



# Deep roots of the Islamic State (IS) in Iraq and the Levant

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On 29 June 2014, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, Head of the Islamic State (EI), conferred on himself the title of Caliph, a term that has been unusual for almost a century. The author searches the history of the Arab-Muslim world for precedents that shed light on the actions of the Islamic state. He wishes to show that this self-proclaimed caliphate is more in line with the radicalization of political Islam than with the caliphate tradition.

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