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ORG Hosts Webinar on Sustainable Security Index

On 9 June ORG hosted a webinar where an expert panel discussed the Sustainable Security Index's key themes and findings. Panellists included Dr Rachel Kleinfeld, Delina Goxho and Dr Oliver Scanlan.

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Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



Writing on the Wall? The UK and the Early Warning Signs of COVID-19

COVID-19 is the greatest challenge to global human security in the past 50 years. Before the outbreak, the UK government claimed to be world-leading in pandemic preparedness but is likely to end up being the worst affected state in Western Europe. This analysis seeks to explain why this is so.

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News and Publications



WarPod Ep #16 | Remote Warfare, Democracies and Risk Aversion

Jolle Demmers and Lauren Gould from Utrecht University join the podcast to discuss the use of remote warfare by democratic states and the problems yielded by this practice.

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Questions for the Integrated Review: #1 How Do We Define Security?

Ahead of the forthcoming Integrated Review, this briefing by Abigail Watson, ORG's Research Manager, argues why the UK needs to better conceptualise and broaden its understanding of security.

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The DFID-FCO Merger: Long-Term Thinking and the Role of Civil Society

On 16 June, the UK Government announced a merger between DFID and the FCO. ORG offers its comments on this development.

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ORG To Co-Host Online Launch Event for Latest Palestine Strategy Group Report

ORG and the Palestine Strategy Group will host a virtual report launch to introduce the 'Palestine 2030' strategic report on 30 June 2020.

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Abigail Watson Appears on the History Channel

Abigail Watson recently appeared on the History Channel's new Secret Wars Uncovered documentary series. The episode focused on remote warfare in Mali. Abigail discussed the rise of the rebellion in the country and the subsequent intervention by French forces.

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Abigail Watson Presents at BISA Virtual Roundtable

On 24 June, Abigail Watson joined an expert panel hosted online by the British International Studies Association to discuss growing militarisation in the Sahel region of Africa.

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Compound Risks and Sustainable Security

In this commentary, ORG Fellow Dr Oliver Scanlan



Emily Knowles Published in PRISM Journal

Emily Knowles, an ORG Fellow, has authored a piece for PRISM, a leading academic journal. The article examines

highlights how the sustainable security concept, which looks at the interplay between drivers of insecurity, can help policymakers understand and address compound risks.

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the need to take a peacebuilding approach to working with strategic partners.

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