



Shadow Wars: The Secret Struggle for the Middle East

Dr. Christopher Davidson

Date	17 February 2017
Time	17:30 -19:00 hrs.
Location	Campus Leiden University College The Hague Anna van Buerenplein 301 2595DG Den Haag
Room	Auditorium

On February 16 and 17, Christopher Davidson will speak at Leiden University College The Hague.

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Who is to blame for the failure of the Arab Spring and the rise of Islamic State? The answer lies far closer to home than you might dare imagine...

For more than a century successive US and UK governments have sought to thwart nationalist, socialist and pro-democracy movements in the Middle East. Through the Cold War, the 'War on Terror' and the present era defined by the Islamic State, the Western powers have repeatedly manipulated the region's most powerful actors to ensure the security of their own interests and, in doing so, have given rise to religious politics, sectarian war, bloody counter-revolutions and now one of the most brutal incarnations of Islamic extremism ever seen.

This is the utterly compelling, systematic dissection of Western interference in the Middle East. Christopher Davidson exposes the dark side of our foreign policy - dragging many disturbing facts out into the light for the first time. Most shocking for us today is his assertion that US intelligence agencies continue to regard the Islamic

State, like al-Qaeda before it, as a strategic but volatile asset to be wielded against their enemies.

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