

Title: The Islamic State in Africa: The Emergence, Evolution, and Future of the Next Jihadist Battlefront

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#### Synopsis:

This LOO will feature a conversation with Dr. Jason Warner and Mr. Ryan O'Farrell as they discuss their new book: *The Islamic State in Africa: The Emergence, Evolution, and Future of the Next Jihadist Battlefront*. Details on the book can be found here:

<https://www.hurstpublishers.com/book/the-islamic-state-in-africa>.

#### Bio:

Dr. Jason Warner is an Assistant Professor at the U.S. Military Academy (West Point) where he also serves as the director of Africa research in the Combating Terrorism Center (CTC). He is also a Term Member at the Council on Foreign Relations, and serves as an Adjunct Professor at American University's School of Public Affairs. He also serves as the Co-Editor-in-Chief of the undergraduate journal *The West Point Journal of Politics and Security*. He is a specialist in African terrorism and security affairs, and African international relations and foreign policy. His current research focuses on the emergence and spread of the Islamic State and Al-Qaeda on the African continent; the tactics of violence that these groups use; and how non-African international states engage the continent, especially in security affairs. Dr. Warner holds a Ph.D. in African Studies from Harvard, an M.A. in Government from Harvard, an M.A. in African Studies from Yale, as well as a B.A. in International Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is the author and/or editor of three books and numerous academic and policy facing publications. More information on Dr. Warner's work can be located here: <https://drjasonwarner.com>

Ryan O'Farrell is a Senior Analyst at the Bridgeway Foundation, a non-profit foundation working on atrocity prevention in Central Africa. O'Farrell's research centers on Islamist movements in Central and Eastern Africa, focusing on Islamic State affiliates in Congo and Mozambique. He has specialized in conflict tracking and geo-intelligence, with past areas of research including Ethiopia and Syria. He received his M.A. from Johns Hopkins SAIS in May 2020, where he concentrated on Conflict Management with a minor in African Studies.