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Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



Jungle Justice: European Migration Policy Seen from the South

The causal link between food insecurity, climate change, conflict and migration is contested, but of crucial importance to the current age. With the world warming, much of the Middle East in flames and millions of Africans aware in real time of the gulf between their economic aspirations and reality, the pressures of migration to the rich North are only likely to increase. Whether or not its frantic attempts to close its gates succeed in the short term, the accompanying alienation of opinion in Turkey, the Middle East and Africa can only damage Europe's standing in the longer term. Read more >>

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Ripe, Ready or Strategic?: The Timing of Peace Initiatives

This article by ORG's newest Advisor Nita Yawanarajah provides a brief summary of the academic insight on timing in conflict mediation, summarizes the major theories on this matter and argues that, with the right mediation strategy, there is never an unsuitable time to engage in fruitful peace initiatives. **Read more >>**



Job Opportunity: Programme Director, Middle East Programme

ORG is recruiting a new Director for its Middle East Programme to be responsible for the strategic direction and management of the Programme, setting a new multi-year strategy, and growing and diversifying the project and funding base. This role is based in our London office. Applications are sought by noon on **Tuesday 15th November 2016**. **Read more >>**



Job Opportunity: Programme Officer, Middle East Programme (part-time)

ORG is recruiting a part-time Programme Officer for its Middle East Programme to be responsible for the administration of the Programme and its projects, initially in Palestine and Israel, and assisting with fundraising, reporting and other duties. This role is based in our London office. Applications are sought by noon on **Monday 21st November 2016**. Read more >>



Job Opportunity: Finance and Operations Officer (part-time)

ORG is recruiting a part-time Finance and Operations Officer to be responsible for its accounting functions, general administration and human resources. This role is based in our London office. Applications are sought by noon on **Friday 11th November**. Read more >>



New Sustainable Security Articles

The Sustainable Security <u>blog</u> has published a wide range of articles exploring various global security issues in the past month including:

- Golden Dawn's rise in Greece
- The role of youth in peacebuilding
- The use of drones in Africa
- States and guerrilla warfare
- Governing the Anthopocene
- The Muslim paranoia narrative and counter-terrorism
- <u>US foreign policy bureaucracy in Afghanistan</u>

The blog has also conducted interviews with leading global politics experts including:

- Dr. Aidan Hehir discusses R2P and UN Security Council reform.
- <u>Dr. Tara McCormack discusses remote warfare and the UK's democratic oversight of conflict.</u>

Remote Control Project News & Publications



Briefing: What British War on Terror?

This briefing by Emily Knowles explores how the UK is using drones, Special Operations Forces, intelligence assets, and military advisers to tackle groups like ISIS, and why this allows a large number of military operations to fall through cracks in policy designed to scrutinise the use of force. Unlike when the UK deploys regular troops on the ground, the UK's political system is poorly prepared to scrutinise this sort of remote warfare. The opacity surrounding remote warfare may be contributing to a lack of strategy, with the potential to have damaging implications for the effectiveness, accountability, and legitimacy of UK military options abroad for years to come. Read more >>



Forthcoming Report: Yemen: A Battle for the Future

On 9th November, a report commissioned by the Remote Control project will be published. Written by Ginny Hill and Baraa Shiban, the paper sets Yemen's multiple conflicts in the context of the 'remote control' approach to warfare – focusing on the use of special forces, mercenaries and armed drones. It highlights the moral and political risks for Western governments training and arming regional protagonists, such as Saudi Arabia and the UAE.



Upcoming Event: Remote Control Yemen Report

Also on 9th November, Ginny Hill and Baraa Shiban present their new paper for the Remote Control Project at an event hosted by the LSE Middle East Centre. Read more

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