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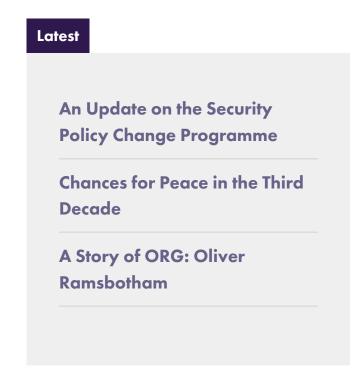
ORG Holds Second Workshop on Conflict Resolution in Cairo

Oxford Research Group and the Regional Center for Strategic Studies (RCSS) held a joint workshop in Cairo on the 17th and 18th of April entitled "Resolving Conflicts in the Middle East: An Integrative Perspective". The workshop included a number of experts from both RCSS and ORG, alongside a number of experts in Middle East and African affairs from diplomatic and military backgrounds.

The workshop examined the proposition that, in light of the increasing complication of Middle Eastern conflicts and the overlap between associated actors and issues, efforts to resolve the conflicts now require an integrative perspective and coordination between domestic, regional, and international actors. This is particularly true because these conflicts are transnational in

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nature, extending from the domestic to the wider region and world, and are linked to cultural and societal issues such as identity and local, tribal, and territorial disputes. Therefore these conflicts are no longer just about power or wealth sharing, and this poses additional challenges for efforts of conflict resolution.

The joint project between the Oxford Research Group and RCSS was launched in 2014 with the aim of providing a dynamic platform in Egypt for analysis of mediation, conflict resolution and looking at the importance of political inclusion in the region. The project has been successful in producing an Arabic language journal on conflict resolution. The first edition is available to download here.

A full write-up of the workshop is available on the RCSS website.

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