschmar, H., *Islamists and the Politics of the Arab Uprisings: Governance, Pluralisation and Contention*, Edinburgh University Press, 258-273
- 2. **Drevon, J.** (2018). The Constrained Institutionalization of Diverging Islamist Strategies: The Jihadis, the Muslim Brotherhood, and the Salafis between Two Aborted Egyptian Revolutions In: Campana, A. & Jourde, C., *Islamism and Social Movements in North Africa, the Sahel and Beyond: Transregional and Local Perspectives*, Routledge [Reprint of Drevon, 2017]
- Drevon, J. (2015). The Emergence and Construction of the Radical Salafi Milieu in Egypt In: Bosi, L., Ó Dochartaigh, N. & Pisoiu, D., Political Violence in Context: Time, Space and Milieu, ECPR Press, 215-235

#### Research report

1. **Drevon, J.** & Haenni, P., How Global Jihad Relocalises and Where it Leads: The Case of HTS, the Former AQ Franchise in Syria, EUI Working Paper RSC 2021/08, *Middle East Directions (MED)*, European University Institute

## Non-Refereed Articles and Reports

- 10. **Drevon, J.**, & Herbert, I. (2021) Engaging Armed Groups at the International Committee of the Red Cross: Challenges, Opportunities and COVID-19. *International Review of the Red Cross*
- Drevon, J., & Herbert, I. (2021) Interview with Attaher Zacka Maïga, Networking Coordinator. International Review of the Red Cross
- 8. **Drevon, J.**, Haenni, P. & Quesnay, A., (2021) Des rebelles en deuil de révolution: la réorientation stratégique des opposition syriennes. *Moyen-Orient* (50), 44-49 [Published under the name Nicolas Duval]
- 7. **Drevon, J.**& Haenni, P., (2021) Repères islam politique: Idlib: le nouveau réalisme du salafisme syrien. *Moyen-Orient* (50), 50-53 [Published under the name Nicolas Duval]
- 6. **Drevon, J.**& Haenni, P., (2020) The consolidation of a (post-jihadi) technocratic state-let in Idlib. *POMEPS Studies 42: MENA's Frozen Conflicts*, 42-47
- 5. **Drevon, J.** (2019) Transnational Armed Salafi Networks: Emergence and Development, *Orient: German Journal for Politics. Economics and Culture of the Middle East.* I, 43-49
- 4. Kurabi, A & **Drevon, J.** (2018). Administering a Borderland at War: Baab al-Hawa in Syria, Accord Insight 4: Borderlands and Peacebuilding: A View from the Margins, Conciliation Resources, 42-47
- 3. **Drevon, J.** (2016). Salafi Jihadi Mobilization in Armed Conflicts: Situating Ideological and Political Rationales in Diverging Settings In: *Youths and Radical Groups from the Perspective of Youths*, The Arab Forum for Alternatives and Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, 135-148
- 2. **Drevon, J.** (2014). An Interview of Muhammad Omar Abd al-Rahman, *Oxford Islamic Studies Online*, Oxford University Press.
- 1. **Drevon, J.** (2014). Democracy and Islamist Violence: Lessons from Post-Mubarak Egypt, Digest of Middle East Studies, 23(1), 1-14

### OP-EDS

- 4. **Drevon, J.**, Haenni, P., Quesnay, A. (2021). Pour défaire durablement l'Etat islamique en Syrie, ce sont désormais les rebelles qu'il faut stabiliser, Le Monde, March 15
- 3. **Drevon, J.** (2019). Renouncing al-Qaeda and the prospects for engagement, Middle East Institute, February 6
- 2. **Drevon, J.** (2014). How Syria's War Is Dividing the Egyptian Jihadi Movement, *Syria in Crisis*, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, January 9.
- 1. **Drevon, J.** (2013). A Return of Violent Islamist Insurgency in Egypt?, *Sada*, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, August 13.

## BOOK REVIEWS

1. **Drevon, J.** (2013). Review of Lisa Blaydes, Elections and Distributive Politics in Mubarak's Egypt (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), New Middle Eastern Studies 3

## ACADEMIC TEACHING

Invited lectures: Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights; International University of Geneva; King's College London; University of Geneva

**Lecturer**, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva Spring 2019 Middle East Politics (*Masters students*)

Lecturer, International University of Geneva, Geneva International Relations in the Middle East (Masters students) Spring 2019

Associate Fellow, Higher Education Academy (HEA) (Teaching accreditation), 2013

Teaching Assistant, Durham University, Durham, UK

October, 2012 - June, 2013

Introduction to Middle East Politics (*Undergraduate students*)

ACADEMIC TEACHING (EXECUTIVE EDUCATION) United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC)

October 2021

"Analyzing and Understanding Non-State Armed Groups"

ICRC, Geneva, Switzerland

2019 - 2021

Multiple internal modules on Non-State Armed Groups and humanitarian engagement

United Nations System Staff College, Geneva, Switzerland

22 - 25 October 2019

"Analyzing and Understanding Non-State Armed Groups"

Foreign & Commonwealth Office, London, UK

13 November 2013

"Modelling the Political Transformation of Militant Groups"

EXTERNAL FUNDING/ FELLOWSHIPS "Counterterrorism And Safeguarding in response to Islamic State' (CASIS) Project", European University Institute (EUI) and Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), 2021

Co-Principal Investigator with Caitlin Procter and Richard McNeil-Willson; Total: 15,000 €

Return Phase Advanced Postdoc. Mobility, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), 2018-2019 Principal Investigator; Total: 103,000 CHF

Advanced Postdoc. Mobility Fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), 2017-2018 Principal Investigator; Total: 118,000 CHF

Research Engagement Grant, Project on Middle East Political Science (POMPES), George Washington University, 2016

Principal Investigator; Total: \$3,000

Early Postdoc. Mobility Fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), 2015-2016 Principal Investigator; Total: 93,000 CHF

Research Fellowship, Durham Energy Institute (DEI), July - August, 2013 Principal Investigator; Total: £2,000

Doc.Mobility Fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), 2012-2013, 2013-2014 Principal Investigator; Total: 76,000 CHF

SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

Advisory Board Membership: Project funded by the Berghof Foundation on "Radical Islamist armed groups – (De)escalation paths and entry points for third-party engagement" [2018-2019]

Advisory Board Membership: Project funded by the John Templeton Foundation and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs on "The Role of Religious Authority Institutions in Shaping the Behaviour of Religiously Inspired Militant Actors" [2020-]

Consulting: United Nations Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief

Peer Review (Articles): British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies; Contemporary Politics; Democratization; Information, Communication and Society; International Journal of Conflict and Violence; International Journal of Developmental Sciences; International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies; International Political Science Review; Middle East Critique; Middle East Journal; Middle East Law and Governance; Participation and Conflict; Politics, Religion & Ideology; Politics and

Religion; Religions; Terrorism and Political Violence.

Peer Review (Books): Oxford University Press

Peer Review (External): Cordoba Peace Institute, Small Arms Survey, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Senior Editorial Assistant: Politics, Religion & Ideology [2014-2015]

American Political Science Association (APSA): 2015 Academic Conferences Conflict Research Society Annual Conference: 2017, 2021

(Non exhaustive) European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR): 2013, 2014, 2015, 2021

Global International Studies Conference: 2014, 2017

International Studies Association (ISA): 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2022

Middle East Studies Association (MESA): 2013

Conferences Organised

Annual BRISMES Graduate Conference: 2013

Durham University: 2011

Academic Symposium (Invited)

Aarhus University, Australian National University, Birkbeck College, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), Centre on Conflict, Development & Peacebuilding (Graduate Institute, Geneva), Cordoba Peace Institute, Copenhagen University, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), Durham University, ETH Zurich, European University Institute (EUI), Folke Bernadotte Academy, Hasan Kalyoncu University, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, Middle East Dialogue, Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI) and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris Dauphine, Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS), Research Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics (CILE) (Hamad Bin Khalifa University), S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (Nanyang Technological University), Scuola Normale Superiore (SNS), University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), Université Laval, University of Lancaster, University of Leeds, University of Manchester, University of Oxford, University of Reading, Uppsala Universitet, Webster University.

Academic Institutes Copenhagen Graduate School of Social Sciences: 2014

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Joint Session: 2016, 2021

Trans-Atlantic Summer Institute (TASI): 2011

AND WORKSHOPS

(Invited)

Policy Symposium American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Antalya International Security Symposium (Turkish National Police Academy), Arab Forum for Alternatives, Berghof Foundation, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), DGAP EU-Middle East Forum, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), European University Institute, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF), GIGA German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Institute for Peace & Diplomacy (IPD), International Crisis Group (ICG), Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Midde East Institute, Swiss Peace, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Ex-

ecutive Directorate (UN-CTED), World Council of Churches

Academic Training

Comparative Research Using Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA), National Centre for Re-

search Methods, 2015

Configurational Research with QCA and CNA, University of Geneva, 2015

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University, 2012

Spatial Interaction Modelling, National Centre for Research Methods, 2017 Spatial Presentation and Analysis, National Centre for Research Methods, 2015

Field Research Egypt - Jordan - Lebanon - Iraq (Kurdistan) - Kenya - Mauritania - Nigeria - Palestine - Rwanda -

Syria (pre and post-2011, including Idlib) - Thailand - Turkey

LANGUAGES French (mother tongue) English (professional fluency) Arabic (working fluency)

MEMBERSHIP IN American Political Science Association (APSA)
PROFESSIONAL European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

Associations International Studies Association (ISA)
Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

IT SKILLS Applications and Statistical Packages: LATEX, R, SPSS

Operating Systems: Linux / Unix