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INVITE 11/30: The Master Plan: ISIS, al-Qaeda, and the Jihadi Strategy for Final Victory

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In 2014, it seems that the Islamic State materialized suddenly. But for most Americans, there are still as many unknowns about the group – and their larger mark on the state of terror – as there are understandings.

What role did the United States play in the Islamic State's genesis? What exactly is their relationship to homegrown terrorism and other jihadi groups like al-Qaeda? Does the group feel they are on track to achieving some long-term goal? In fact, al-Qaeda's operations chief, Sayf al-Adl, devised a seven-stage plan for jihadis to conquer the world by 2020. This plan, which included re-establishing the Caliphate in Syria between 2013 and 2016, has proven remarkably prescient.

Drawing on large troves of recently declassified documents captured from the Islamic State and its predecessors, counterterrorism expert **Brian Fishman** tells the story of the organization's complex and largely hidden past in his new book, **The Master Plan: ISIS, al-Qaeda, and the Jihadi Strategy for Final Victory**. Only by understanding the Islamic State's full history – and the strategy that drove it – can we understand the contradictions that may ultimately tear it apart.

Join New America counterterrorism research fellow **Brian Fishman** and NPR correspondent **Dina Temple-Raston** for a conversation about the grip that global terror still has much of the world and the future diplomacy we'll need to loosen it.

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Copies of Brian Fishman's <u>The Master Plan: ISIS, al-Qaeda, and the Jihadi Strategy for Final Victory</u> will be available for purchase.

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