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Special Edition Newsletter: The Integrated Review

Ahead of the UK's forthcoming Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy Review, this special edition newsletter highlights Oxford Research Group's (ORG) extensive work on the key security issues that the Review needs to address.

Report



Forging a New Path: Prioritising the Protection of Civilians in the UK's Response to Conflict

This report by Liam Walpole, formerly ORG's Policy Manager, and Megan Karlshøj-Pedersen, Research and Policy Officer, examines the serious challenges remote warfare poses to the protection of civilians in modern conflict and outlines how these issues can be resolved.

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The Integrated Review: Lessons Learned From Remote Warfare

This briefing by Abigail Watson, formerly ORG's Research Manager, addresses how the review process can take into account the key challenges remote warfare could present to defence and security in the future.

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Questions for the Integrated Review: #1 How Do We Define Security?

This briefing by Abigail Watson argues that the UK needs to better conceptualise its understanding of national security.

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Questions for the Integrated Review #2: How to Engage: Deep and Narrow or Wide and Shallow?

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Questions for the Integrated Review #3: How Should the UK Measure Success?

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this final briefing in a series on the Integrated Review looks at how the UK should measure the success of military interventions.

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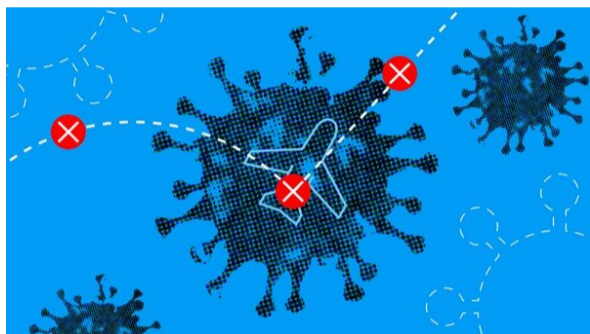
Articles



Influence or Strategy: Lessons from Iraq Ahead of Mali

In July, Abigail Watson co-authored a piece with Delina Goxho, an independent consultant with OSEP, and Ewan Lawson, an ORG Fellow, for the Wavell Room. The article discusses how the Iraq War carries important lessons for the UK as it prepares to deploy its troops to Mali, particularly when it comes to prioritising influence above a strategy.

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Sustainable Security: Defining, Measuring and Building Security After Covid-19

Originally written for Rethinking Security, this article by Abigail Watson and Alasdair McKay, ORG's Senior Editor, makes the case for sustainable security. This innovative approach calls for a broader understanding of security threats.

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What Sir Keir Starmer's Victory Could Mean for Labour's Priorities on National Security

Sir Keir Starmer was elected leader of the Labour Party in April. This article by Liam Walpole discusses what direction Labour's approach to defence and security could take under Keir Starmer's leadership.

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Published Evidence



ORG Evidence Used in House of Commons Defence Committee's Inquiry

In August, evidence submitted by ORG to the House of Commons Defence Committee's inquiry on the Integrated Review was included in their final report, entitled 'In Search of Strategy – The 2020 Integrated Review'.

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ORG's Written Submission Published by Parliament

ORG's written submission of evidence to the House of Commons Defence Committee's inquiry on the Integrated Review, Security, Development and Foreign Policy Review was published online in April.

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Explainer



ORG Explains #13: UK Defence Reviews

This primer by Abigail Watson and Liam Walpole explores what the Integrated Review is, why it is being done and what it might contain.

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Podcasts



WarPod Ep #20 | Incorporating the Protection of Civilians into UK Policy

Megan Karlshoej-Pedersen is joined by Ewan Lawson and Save the Children's Amanda Brydon to discuss the importance of incorporating a strong focus on the protection of civilians into UK policy.

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WarPod Ep #10 | Looking Ahead to the UK's National Security Review

In this episode, Megan Karlshoej-Pedersen and Liam Walpole are joined by Josh Arnold-Forster, who was a special adviser to the Defence Secretary John Reid in 2005-06 and is an associate director at Hanover Communications. The three discuss the upcoming Strategic Defence and Security Review, including the areas that the review could address in this uncertain time for Britain.

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Westminster Round-Up | April 2020

Liam Walpole and Megan Karlshoej-Pedersen talk about how the COVID-19 pandemic could impact the forthcoming Integrated Review and the recent election of Sir Keir Starmer as Labour Party leader.

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Westminster Round-Up | March 2020

In this edition of the Westminster Round-Up, Liam Walpole and Megan Karlshoej-Pedersen talk about the UK's 'Integrated Security, Defence and Foreign Policy Review' and the upcoming deployment of 250 UK troops to support the UN peacekeeping operation in Mali.

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WarPod Ep #13 | Partnered Operations and Civilian Protection

Daniel Mahanty and Beatrice Godefroy of the Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC) join the podcast to discuss the protection of civilians in partnered operations.

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