

at the center of the storm: Syria, ISIS, and the Refugee Crisis

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3:00pm
 Old Main
 Carson Ballroom
 ASU Tempe campus

The lecture will be followed by Q&A, as well as a book sale and signing. This event is free and open to the public, but **RSVPs are kindly requested.** For individual or group/class RSVPs:

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The war, suffering, & refugee crisis continue—how do we make sense of what is happening? What are the likely regional & global implications of the Trump administration's emerging approaches for military, political & humanitarian policy?

Browse recent headlines and you'll identify the same recurring topics: the Middle East ravaged by conflict, the fear of ISIS expanding its influence, and a large population of displaced people fleeing their homes in a desperate search for safety. With the weighted complexities of religion, radicalization, on-going military action, and the rising need for humanitarian aid, how do we understand the moral and political costs of current events?

Join us as warzone journalist and sociologist Anand Gopal shares his first-hand perspective on the current state of the Middle East through the lens of his ethnographic reporting in Iraq and Syria.



Anand Gopal

Anand Gopal (PhD, Columbia) is a prizewinning journalist, author, and sociologist. Gopal's book, *No Good Men Among the Living: America, the Taliban, and the War through Afghan Eyes*, details the stories of Afghans caught in the crossfire between the U.S. military and the Taliban. The book won the 2015 Ridenhour Book Prize and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award.

Gopal recently joined ASU as an assistant research professor with the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict. He is also an International Security Fellow at the New America Foundation and an affiliate of the Center on the Future of War. With articles published in *The Atlantic*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and other such publications, Gopal is rapidly becoming recognized as a leading voice for understanding the impacts of the wars in Afghanistan, Syria and Iraq for the Middle East, the U.S., and the world.



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