

## Featured Publication



### Why Al-Shabaab's Attack on US Drone Base Shouldn't be Ignored

This piece by Abigail Watson, co-authored with several others and originally written for openDemocracy, discusses the recent attack by al-Shabaab on a US military base in Somalia. The article explores how western operations in the country may be exacerbating the very radicalization and violence they claim to be trying to prevent.

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## Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



### The Global Revolts from the Margins

During the past nine months, there have been major episodes of civil unrest in several countries across the globe. Focusing mainly on the recent mass protests in Iraq, Lebanon and Chile, this briefing draws on the concept of "revolts from the margins" to explain these events.

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## News and Publications



### WarPod Ep #7 | Drones, A.I., and Sci-Fi

Dr. Ulrike Franke of ECFR joins the podcast to discuss drones, artificial intelligence, the future of technology in warfare, and the insights that can be gained from studying the portrayal of drones in science fiction.

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### Upcoming Event: Fusion Doctrine in Five Steps

Please join us on **26 November** for the launch of the Remote Warfare Programme's latest report, which examines the UK's Fusion Doctrine. The report is based on field research in Africa, interviews with military and government officials, and roundtables with international experts. The report is scheduled for an electronic release on the ORG website next week.

You can find more information about, and RSVP to, the event [here](#).



### Abigail Watson Speaks at Bruges Colloquium

Abigail Watson, Research Manager at the Oxford Research Group's Remote Warfare Programme, spoke at the 20th Bruges Colloquium on the 17 and 18 October 2019. The event was jointly organised by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the College of Europe.



### Foreign Affairs Committee Publishes ORG's Research on Remote Warfare in Africa

ORG's submission to the Foreign Affairs Committee's inquiry is drawn from field research in Kenya and Mali. The submission argues more strategic direction is required to ensure that operations across the African

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#### **Liam Walpole Presents at NATO Centre of Excellence on Security Force Assistance**

On 23 October in Rome Liam Walpole, Policy Manager at the Oxford Research Group's Remote Warfare Programme, spoke at a seminar organised by the NATO Centre of Excellence on Security Force Assistance.

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#### **Abigail Watson and Emily Knowles Speak at KCL Event**

On 22 October Abigail Watson and Emily Knowles, Associate Fellow at Oxford Research Group, spoke at an event run by Women in War and International Politics at King's College London.

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#### **Protection of Civilians: An Interview with Cecilia Jacob**

Cecilia Jacob discusses the evolution of the protection of civilians norm and the key challenges that it faces today.

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#### **ORG Blog**

This month on the blog:

- ['Stabilization' and UN Peace Operations](#)
- [Children and Conflict: An Interview with Katrina Lee-Koo](#)
- [Sons of the Soil Conflicts](#)



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