

Countering Chinese and Russian Influence in North Africa

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Brief Analysis

Watch expert webcast featuring the U.S. ambassador to Tunisia on the evolution of great-power competition in North Africa.

As great power competition with Beijing and Moscow continues to affect the Middle East, the United States faces unique challenges and opportunities in the quest to counter their influence in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya. To shed light on these developments, The Washington Institute hosted a virtual Policy Forum with U.S. Ambassador Joey Hood, who discussed where and how America should compete based on his experience in Tunisia. His remarks were followed by a panel discussion of China and Russia's diplomatic, economic, security, and cultural influence across the region, conducted by the coauthors of the recent Institute study "[North Africa in an Era of Great Power Competition \(/node/18782\)](#)" and moderated by Soref Fellow Sabina Henneberg.

Joey Hood was confirmed as U.S. Ambassador to Tunisia in December 2022. His previous posts include service as acting assistant secretary in the State Department's Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, deputy chief of mission in Iraq and Kuwait, consul-general in Saudi Arabia, and acting director in the Office of Iranian Affairs.

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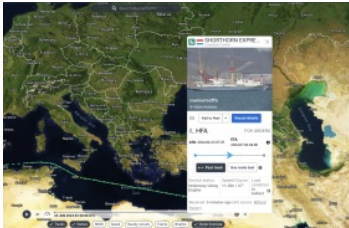
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