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Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



A World After IS - Part II

As a diverse range of adversaries – from US to Russian, Iranian to Gulf Arab, Turkish to Kurdish – continue to advance into territory formerly controlled by the so-called Islamic State (IS) in Iraq and Syria, the probability of IS reforming as a post-territorial armed movement increases. Evidence from Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Tunisia and Jordan indicates how extreme Islamist movements have evolved over time in response to geopolitical rivalries as well as the growing marginalisation of young Arabs within increasingly fragmented and oppressive states. [Read more >>](#)

ORG News & Publications



Strategic Studies, Conflict Resolution and Transnational Conflict

What is the difference between strategic studies and conflict resolution? Why do strategic studies and conflict resolution both need to adapt in response to changing patterns of contemporary conflict? How can they mutually inform each other? And what are some of the wider implications for possible future collaborative work? Oliver Ramsbotham's paper offers an overall conceptual framework to answer these questions. [Read more >>](#)



Paul Rogers Awarded Honorary Doctorate

Oxford Research Group's Global Security Consultant Professor Paul Rogers has received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from Leeds Beckett University. Paul has worked in the field of international security, arms control and political violence for more than 30 years. He lectures at universities and defence colleges around the world and has written and edited at least 27 books. [Read more >>](#)



New Sustainable Security Articles

The Sustainable Security [blog](#) has published a wide range of articles in the past month including:

- [The role of conflict minerals in the Darfur crisis](#)
- [R2P and South Sudan](#)
- [Violent crime and the state response in Mexico](#)
- [Climate change, human migration and conflict](#)
- [Women and combat in the British military](#)
- [Russia's strike against special forces and the UK's 'no comment' policy](#)
- [The NYPD's post-9/11 counterterrorism programme](#)
- [UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia](#)

Remote Control Project News & Publications



Remote Control Project: Remote-Control Warfare Monthly Briefing | #17

The seventeenth in the monthly remote-control briefing series from Open Briefing has been published. 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 >>](#)

Remote Control on BBC Radio 4

On August 11th 2016, Remote Control's Project Manager Emily Knowles appeared on an episode of the BBC Radio 4 series "The Briefing Room", hosted by journalist David



Aaronovitch, to discuss British Special Forces and their current activities in Syria in Libya. During the episode, entitled "Who Are the Special Forces?", the panel discussed how British Special Forces developed historically and what they are currently doing in Syria and Libya. [Listen to the episode >>](#)

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