Sahelian Security in Flux
13 May 2019 | Chatham House, London

09.30 – 10.00  Registration and Coffee

10.00 – 10.05  Welcome

Dr Alex Vines OBE, Africa Programme, Chatham House
Dr Edward Stoddard, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa; University of Portsmouth

10.05 – 11.05  Keynote Presentation One

Scoping the Security Crisis in the Sahel
Professor Isaac Albert, University of Ibadan
Chair: Professor Tony Chafer, University of Portsmouth

11.05 – 11.30  Break

11.30 – 13.00  Panel One: Sub-State Challenges in the Sahel

The Rise of the Islamic State in the Greater Sahara: A Deviant Case of Violent Extremism in the Central Sahel?
Dr Luca Raineri, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa

The Birth of a Jihadi Rural State on Lake Chad: Al Barnawi’s ISWAP from Theology to Practice
Dr Vincent Foucher, Sciences Po Bordeaux

The Fulani Factor and Political (In)stability in West Africa
Professor Han Van Dijk, Leiden University
Chair: Dr Edward Stoddard, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa; University of Portsmouth

13.00 – 14.00  Lunch

14.00 – 15.00  Keynote Presentation Two

Insurgencies and Armed Violence in the Central Sahel (Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger): The Recent Past and Prospects for the Immediate Future
Dr Jean-Hervé Jezequel, International Crisis Group

Chair: Dr Alex Vines OBE, Africa Programme, Chatham House
15.05 – 16.35  Panel Two: Assessing Contemporary Responses

*The European Union Integrated and Regionalised Approach towards the Sahel*

**Dr Elisa Lucia Lopez**, Université Libre de Bruxelles

*African Patchwork Approach in the Sahel: Learning the Lessons for a more Coherent Regional Cooperation*

**Dr Amandine Gnanguenon**, Université d’Auvergne

*France’s Interventions in Mali and the Sahel: A Historical Institutionalist Perspective*

**Professor Tony Chafer**, University of Portsmouth

*Climate Change and Insecurity in the Sahel: Why We Should be Cautious about Big Claims*

**Aoife McCullough**, Overseas Development Institute

Chair: **Dr Melita Lazell**, University of Portsmouth

16.35 – 16.50  Break

16.50 – 17.30  Breakout Discussions

17.30 – 18.00  Feedback from Breakout and Final Roundtable

Chair: **Paul Melly**, Africa Programme, Chatham House

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