

## IAIS Visiting Speaker Series

### Dr François Burgat

#### ***Understanding Political Islam: In Search of the Islamist other 1973-2013***

Monday, 19 March 2018 4:30pm, 4pm for tea/coffee

The OCEAN CAVE , IAIS Building

François Burgat is a senior researcher (DR1) in political science at the CNRS based at the IREMAM in Aix-en-Provence. Fluent in Arabic, François Burgat has devoted his career as a political scientist to the analysis of political systems and civil societies in the contemporary Arab world...

Between 2007 and 2010, he led a team of fifteen researchers in the framework of the programme "From the Arabo-Persian Gulf to Europe: between violence and counter-violence" funded by the French National Research Agency.

In addition to the 25 years he has spent in the Middle East and North Africa throughout his career, he has carried out and conducted many fieldwork expeditions over the last ten years. He was invited as guest lecturer or conference participant on topics related to the WAFAW project's problematics by 73 universities in over 30 countries. He has also been invited by more than 130 governmental and international organisations, public or private think tanks, and companies in over 35 countries. He is since 2013 a member of the European Council on Foreign Relations.

His most prominent personal publications include *L'islamisme à l'heure d'Al-Qaida : réislamisation, modernisation,*

*radicalisations*, Paris: La Découverte, 2005 (second updated edition in 2010) (Spanish: Bellaterra 2006, Arabic: Cadmus 2007, English: Texas University Press 2008) ; *L'Islamisme en face*, Paris: La Découverte, 2002 (third updated edition in 2007) (Portuguese: Instituto Piaget, 1995, Spanish: Bellaterra 1996, English: IB Tauris 2002) and *L'Islamisme au Maghreb : la voix du Sud*, Paris, Karthala, 1988 (third updated edition by Payot Petite Bibliothèque in 2008). (English: University of Texas Press, 1993-1997 Italian: SEI, 1995, Arabic: Dar-al-thaqafa al-jedida, 2001).

He will first put particular emphasis on the Syrian case-study before developing more global analysis, built on the various field work expeditions carried out.

