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Marwa Baabbad, Head of ORG's Strategic Peacebuilding Programme, is joined by the Middle East Institute's Nadwa Al-Dawsari and Fatima Abo Alasrar to debunk five popular myths about the conflict in Yemen.

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Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



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The COVID-19 pandemic has been described as the biggest crisis facing the world since the end of the Second World War. So far, the virus has caused an estimated 24,000 deaths worldwide and serious disruptions to social and economic life. The pandemic has also raised serious questions about whether the political and economic systems in many states can deal with a crisis of this nature.

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This primer by Abigail Watson, ORG's Research Manager, and Liam Walpole, ORG's Policy Manager, explores what the Integrated Review is, why it is being done and what it might contain.

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Westminster Round-Up | March 2020

Liam Walpole and Megan Karlshøj-Pedersen discuss the latest defence and security policy developments in UK politics.

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From 9 to 11 March 2020, Abigail Watson took part in a symposium entitled "Future Land Challenges" at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. The event was part of the British Army's Agile Warrior Programme, which examines the future of conflict and tries to understand what the British Army could look like in 2035.

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Abigail Watson Presents at Chatham House Event

On 5 March 2020, Abigail Watson joined an expert panel at Chatham House to discuss the key themes of a new book on intelligence and accountability.

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Abigail Watson and Megan Karlshoej-Pedersen Give Online Lecture to University of Tyumen

On 6 March, Abigail Watson and Megan Karlshoej-Pedersen gave an online lecture to students at the University of Tyumen.

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Megan Karlshoej-Pedersen Participates in Roundtable at Sandhurst

On 4 March, Megan Karlshoej-Pedersen spoke at the Sandhurst Trends in International Conflict symposium on Great Power Competition at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

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