

## ABBREVIATIONS

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| AKP   | Adalet ve Kalkınma Partisi (Justice and Development Party)                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| AMU   | Arab Maghreb Union                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| ANSA  | armed non-state actor                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| CNN   | Cable News Network                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| CPR   | Congrès pour la République                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| EU    | European Union                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| FSA   | Free Syrian Army                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| GCAD  | Global Coalition against Daesh                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| GCC   | Gulf Cooperation Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| GDP   | gross domestic product                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| GWOT  | ‘global war on terror’                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| HIROR | Haute Instance pour la Réalisation des Objectifs de la Révolution, des Réformes Politiques et de la Transition Démocratique (Higher Authority for the Realisation of the Objectives of the Revolution, Political Reform and Democratic Transition) |
| IDF   | Israeli Defence Forces                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| IR    | international relations (academic discipline)                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| IRGC  | Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| ISF   | Internal Security Forces                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| ISIE   | Instance Supérieure Indépendante pour les Élections<br>(Independent High Authority for Elections) |
| ISIS   | ‘Islamic State of Iraq and Syria’ organisation                                                    |
| JCPOA  | Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action                                                                |
| JN     | Jabhat al-Nusra (the Support Front, also known as the<br>Nusra Front)                             |
| MENA   | ‘Middle East’ and North Africa                                                                    |
| MTI    | Mouvement de la Tendance Islamique (Movement of<br>Islamic Tendency)                              |
| NCA    | National Constituent Assembly                                                                     |
| NGO    | non-governmental organisation                                                                     |
| PCVE   | preventing and countering violent extremism                                                       |
| PLO    | Palestine Liberation Organization                                                                 |
| QCA    | qualitative content analysis                                                                      |
| R2P    | responsibility to protect                                                                         |
| RCD    | Rassemblement Constitutionnel Démocratique<br>(Democratic Constitutional Assembly)                |
| STL    | Special Tribunal for Lebanon                                                                      |
| UAE    | United Arab Emirates                                                                              |
| UGTT   | Union Générale des Travailleurs Tunisiens (Tunisian General<br>Labour Union)                      |
| UN     | United Nations                                                                                    |
| UNESCO | United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural<br>Organization                               |
| UNIFIL | United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon                                                           |
| US(A)  | United States (of America)                                                                        |
| USSR   | Union of Soviet Socialist Republics                                                               |