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Featured Publication



After the Fall: Views From the Ground of International Military Intervention in Post-Gadhafi Libya

This Remote Control project report by Libya specialist Alison Pargeter elicits Libyan views on international operations in Libya and analyses the possible effects of such operations on Libya's longer-term stability. Through interviews with a diverse section of Libyan society, the research paints a detailed picture of how international intervention, both covert and overt, is perceived by Libyans. [Read more >>](#)

Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



Climate Change, Migration and Security

Notwithstanding the populist and securitised backlash of recent years, mass migration from Africa and the Middle East to Europe is near certain to continue for the foreseeable future. This is due not so much to the continuation of violent conflict, which is difficult to predict, as to the near certainties of economic marginalisation and climate change. Effective, just responses are possible, but only if we recognise that migration and climate change are now inextricably related and that that this is an issue for the "now", not the future.

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ORG at the Medact Forum in York

Oxford Research Group is proud to partner with Medact on its Health Through Peace Forum, to be held at the University of York on 4-6 September 2017. Across a series of expert-led panels, workshops and academic sessions, hundreds of participants will discuss ways to achieve health through peace – exploring topics from war and nuclear weapons, to the refugee crisis and climate change. [Read more >>](#)



New Sustainable Security Articles

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

- [Sierra Leone's security 17 years after the British intervention](#)
- [Oil wealth and post-civil war peace](#)
- [The International Criminal Court and atrocity prevention](#)
- [Transnational river basins and political tensions](#)
- [The resilience of the Lord's Resistance Army](#)

To mark International Youth Day on August 12th, the blog will be launching a microproject focusing on the day's theme for 2017 - youth in peacebuilding. Through several articles from experts in the field, the project will show how youth are playing a crucial role building peace in post conflict societies across the globe.

Remote Control Project News & Publications

In Afghanistan, more is not the answer

This briefing by Emily Knowles is based on off-the-record military interviews with both international and local Afghan troops between February and March 2017. At the time of press, NATO had just confirmed that the alliance will increase the number of troops in



Afghanistan by several thousand. The analysis supports the fact that a light-footprint approach to Afghanistan is not working. But crucially, the interviews suggest that it is not necessarily the lack of troops that is doing the most damage to chances of mission success. [Read more >>](#)



The devil is in the detail: the problem with the UK's legal basis for self-defence

This article by Abigail Watson was originally published on openDemocracy on June 30th, 2017. With a lower threshold for the use of lethal force, the government must ensure greater clarity over how it avoids individuals paying the ultimate price for UK mistakes. [Read more >>](#)



The Dangers of the UK's Blanket No Comment Policy for Special Forces

This article by Abigail Watson was first published on RealClearDefense on July 20th, 2017. Following claims that a Special Air Service SAS unit "is suspected of executing unarmed civilians in Afghanistan and fabricating reports to cover up potential war crimes," there have been a number of calls for an investigation into the actions of British troops. The UK government's prevailing tendency towards secrecy is creating an accountability gap that challenges the UK's democratic controls over the use of force. [Read more >>](#)

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