

## Featured Publication



### Remote Warfare and the Practical Challenges for the Protection of Civilians Strategy

This briefing by the Remote Warfare Programme's Liam Walpole and Megan Karlshøj-Pedersen explores the strategic consequences of remote warfare for the protection of civilians in armed conflict (POC) and outlines practical lessons the British armed forces can draw from contemporary theatres to improve its capacity to protect civilians in partnered operations.

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## Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



### Confronting Iran: The British Dimension

In light of the rising tensions between the United States and Iran, this briefing by Paul Rogers and Richard Reeve examines the potential role of Britain in the crisis. While the British Government has differed publicly with the Trump Administration on engaging Iran in multilateral dialogue, the posture of the British Armed Forces in and around the Persian Gulf mean that it would be very difficult for the United Kingdom, or its key ally Oman, to remain neutral in any military escalation of the conflict between Iran and the United States.

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## News and Publications



### ORG Explains #10: The UK's Joint Expeditionary Force

This primer, by Richard Reeve, describes the new UK-led Joint Expeditionary Force (JEF), situating it in the context of other European rapid reaction forces and the UK and NATO's expanded military presence in the Baltic Sea region.

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### WarPod Ep #3 | A Very British Approach to Collusion?

In this episode, the Remote Warfare Programme's (RWP) Emily Knowles and Abigail Watson are joined by Rory Cormac and Andrew Mumford of the University of Nottingham. They discuss Rory and Andrew's new project on collusion and whether there are parallels between this work and RWP's research into remote warfare.

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### Planning for Future Operations: Learning Lessons from Remote Warfare

Abigail Watson wrote a piece for Puzzle Palace, the unofficial commando think-tank website, discussing why the Royal Marines should do more to prioritise remote warfare in training and preparing for future campaigns.



### Westminster Round-Up Podcast | June 2019

The Remote Warfare Programme's Liam Walpole and Megan Karlshøj-Pedersen discuss the latest developments in UK defence and security policy. This month the two discuss the increasing tensions between Iran and the United States, the recent UK court ruling on arms sales to Saudi Arabia and the potential implications of the Conservative leadership contest for UK defence.

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**The Myth of Risk-Free Warfare: Lessons from Syria**

Abigail Watson, the Remote Warfare Programme's Senior Research Officer, had an article published on Inkstick, a new website focusing on foreign policy. Abigail's article discusses the myth of risk free warfare and the lessons learned from the campaign against Islamic State in Syria.

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**Uneasy Alliances: Learning from France's Libya Policy**

Originally published on OpenDemocracy, Abigail Watson's article argues that as the international community seeks to stem the ongoing violence in Libya, it must take stock of the devastating impact of French (and to some extent US and UK) policy towards the country.

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**Remote Warfare Programme presents at National Army Museum**

On the 15 June, Abigail Watson, Senior Research Officer, and Liam Walpole, Senior Policy Officer, both of the Remote Warfare Programme, presented at the National Army Museum's conference in London entitled, 'Propaganda: Persuasion, information, deception'.

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**Remote Warfare Programme presents at BISA Conference**

From 12 to 14 June 2019, Abigail Watson, Senior Research Officer at the Remote Warfare Programme, presented at the British International Studies Association (BISA) Annual Conference, alongside Dr Tom Watts from the University of Holloway and Dr Rubrick Biegon from the University of Kent. Abigail presented on the UK's use of remote warfare in the fight against Islamic State in Iraq, Syria and Libya, as well as in East Africa and the Sahel.

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**RWP to present at Political Studies Association Event**

On July 4 Megan Karlshoej-Pedersen will present at a Political Studies Association event at the British Library in London. Entitled 'Continuity and Change in the Trump Presidency', the conference will bring together various scholarly perspectives reflecting on the Trump presidency so far.

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**ORG Blog**

This month on the blog:

- [Right-Wing Populism and Climate Change Policy](#)



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