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|  | **4th June 2015** |

***MEDIA ALERT***

**WHAT IS ISLAMIC STATE?**

Since its blitzkrieg in Iraq last northern summer, the Islamic State has confirmed its place as one of the most conspicuously violent challenges to international order.

At this event in Brisbane, Associate Professor Andrew Phillips (PhD, Cornell), Discovery Early Career Research Award Fellow in the School of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Queensland, will offer an interim assessment of the international community’s struggle to defeat the IS challenge.

He will recount the origins of IS in the wake of the 2003 Iraq war, examine its subsequent evolution and conclude with a consideration of how the international community might better tailor its strategies to contain, disaggregate and ultimately defeat IS.

**The media is invited to attend this event.**

**TIME: 6.00PM**

**DATE: TUESDAY JUNE 9TH**

**VENUE: HARRIS TERRACE, 46 GEORGE ST., BRISBANE**

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