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## **Security and political experiments in the West African Sahel.**

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The Sahel region in West Africa has been the theatre of a complex security crisis for over a decade, involving armed groups linked to Al-Qaida and the Islamic State, self-defence groups and militias, national security forces, and international/multinational interventions. Amidst this crisis, the region has recently experienced a series of political reconfigurations, including multiple coups and a return to military regimes. This panel will explore recent developments across the region in the fields of governance and security, highlighting different experiments and their impact from different parts of the Sahel.

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