



## ORG Newsletter March 2017

### Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



#### Sustainable Security in the Trump Era

Despite considerable disarray continuing into its third month, the new US administration is showing more consistent, if not coherent, signs of how it will try to implement Donald Trump's campaign proposals. In large part, these may be assessed as antithetical to a more sustainable security agenda, given that they promote military confrontation, undermine attempts to address climate change, and are, at best, incoherent in their response to economic inequality. Little of this translation to reality is likely to endear Trump to voters or his party. Greater policy turbulence, at home and abroad, should be expected ahead of mid-term elections next year.

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### ORG News & Publications



#### Briefing: Cameroon's Far North: Responding to Boko Haram

ORG's [British Sahel-Sahara Forum](#) has published a new assessment of the conflict in Cameroon's Far North Region. This briefing by Edward B. Rackley analyses the dynamics of Boko Haram's presence and the multinational campaign against it within the context of Cameroon's wider institutional crisis. It argues for greater civil-military cooperation to expand humanitarian space, the re-opening and securing of trade corridors, linking voluntary return of displaced persons to state commitments to restore and extend basic services, and a commitment to community reintegration.

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#### Forthcoming Event: Special Screening and Q&A

On 11 April the Prince Charles Theatre will host a special screening of *The Age of Consequences*. Directed by Jared P. Scott, the documentary investigates the impacts of climate change on increased resource scarcity, human migration, and conflict through the lens of US national security and global stability.



#### Gabrielle Rifkind Speaks at Keele World Affairs

Oxford Research Group's Gabrielle Rifkind was one of this year's distinguished speakers invited to address the Keele World Affairs Lecture Series. On 16 March, Gabrielle gave her lecture, entitled *The Fog of Peace: How to Prevent War*. A [podcast](#) of the full lecture and discussion is now available.



#### 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:

- [State and non-state hybrid warfare](#)
- [China's energy interests in the Arctic](#)
- [The reintegration of child soldiers](#)
- [Community-led counterterrorism](#)
- [UN peacekeeping and counter-terrorism](#)
- [Pegida in Austrian politics](#)
- [The selective response of the UN to humanitarian crises](#)
- [The rise of the Finns Party in Finland](#)

#### Job Opportunity: Senior Programme Officer, Sustainable Security

ORG is seeking a Senior Programme Officer to lead its work on UK defence, security and conflict prevention policy including our flagship Rethinking UK Defence and Security Policies project. The role is funded at 3 or 4 days/week, with potential to expand to full-time. The role will include networking, researching, commissioning, editing and writing articles, briefings and reports, and advocacy.



Please apply by Monday 10th April. [Read more and apply >>](#)

## Remote Control Project News & Publications



### Report: All quiet on the ISIS front? British secret warfare in an information age

Remote Control's latest report tracks the UK's secretive but growing military commitments abroad by analysing the rise in the use of drones for targeted killing, the use of Special Forces, and the provision of capabilities such as intelligence and embedded troops to allied forces. The report questions the notion that greater secrecy is always better strategy, particularly in an age when leaks of information are seemingly inevitable, demand for political accountability is high, and trust in politicians and the wider expert community is low. [Read more >>](#)



### Briefing: Targeted killing: a new departure for British defence and security policy?

This briefing argues for greater transparency over the political and legal basis for targeted killing – specifically when the UK targets non-state actors in areas it does not consider itself party to a conflict. While the UK has made positive steps in improving the transparency of these operations, it has also officially adopted a more expansive definition of imminence and is faltering in its commitment to open up strikes to meaningful scrutiny under the ISC. This raises serious concerns about the UK's system of democratic oversight. [Read more >>](#)



### Remote Control on BBC's The Big Questions

On Sunday March 12, 2017 Emily Knowles, Remote Control Project Manager, appeared on an episode of the BBC's The Big Questions, hosted by Nicky Campbell. Emily joined a panel, which included journalist Simon Jenkins, MP Dominic Grieve, roboticist Noel Sharkey and former Royal Air Force commander Air Marshal Graeme Alan Robertson, to discuss the ethics of armed drones use. Watch the full episode [here](#).

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