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Jonathan Guiffard is a graduate of the Institut d'Études Politiques d'Aix-en-Provence (2005-2010) and an expert in international relations and strategic issues.

Since September 2022, he is Senior Fellow at Institut Montaigne, focusing on international, strategic and defense affairs.

Jonathan worked for 12 years in government ministries (Prime Minister, Foreign Affairs, Armed Forces...) in crisis zones and has developed an in-depth knowledge of diplomatic issues, asymmetric armed conflicts and hybrid strategies implemented by States and their adversaries.

He is particularly specialized in the Sahel and West Africa, the Syrian crisis and the Middle East, as well as Turkey, areas and countries to which he has traveled on numerous occasions.

Since September 2022, Jonathan has begun academic work at the French Institute of Geopolitics (University of Paris 8) in the Cyber domain. His research focuses on American strategies to ensure supremacy in the data field. A deepening in economics at Paris Saclay, from 2019 to 2022, allowed Jonathan Guiffard to complete his expertise on international macroeconomic issues.

Publications

[All of his publications](#)

[Gulf of Guinea: Can the Sahel Trap Be Avoided?](#) (2023)

[Anti-french Sentiment in West Africa - A Reflection of the Authoritarian Confrontation With the "Collective West"](#) (2023)

[Russia's Bid to Provide Security in Africa: An Illusory Solution](#) (2023)

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Topics of expertise

Armed conflicts in Western Africa and Sahel

- What are the **dynamics of the conflict in Sahel** ?
- What are the consequences of the **withdrawal of French military forces in Mali** ?
- What is the impact of the **expansion of the conflict to all Western Africa** ?

African geopolitics

- What are the **stakes of the Russian presence in Africa** ?
- Could **Vladimir Putin impose a long-lasting influence on the continent** ?
- What is the **strategy of Western countries in African geopolitics** ?

Cybersecurity in geopolitical conflicts

- What are the **consequences of the use of cyber weapons in geopolitical conflicts** ?
- What is the **role of the United States in the aid given to Ukraine in this domain** ?
- How to explain **American domination in the tech sector** ?

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