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On September 11, 2001, the world toppled into horror, dread and astonishment. Three airliners slammed into the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon, wreaking havoc and death. Al Qaeda claimed these suicide bombings, the bloodiest ever perpetrated on American soil. More than three thousand people died in these attacks, waged in the name of a totalitarian, fundamentalist and violent conception of Islam. Beyond America, the unholy West was targeted right in the heart. From then on, the fight against Islamist terrorism has emerged as the major security challenge of the past two decades.

Twenty years after the World Trade Center attack, the jihadist phenomenon has kept spreading. Now, it affects each continent and its supporters have increased considerably despite the weakening of Al Qaeda and the military defeat of Daesh in Syria.

France has paid a heavy price in this relentless fight against the jihadist hydra. Since the killings of Mohamed Merah and the terrorist attacks in Nice and Paris (Charlie Hebdo, the “Hyper Cacher” and of November 13, 2015), the country has faced a wave of unprecedented terrorist violence. Abroad, France has been fighting against Islamist terrorism, particularly in the Sahara-Sahel Strip where 52 soldiers have lost their lives in “Serval” and “Barkhane” operations.

However, the fight against jihadism cannot be reduced to a security challenge exclusively. Terrorism is the modus operandi of radical Islamism, which is both a religious and political ideology and keeps undermining our republican model insidiously.

The fight is not over: we must address the challenges, the means and the prospects relentlessly.

In this context, ELNET has created the “European Summit on Islamist Radicalization and the Terrorist Threat” with the support of former Prime Minister Manuel Valls. This Summit has become an unmissable event, whose ambition is to decipher the mechanisms of Islamist ideology and its harmful power, by offering an unprecedented platform for discussions.

The first three sessions were held on January 11, March 22 and June 23, 2021. They brought together French and European leading experts, academics, journalists and policymakers, who discussed Islamist separatism, European jihadism, the fight against terrorism on a European scale, cyberjihadism and deradicalization policies.

The final session will take place on Monday December 6, 2021 in Paris. It will assess the “war on terror” 20 years after 9/11 and in the wake of the American withdrawal from Afghanistan. The strategic and geopolitical consequences of such an overturning will be analyzed through regional and international perspectives, questioning Europe’s ability to cooperate with its American and Israeli allies. The lessons of the November 2015 Paris attacks will also be analyzed, in the context of the biggest terror trial ever opened in France.

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David Khalfa, Program Director
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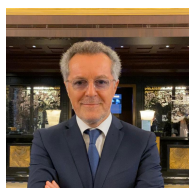
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14:30 - 14:40 OPENING REMARKS



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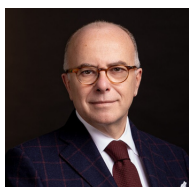


Victor Poirier
Director of Publications,
Montaigne Institute



Sandra Boëlle
MP of Paris

14:40 - 15:00 IS NOVEMBER 13, 2015 « FRANCE'S 9/11 »?



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former French
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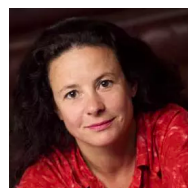


Michaël Darmon
Columnist for Political
Affairs, i24news

15:00 - 16:30 FOLLOWING TALIBAN'S TAKEOVER IN AFGHANISTAN: A TRANSATLANTIC PERSPECTIVE ON THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM TWENTY YEARS AFTER 9/11



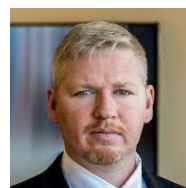
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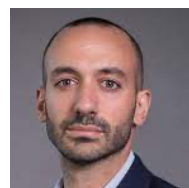
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President of the Foreign
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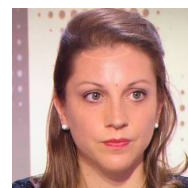
Colin P. Clarke
Director of Research,
The Soufan Group



Gén. Christophe Gomart
former Director of Military
Intelligence



Benjamin Haddad
Director of the Europe
Center, Atlantic
Council



Anne-Clémentine Larroque
Analyst,
French Ministry
of Justice



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Studies, King's College
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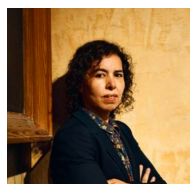
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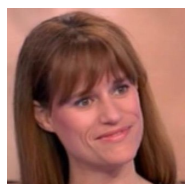
16:30 - 17:00 THE IDEOLOGICAL FIGHT AGAINST ISLAMISM, A CHALLENGE FOR FRANCE AND EUROPE



Laure Daussy
Journalist,
Charlie Hebdo



Fadila Maaroufi
Director of the Observatory
of Fundamentalisms,
Brussels



Carine Azzopardi
Journalist



Najwa El Haïté
Lawyer,
Deputy Mayor of Evry

17:00 - 17:20 THE STATE OF THE TERRORIST THREAT IN FRANCE: THE ROLE OF THE JUDICIARY



David De Pas
Coordinator for
counterterrorism,
High Court of Paris



Cécile Ollivier
Journalist,
BFM TV

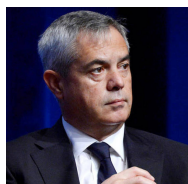
17:20 - 17:50 FROM NOVEMBER 13, 2015 TO A POST-DAESH ERA: THE ROLE OF INTELLIGENCE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM



Victor Delage
Director of Studies,
Foundation for Political
Innovation



Gauthier Rybinski
Senior Editor
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Patrick Calvar
former Head, General
Directorate for Internal
Security



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former Head, Israel
and Abroad Division of
Shabak

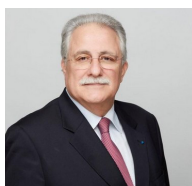
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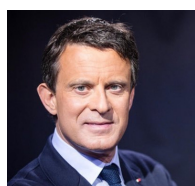


Chems-Eddine Hafiz
Rector of the Great
Mosque of Paris



Sara Daniel
International Reporter,
L'Obs

18:10 CLOSING REMARKS



Manuel Valls
former French
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Dr. Arié Bensemhoun
Chief Executive Officer
ELNET France

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Carine Azzopardi

Journalist

Carine Azzopardi has been a journalist for 22 years. She is a graduate from Lille School of Journalism. She was in New York during the 9/11 and covered the terror attack at the World Trade Center. She has personally been affected by terrorism when she lost her partner at the Bataclan on November 13, 2015 in Paris major terror attacks.



Dr. Arié Bensemhoun

CEO ELNET France

Dr. Arié Bensemhoun has been the Executive Director of ELNET France since 2011. He is a dentist by profession. He made his career in the private sector as a consultant in communications, PR and international relations dealing with middle eastern and strategic affairs. Dr. Bensemhoun plays a crucial role in the French Israeli relationship through his commitment both at the community and political levels. He seeks to strengthen ties between political leaders from France and Israel who believe that close relations between Europe and Israel, in their shared democratic values, historical connections and common interests are vital to both parties.



MP Sandra Boëlle

MP and Counsellor of Paris

Sandra Boëlle has been elected as Counsellor of the 16th district of Paris in 2014 on the list of Claude Goasguen, incumbent mayor, and MP. She became deputy mayor, responsible for families and early childhood. She was also a candidate on the list of the incumbent majority that won the election in 2020. After MP Claude Goasguen died of Covid-19 in March 2020, she became MP in May 2020.



Jean-Louis Bourlanges

Chairman of the Foreign affairs committee (National Assembly, France)

Jean-Louis Bourlanges is a former MEP (1989-2007) and a former Councillor at the Court of Auditors. At the European Parliament, he served in different positions, including Chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control and general budget rapporteur. He is currently MP at the National Assembly, President of the Foreign affairs committee, and Vice-President of the European affairs committee.



Patrick Calvar

Special advisor at the Montaigne Institute

Patrick Calvar spent nearly 40 years in the French intelligence services. Today, he is a special advisor at the Montaigne Institute. After being a police inspector and then a commissioner, he held various posts at the Ministry of the Interior. In 2010, he was appointed Director of intelligence at the General Directorate for External Security. In 2014, he became Director general of Internal Security, in a context of multiple terrorist attacks. He was made an officer of the national order of merit in 2016 and of the national order of the Legion of Honor in 2017.

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Bernard Cazeneuve

Former Prime Minister and Minister of Interior

Bernard Cazeneuve has led a career as a legal expert before serving in different minister's offices in the 1990s. He also served as an elected representative in Cherbourg and then as MP. In 2012, he became Minister for European affairs, then Budget Minister. In 2014, he has been appointed Minister of Interior under former Prime Minister Manuel Valls. He became Prime Minister in December 2016 until the end of the term.



Colin P. Clarke

Senior Research Fellow at The Soufan Center

He is the Director of Policy and Research at The Soufan Group, where his research focuses on domestic and transnational terrorism, international security, and geopolitics. Prior to joining The Soufan Group, Clarke was a professor at Carnegie Mellon University, and a senior political scientist at the RAND Corporation, where he spent a decade researching terrorism, insurgency, and criminal networks. At RAND, Clarke led studies on ISIS financing, the future of terrorism and transnational crime, and lessons learned from all insurgencies since the end of the World War. Clarke has a Ph.D. in international security policy from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA).



Sara Daniel

International Reporter, L'Obs

Sara Daniel started her career when she covered the 9/11 terror attack in the US. She is a specialist in Middle East topics. She worked in Afghanistan and Pakistan and has been correspondent in Bagdad for "Le Nouvel Observateur". She was awarded in 2006 for her article "GIs in the Iraqi hell". She has been head of the international newsdesk of "L'Obs" since 2014.



Michaël Darmon

Columnist for Political Affairs, i24news

Michaël Darmon started his career as a journalist on TF1 at the political and economic news desk in 1990. 3 years later, he became correspondent for the RTBF in Jerusalem. He then joined France 2 in 1994. Michaël Darmon published 2 books in the late 90s about the far-right wing party "Front national". In 2011, he worked at the news channel I-Télé before joining Europe 1 from 2018 to 2021. He has also been political commentator for i24news since 2013.

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Laure Daussy

Journalist at Charlie Hebdo

Laure Daussy has been a journalist since 15 years in TV, radio and print media (Le Figaro, France Télévisions, CANAL+, ARTE...). She has been working at the newspaper Charlie Hebdo since 2015.



Victor Delage

Director of studies at the Foundation for Political Innovation ("Fondation pour l'innovation politique")

Victor Delage started his career as a research assistant in different European organizations, such as the European Commission in Brussels before joining the general Directorate of the Treasury (Finance Ministry) as a project officer for social and solidarity economy. He has been working for the Foundation for Political Innovation since 2017. He has been director of studies since 2018.



David De Pas

Investigating judge, coordinator of the "fight against terrorism" division at the Court of Paris

David de Pas is graduated of the Sorbonne University and the National School of the Judiciary ("Ecole nationale de la Magistrature"). He started his career at the end of the 1990s as an investigating judge and then children's judge. He became judge for sentence enforcement at the Court of Aix-en-Provence from 2004 to 2008 and then investigating judge in Nimes in 2012. He has since then been working at the Court of Paris as an investigating judge at the "Crimes against humanity" division and at the "fight against terrorism" division. He became the coordinator of this division in September 2019.



Najwa El Haïté

Lawyer, Deputy Mayor of Evry in charge of culture

Najwa El Haïté holds a PhD in public law. She is currently deputy mayor at the city of Evry-Courcouronnes near Paris, responsible for culture and digital transformation affairs. She has been involved in defense of laicity for several years.



General Christophe Gomart

Former Director of Military Intelligence

A graduate of Saint-Cyr, the French military national academy, General Christophe Gomart was appointed to the Elysee Palace as deputy to the coordinator for National Intelligence coordinator in 2008, before being the Head of the Special Operations Command (COS) during the Libyan crisis, the withdrawal from Afghanistan and the "Serval" operation in Mali. In August 2013, he was appointed Director of Military Intelligence. In 2017, he left the army and became Director of security and real estate engineering for the Unibail-Rodamco group. Since 2019, he has been Head of the security and crisis management department.

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Benjamin Haddad

Senior Director of the Europe Center at the Atlantic Council

He is an expert in European politics and transatlantic relations. Before moving to the Atlantic Council, he was a fellow at Hudson Institute in Washington DC. His work has notably advocated for transatlantic unity in the face of Russian aggression, greater European responsibility, and investment on strategic matters. His recent book "Paradise Lost: Europe in the World of Trump" makes the case for greater European unity in a world of new challenges and threats. He has been published in "Foreign Affairs", "The American Interest", "Foreign Policy", "the Wall Street Journal", "Le Monde", "Le Figaro", "Politique Étrangère" and is a frequent guest on France 24, BFM, CBC, CNN, Fox News, and NPR. A graduate of Sciences Po Paris, where he obtained an MA in international affairs and HEC, with an MA in financial economics, Haddad has lectured in international affairs at Sciences Po.



Chems-eddine Hafiz

Recteur de la Grande Mosquée de Paris

Chems-eddine Hafiz is a French-Algerian business lawyer. He was a vice-chair of the French Council of the Muslim Faith. He has been Rector of the Great Mosque of Paris since January 2020. In September 2021, he published his « Manifesto against Islamist terrorism ». He has received the Medal of National Order of Merit and the Legion of Honor.



Anne-Clémentine Larroque

Historian, Expert of Islamism and Analyst at the Ministry of Justice

A graduate of Sciences Po Aix-en-Provence, she holds a M.A in Medieval History. She was a teacher of History and Geography for seven years. She has been working since July 2016 for the Ministry of Justice, first as a specialist assistant for the Anti-Terrorism Department (DAT) of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Paris Court of Appeal, then for the anti-terrorism pole of the Judicial Court of Paris. She has published several books including "The Hole in Identity: On the Repressed Memory of the Mercenaries of Islam" (PUF, 2021).



Isabelle Lasserre

Deputy Editor-in-chief for International Affairs, Le Figaro

Isabelle Lasserre is deputy editor-in-chief for international affairs at le Figaro. She is especially responsible for diplomatic and geopolitical questions. She has been in charge of defense issues at the Figaro, correspondent in Moscow and war reporter for more than 10 years (in Bosnia, Kosovo, Croatia, Chechnia, Iraq, Afghanistan...).

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Fadila Maaroufi

Director of the Observatory of Fundamentalisms, Brussels

Fadila Maaroufi is Belgian and Moroccan. She is a graduate in anthropology and a street educator. She has been working for 15 years in several disadvantaged areas of Brussels. Since 2016, she has run workshops and seminars about radicalization to struggle against political Islam. She has founded the Observatory of Fundamentalisms in January 2020.



Maj. Gen. (ret.) Oz Noy

Head of the Israel and Abroad Division of Shabak, fellow at ICT Herzliya

Mr. Noy is an expert on counter terrorism, intelligence, and Palestinian and international terrorism. Prior to joining the ICT, Noy served in various operational and leadership positions at the Israeli Security Agency (ISA / Shabak) where he served for 31 years and retired at a position equivalent to major general. His last position was Head of the Israel and Abroad Division. He is fluent in Hebrew, Arabic and English, and holds a BA in Social Sciences and an Executive MBA from Bar Ilan University.



Cécile Ollivier

BFM TV

Cécile Ollivier is a graduate from Sciences Po Aix-en-Provence and the CELSA school of journalism. She joined BFMTV in 2010. She first covered general information before becoming reporter at the newsroom for police and justice topics and then head of this service. She covered the terror attacks that occurred in 2015-2016 in France and the trials (attacks of Mohamed Merah, November 13, 2015 attacks, the Nizza attack...).



Victor Poirier

Director of Publications at the Montaigne Institute

Victor Poirier has been Director of Publications at Institut Montaigne since July 2019. He specialises in public and industrial finance. Policy officer from 2015 to 2018, he played an important part in producing several reports. He was Deputy Director of Studies since September 2018.



Suzanne Raine

Affiliate lecturer at the Centre for Geopolitics at Cambridge University, former Director of Counterterrorism at the MI5

Suzanne Raine served in the Foreign Office from 1995-2019. This included postings in Poland, Iraq and Pakistan. She specialized in counterterrorism, holding a number of senior domestic appointments including Head of the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre from 2015-2017 and Director Counter Terrorism from 2017-2019. She was also a senior member of the UK government assessment community. She is now an affiliate lecturer at the Centre for Geopolitics at Cambridge University and a trustee at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), the Imperial War Museum (IWM) and at Stop the Traffik, a charity aiming to disrupt human trafficking worldwide.

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Gauthier Rybinski

Senior Editor for Foreign Affairs, France 24

A graduate of the Lille School of Journalism and Sciences Po Paris, Gauthier Rybinski also holds a B.A. in German Studies. He joined the Foreign Policy Department of TF1 (the 1st French television channel) in 1990 and was a war reporter and correspondent for sixteen years. In 2006, he joined France 24, the only French international and trilingual news channel in French, English, and Arabic, from its creation. First being a columnist-commentator, he is now a senior editor for foreign affairs. He regularly intervenes in crisis communication for the business sector and has been a member of several journalism awards and festivals (the Monte-Carlo TV Festival, the Franco-German Prize).



Dr. Hans-Jakob Schindler

Expert in counterterrorism at the United Nations Security Council

Dr. Hans-Jakob Schindler has wide international experience in diplomacy, intelligence and security. He joined the ISIL (Da'esh), al-Qaida and Taliban Sanctions Monitoring Team at the UN Security Council in 2013 and was appointed Coordinator in 2015. Between 2005 and 2011, he held the position of First Secretary Political Affairs and Liaison to the Security Forces at the German Embassy in Tehran. From 2001 until 2005, he headed the federal government of Germany's team investigating al-Qaida in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia and shaped the analytical work on the federal government in the area of counterterrorism. Having studied in Tübingen, Washington, D.C. and Tel Aviv, Hans holds a master's and PhD degree in International Terrorism from St. Andrews University, United Kingdom.



Yoram Schweitzer

Senior Research Fellow, head of the Program on Terrorism and Low Intensity Conflict, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)

Yoram Schweitzer, an expert on international terrorism and head of the INSS Program on Terrorism and Low Intensity Conflict, has been a researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), following a distinguished career in the Israeli intelligence community as well as in the academic world. Schweitzer has lectured and published widely on terror-related issues and serves as a consultant for government ministries on a private basis. His areas of expertise include al-Qaeda and its affiliates. Among other positions, he served as a consultant on counter-terror strategies to the prime minister's office and the Ministry of Defense, Head of the Counter International Terror Section in the IDF, and a member in a Task Force dealing with Israeli MIAs at the Prime Minister's Office. Mr. Schweitzer was a researcher and head of Educational Curriculum at the International Policy Institute for Counter Terrorism (ICT) at the Inter Disciplinary Center in Herzliya.

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Manuel Valls

Former French Prime Minister

Born in Barcelona (Spain), Manuel Valls is the first Prime Minister of the Fifth Republic to have acquired French nationality by naturalization, in 1982. Elected mayor of Evry in 2001, he then took on the mandate of deputy for the first constituency of Essonne, before being re-elected in 2007 and 2012. As Director of communication for candidate François Hollande's campaign in 2012, he then joined the government of Jean-Marc Ayrault in 2012 as Minister of the Interior. He was appointed Prime Minister by François Hollande in 2014, until 2016. He was at the origin of the state of emergency declared after the terrorist attacks of November 13, 2015 in Paris. In 2017, he left the Socialist Party and was reelected deputy, after joining Emmanuel Macron and his En Marche party. He ran for office in the Barcelona mayoral elections in 2019, where he was a municipal councilor until early 2021.