



## ORG Newsletter September 2017

### Featured Publication



#### ORG's Collective Strategic Thinking Model

In this new paper, Strategic Pecebuilding Programme Director Emily Richardson and Professor Oliver Ramsbotham outline ORG's unique methodology for Collective Strategic Thinking which helps conflict parties assess where they are, where they want to be, and how to get there. The Strategic Engagement model addresses situations of intractability and radical disagreement where conflict resolution has previously not worked. [Read more>>](#)

### Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



#### Migration and the European Political Environment

Despite winning a historic fourth term as German Chancellor, Angela Merkel is in her weakest political position yet, having lost millions of votes to the far-right. This is likely to further harden Germany's once generous position on admitting refugees and bolster European resolve to securitise migration policy within African states. This may provide a false sense of security that will militate against the much more fundamental policy changes needed to respond properly to the growing problems of economic marginalisation and climate disruption that drive trans-Saharan migration. [Read more>>](#)

### ORG News & Publications



#### Introducing ORG's Strategic Peacebuilding Programme

While maintaining its focus on the region, ORG's Middle East Programme has changed its name to the Strategic Peacebuilding Programme. The programme chose to launch its new name on 21 September to coincide with the International Day of Peace which calls on people around the world to join together to promote a culture of peace. On this day, ORG proudly joined with 130 other peacebuilding organisations worldwide to endorse a shared [statement](#), Implementing the New Commitments to Peace. [Read more>>](#)



#### Global Britain: A Pacific Presence?

Several developments over the last month suggest that the UK is moving to establish its strongest military presence in the Western Pacific since its 1971 withdrawal of forces from Singapore. As the Korean nuclear crisis simmers, Richard Reeve explores the drivers behind and the risks attending this post-Brexit vision of maritime power projection. [Read more>>](#)



#### Sino-Indian Relations after the BRICS Summit

Oliver Scanlan examines Sino-Indian relations following the recent BRICS summit in Xiamen, China. While leaders Modi and Xi have tried to put the May-August Doklam plateau dispute behind them, both countries' energy insecurity has enmeshed them in a cycle of mutual distrust. This poses huge risks in absolute terms but could offer substantial opportunities to smaller countries along India's frontier. This bodes ill for regional minority peoples, not least the Rohingya of Myanmar. [Read more>>](#)

#### Populism and Sustainable Security



The unprecedented gains made by the right-wing populist party Alternative for Germany indicate that populism is likely to remain part of Europe's political landscape in the future. The Sustainable Security blog's microproject, [Populism and Sustainable Security](#), has provided critical analyses of the rise of populist parties across Europe and the US and the broader political implications including:

- [Alternative for Germany](#)
- [The True Finns Party in Finland](#)
- [The special relationship in the Trump era](#)
- [Trump and the illiberal international order](#)
- [Pegida in Germany and Austria](#)
- [The Front National in France](#)
- [Jobbik in Hungary](#)
- [Golden Dawn in Greece](#)



### 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:

- [The decline of Naxalite violence in India](#)
- [Civilian targeting in civil conflicts](#)
- [Maritime insecurity and marine resource scarcity](#)
- [Music and dance in youth peacebuilding](#)
- [The drivers of far-right terrorism in the US](#)
- [The lack of jihadist civil wars in Southeast Asia](#)



### Dr Ranj Alaaldin joins ORG

Dr Ranj Alaaldin has joined ORG's Strategic Peacebuilding Programme as an Associate Fellow, specialising in Iraqi Kurdistan. He holds a PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science and his research focuses on intrastate conflict, governance and human security issues. He has conducted extensive research on Iraqi Kurdish politics, social and economic development in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, Shiite militia groups, and power-sharing between the federal government in Baghdad and the Kurdistan Regional Government.

## Remote Control Project News & Publications



### Interview: Mark Moyar on US Special Operations Forces

Acclaimed author and military strategist Dr. Mark Moyar talks to Remote Control about the history and current use of US special operations forces, America's most elite soldiers. [Read more>>](#)

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