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Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



Understanding Your Enemy: Donald Trump and IS

All of Trump's actions indicate that the war against IS will be intensified abroad, and the marginalisation of Muslims within the US homeland will be exacerbated. These measures will likely prove counter-productive. It is more important to make the effort to understand the motives and attitudes within IS. One way to do this is to use a degree of fiction, and one recent attempt to do so has been the series of "Letters from Raqqa". [Read more >>](#)

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Special Measures: Donald Trump and Trans-Atlantic Relations

In this briefing Richard Reeve assesses the implications of the Trump presidency for the UK's foreign and security policy as Theresa May's team attempts to chart a course between the trans-Atlantic special relationship, European collective defence, and global trade. It highlights some of the dangers of Trump's foreign priorities, whether viewed from sustainable or national security perspectives and proposes four options for Britain's future alignment. [Read more >>](#)



Job Opportunity: Senior Programme Officer, Sustainable Security

ORG is seeking a Senior Programme Officer for its Sustainable Security Programme (SSP) to lead its work on UK defence, security and conflict prevention policy. The role will include networking, researching, commissioning, editing and writing articles, briefings and reports, and advocacy.

The deadline has been extended to **5pm on Thursday 2nd February 2017**. [Read more and apply >>](#)



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:

- [Donald Trump and the illiberal international order](#)
- [Sustainable management of the Arctic Ocean's living resources](#)
- [Religion, civil war and peacebuilding](#)
- [The political and emotional power of chemical weapons](#)
- [Alternative for Germany and the rise of right-wing populism](#)
- [PEGIDA, Germany's anti-Islamic street movement](#)
- [Rwanda's gacaca courts](#)
- [The French Front National](#)
- [Military integration and civil war resumption](#)
- [The Arctic and conflict](#)

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Interview: Mark Galeotti on Spetsnaz and Russia's Hybrid Warfare

In this interview, renowned Russian security specialist Dr Mark Galeotti discusses the history and evolution of Spetsnaz, Russia's special operations forces, and their current use under Vladimir Putin. [Read more >>](#)



Forthcoming Article on UK's Targeted Killing Policy

Earlier this month the Attorney General, Jeremy Wright QC, outlined how the UK Government understood its legal right to self-defence against non-state groups. In his speech Wright presented a much more expansive definition of an "imminent threat" a key criterion in assessing whether or not a state can legally use force in self-defence.

Critically examining Wright's speech, this upcoming article by Abigail Watson argues that with a lower threshold for the use of lethal force, the Government must ensure greater clarity over how it avoids individuals paying the ultimate price for UK mistakes.

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