

Where has ISIS gone?

A lecture by Nimrod Hurvitz,
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In 2017 ISIS, the terror organization-turned-state, lost its territories and its soldiers scattered all over the globe. Yet although it lost control of its land, it did not lose its hold over the imagination of a small group of disgruntled Muslims. What, then, is ISIS's present state of affairs? In his lecture, Professor Nimrod Hurvitz will discuss what we know about the present state of ISIS in various regions of the world such as Europe, the United States and Muslim majority countries; what is it in their outlook that appeals to the imaginations of a small but tenacious group of Muslims; and what are the political and economic circumstances that continue to feed its flames.

Nimrod Hurvitz is the 2019 Greenberg Middle East Scholar-in-Residence at Skidmore College. He received his Ph.D. from Princeton University (1994) and has been teaching at Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Department of Middle East Studies since then. Professor Hurvitz's areas of interest are law and society, Islamic political thought and social movements. He has authored articles on the Hanbali *madhhab* (school of law) in such journals as *The American Historical Review*, *Studia Islamica*, and *Islamic Law and Society*, as well as several edited volumes. His book, *The Formation of Hanbalism, Piety into Power*, (RoutledgeCurzon, 2002) was translated into Arabic by The Arab Network for Research and Publishing, 2011. Articles about Islamic political thought and institutions were published by the Islamic Legal Studies Program at Harvard Law School and in several edited volumes.

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