The Institute for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies at RUB cordially invites you to a lecture

Dr. Christoph Günther (University of Mainz) speaks on the topic:

From the Darkness into the Light: Narratives of Conversion in Jihadi Videos.

The lecture presents an analysis of three videos in which Muslims tell their personal stories from their conversion to their joining of Jihadi groups. Using insights from sociology of religion, the lecture will highlight four motifs that structure these post-hoc recollections. A second focus is laid on the visual, textual and acoustic elements used by Jihadi groups to (re)construct the personal stories of these individuals and render them role models for future recruits.

Date: Tuesday, 18 June 2019
Time: 4-6 pm
Venue: GB 2/131

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