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A LUNCH AND DISCUSSION ON  
“COUNTERING RADICALISATION”



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
12.30 – 13.00 Lunch  
13.00 – 14.00 Discussion

Venue:  
The Legatum Institute



FEATURING: MAAJID NAWAZ AND SCOT CARPENTER

Maajid Nawaz, director and co-founder of Quilliam and formerly on the UK national leadership for the global Islamist party Hizb ut-Tahrir (HT), was involved in HT for almost 14 years. He was a founding member of HT in Denmark and Pakistan and eventually served four years in an Egyptian prison as an Amnesty International ‘prisoner of conscience’. In prison, Maajid gradually began changing his views until finally renouncing the Islamist Ideology for traditional Islam and inclusive politics.

He now engages in counter-Islamist thought-generating, writing, debating and media appearances. He has spoken at various fora internationally ranging from the grassroots at City Circle London, to addressing the US Senate in Washington DC and regularly comments on national and international news and newspapers.

J. Scott Carpenter is the Keston Family fellow at The Washington Institute and director of Project Fikra, which focuses on empowering Arab democrats in their struggle against extremism. From 2004 to 2007, Mr. Carpenter served as deputy assistant secretary of state in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs. Previously, as director of the governance group for the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) in Baghdad, he helped guide Iraq's postwar political transition and initiated a wide array of democracy initiatives. From May 2003 to July 2004, he served as a key advisor to CPA administrator, facilitating the formation of the Iraqi Governing Council and the first post-Saddam Hussein cabinet, the drafting and signing of Iraq's interim constitution, and the establishment of the interim Iraqi government. Before serving in Iraq, Mr. Carpenter was deputy assistant secretary of state in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. In that capacity, he was the bureau's point person on a number of countries critical to U.S. democracy promotion and human rights policy. He oversaw the bureau's activities related to the Middle East, China, and Southeast Asia and was a representative to the Colombia policy coordinating committee.

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