



ORG Newsletter May 2016

Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



Climate Change: Prospects for Effective Future Action

This briefing updates an earlier ORG report on climate change and points to the significance of the recent acceleration in global warming in relation to the need for a radical transition to ultra-low carbon economies worldwide. It assesses the chances of such a change, not least in the context of the current US presidential election campaign. [Read more >>](#)

ORG News & Publications



Report: The UK and UN Peace Operations: A Case for Greater Engagement

Oxford Research Group has published a new report, written by David Curran and Paul D. Williams, on why the UK needs to take on a greater role in UN peace operations. The report discusses recent signs that the UK may give UN peace operations a more significant role in British foreign policy and argues that it is in the UK's interests to do more and enhance its participation in UN peace operations. [Read more >>](#)



ORG's Submission to Labour's Defence Policy Review

Oxford Research Group's Sustainable Security Programme (SSP) recently submitted evidence to Labour's Defence Policy Review in order to highlight how the UK's future defence policy and international engagement can better conform with the principles of sustainable security. The second part of the submission specifically considers the costs, risks and options surrounding the renewal of the UK's nuclear weapons programme. [Read more >>](#)



Eye in the Sky Screening + Q&A

Drone warfare continues to be one of the most heated debates in policy circles. Eye in the Sky explores the moral, legal, political, and even human implications of remote warfare. Join the debate with this special screening and Q&A.

Book now for the best choice of seats. Tickets: £17.50 (including booking fee).

PLACE: The Tricycle Cinema, 269 Kilburn High Rd, London NW6 7JR ([see map](#))

DATE: Sunday 5th June. 7.00pm: Pre-screening refreshments. 7.45pm: Film screening.

Followed by a Q&A with...

Professor Paul Rogers, Global Security Consultant, ORG;

Guy Hibbert, screenwriter, Eye in the Sky;

Babou Ceesay, actor, Eye in the Sky

Gabrielle Rifkind, Oxford Process Director, ORG



ORG Holds Second Workshop on Conflict Resolution in Cairo

Oxford Research Group and the Regional Center for Strategic Studies (RCSS) held a joint workshop in Cairo on the 17th and 18th of April entitled "Resolving Conflicts in the Middle East: An Integrative Perspective". The workshop included a number of experts from both RCSS and ORG, alongside a number of experts in Middle East and African affairs from diplomatic and military backgrounds.

New Sustainable Security Articles

The Sustainable Security [blog](#) has continued to greatly increase its output in the past month, with articles focusing on a variety of topics, including:



- [China and the Responsibility to Protect](#)
- [Post-liberal peacebuilding in Latin America](#)
- [Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration](#)
- [Conservation and post-war recovery](#)
- [Private militaries and peacekeeping](#)
- [Sexual violence in the DRC](#)
- [The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty at 20](#)
- [Women in peacekeeping](#)
- [The potential EU exit and British security](#)



Rethinking Security: A Discussion Paper

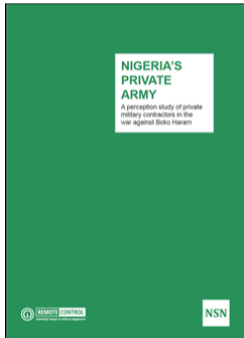
25 May saw the launch at the House of Lords of a discussion paper by the Ammerdown Group, in which Oxford Research Group (ORG) participates. Rethinking Security explores the security strategies of Western States, in particular the UK, and proposes principles for a more effective approach to security, one which works in the common interest. [Read the report >>](#)

Remote Control Project News & Publications



Briefing: We Need Greater Transparency on UK Military Operations in Libya

The briefing examines UK military operations in Libya and the UK government's lack of transparency concerning such activities. It argues that the opacity of remote warfare in Libya could have serious consequences for the effectiveness, accountability, and perceived legitimacy of UK actions abroad. [Read more >>](#)



Report: Nigeria's Private Army: A Perception Study of Private Military Contractors in the War against Boko Haram

Commissioned by the Remote Control project, the Nigeria Security Network carried out a perception study into the use of private military contractors. The research suggests that opposition to PMSCs is strongest when they are engaged in combat roles, and that their potential for carrying out human rights abuses with impunity was of particular concern. The report concludes with a series of recommendations. [Read more >>](#)



Remote-Control Warfare Briefing #15

The fifteenth in the monthly remote-control briefing series from Open Briefing has been published today. The briefings cover developments in five key areas of remote warfare: special forces, private military and security companies, unmanned vehicles and autonomous weapon systems, cyber warfare and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. [Read more >>](#)

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