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Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



Syria after the Ceasefire

One year after Russia launched its aerial bombing campaign in Syria the civil war is entering one of its most bloody phases, with Aleppo bearing the brunt of violence. With Russia, Iran, the US, Turkey and Gulf Arab states united only in opposition to the so-called Islamic State (IS), the country is no closer to a peaceful settlement but the Assad regime is increasingly secure. Similarly in Iraq, where the battle for Mosul looms, victory against IS may be pyrrhic as the conflict for sectarian and foreign influence intensifies. [Read more >>](#)

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Taking Back Control? The UK, Europe and NATO

As Brexit unfolds and the US chooses a new President, to what extent can or will the unsettled state of European, US and NATO politics facilitate new thinking in the UK government's approach to defence and foreign affairs? In order to consider this question, better understand the UK's strategic position and develop alternative policy recommendations, this briefing by Tim Street reviews contemporary political shifts involving Euro-Atlantic actors within their historical context. [Read more >>](#)



Job Opportunity: Finance and Operations Officer

ORG is recruiting a part-time Finance and Operations Officer to be responsible for its accounting functions, general administration and human resources. Applications are sought by noon on **Monday 17th October 2016**. [Read more >>](#)



New Sustainable Security Articles

The Sustainable Security [blog](#) has doubled its readership in the past month. To find out why read this month's articles:

- [The refugee crisis and Islamic State](#)
- [Islamic State propaganda and its decisive minorities strategy](#)
- [The decline of conflict in Africa](#)
- [Islamic feminism](#)
- [The Islamic State 'brand' and its appeal](#)
- [The recruitment and reintegration of child soldiers](#)
- [Neuroscience and peacebuilding](#)
- [Islamic state and dream interpretation](#)
- [Water security and peacebuilding](#)
- [Brexit and Ireland](#)
- [Local peacekeeping](#)

The blog has also conducted interviews with leading global politics experts including:

- [Professor Alex Bellamy on the successes and failures of the Responsibility to Protect](#)
- [Kristian Skrede Gleditsch discussing the global decline of wars](#)

Remote Control Project News & Publications

Article: Does the UK need a 'War Powers Act'?

This article by Andrew Noakes was originally published on openDemocracy on September 22, 2016. In the wake of Chilcot, questions have been raised about the



democratic accountability of the process involved in taking this country to war. [Read more >>](#)



Interview: Jon Moran

In this interview with Remote Control, Dr. Jon Moran, Reader in Security and the School of History, Politics and International Relations at the University of Leicester, discusses the use of remote warfare in Libya, its effectiveness and some of the key problems yielded by the use of this tactic. [Read more >>](#)

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