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Featured Publication



Why is the UK going to Mali?

In one of her last acts as British Defence Secretary, Penny Mordaunt announced 250 troops will be deployed to support the UN peacekeeping mission in Mali. This article by Abigail Watson and Liam Walpole examines this decision and argues that for this to be effective it needs a more coherent strategy for engagement in the Sahel and Africa with clear objectives and resources.

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Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



Silent Spring to Strident Summer: The Politics of Global Heating

This briefing tracks the evolution of the ecological movement since the 1960s and of scientific and direct action to respond to the catastrophic threat of climate breakdown. While the issue has largely overcome concerted, well-funded opposition to move from a niche concern into the global scientific and political mainstream, systemic political and economic blockages remain to achieving rapid decarbonisation.

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WarPod Ep #4 | We Need to Talk About Yemen

The Remote Warfare Programme's (RWP) Liam Walpole is joined by Marwa Baabbad, Director of ORG's Strategic Peacebuilding Programme, to discuss the UK's policy towards Yemen and the impact of its security partnership with Saudi Arabia on the country.

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Westminster Round-Up Podcast | July 2019

RWP's Liam Walpole and Abigail Watson discuss the implications of Boris Johnson's premiership for UK defence and security and the recent announcement by the MoD that a 250-strong force of British troops will be deployed to Mali next year to join MINUSMA.

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Emily Knowles Published in RUSI Journal

On 25 July, the Remote Warfare Programme's Director, Emily Knowles, had an article published in the RUSI Journal. Co-authored with Jahara Matisek, an active duty officer in the US Air Force, the article proposes a new vision for security force assistance in weak states where it



ORG Joins International Military Council on Climate and Security

Oxford Research Group is proud to have become an institutional affiliate of the International Military Council on Climate and Security (IMCCS). ORG Chief Executive Richard Reeve has also joined the IMCCS Council.



RWP Presents at Political Studies Association Event

On 4 July, Megan Karlshoej-Pedersen, Research and Policy Assistant of the Remote Warfare Programme, presented at a Political Studies Association conference entitled "Continuity and Change in the Trump Presidency" at the British Library in London. The conference brought together postgraduate and early career researchers and provided a varied analysis of both domestic and foreign policies of the Trump administration.

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UK Relations with Iran and the US

ORG has updated two primers on key issues that confront the incoming government of Prime Minister Boris Johnson: the escalation of tensions with Iran in the Gulf region, and the state of defence and security relations with the United States.

- The UK Military in the Arabian Peninsula
- <u>UK-US Defence and Security Relations</u>



Gender and Peacekeeping: Progress and <u>Challenges</u>

This blog post by Anne-Kathrin Kreft examines the progress and remaining challenges of incorporating gender-sensitivity into UN peacekeeping mandates and missions.

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Peace Processes: An Interview with Roger Mac Ginty

Professor Roger Mac Ginty discusses peace processes, the decline of liberal peacebuilding and the concept of "everyday peace".

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