

"Drawing the Dagger: Local Insurrection and Global Insurgency in Contemporary Yemen"

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Christopher Swift is a fellow at the University of Virginia Law School's Center for National Security Law, where he specializes in international law, constitutional law, and contemporary armed conflict. An attorney and political scientist, Dr. Swift has conducted fieldwork in Afghanistan, the Middle East, and the former Soviet Union examining al-Qaeda's relationships with indigenous Muslim insurgencies. Dr. Swift previously served in the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control, where he investigated transactions involving terrorist syndicates, weapons proliferators, and other sanctioned entities. He also served as an International Law Fellow at the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, where he advised policymakers on sectarian violence in Iraq. Dr. Swift is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a member of the American Society of International Law, and is admitted to the bar in New York and the District of Columbia. He holds an A.B. in Government and History from Dartmouth College, an M.St. in International Relations from the University of Cambridge, a J.D. from Georgetown University, and a Ph.D. in Politics and International Studies from the University of Cambridge. Dr. Swift is the author of the forthcoming book *The Fighting Vanguard: Local Insurgencies in the Global Jihad*.

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