



## ORG Newsletter August 2015

### Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing



#### Islamic State and Revolts from the Margins

Paul Rogers' latest briefing analyses whether what has previously been seen as a narrow series of extreme Islamist movements is evolving into a wider phenomenon of revolts from the margins. If this is the case, it represents a significant transformation of security challenges. [Read more.](#)

### ORG News & Publications



#### Annual Impact Report 2014

Oxford Research Group has published its annual impact report for 2014. This explores the vital roles our programmes played in influencing Middle Eastern peace processes and UK security discourse during a year of enormous global turbulence, and explains our commitment and priorities for 2015 and beyond.



#### Libya Between the Sahel-Sahara and the Islamic State crisis

Richard Reeve reviews security developments and international policy towards the Sahel-Sahara region of northwest Africa over the year since ORG published [From New Frontier to New Normal: Counter-Terrorism Operations in the Sahel-Sahara](#). It analyses the challenges and opportunities for peace in Libya, the growing international consensus for a 'stabilisation' intervention there, and the conflicting foreign aims and interests that might constrain such a force. [Read more.](#)



#### Beyond Deterrence: Rethinking UK Security Doctrine

In this article, Oxford Research Group's founder and patron Dr Scilla Elworthy argues the case that the greatest barrier to improved UK security is the continued role of nuclear deterrence in British security thinking, assessing the counter-productive effects of deterrence doctrine, its opportunity costs, and setting out some alternatives to it. [Read more.](#)



#### Hans Blix at ORG Special Fundraising Event

Oxford Research Group hosted a prestigious panel of speakers including its patron Dr Hans Blix at a special fundraising event in London on board the museum ship HMS Belfast on 15 July. Dr Blix spoke in conversation with ORG's Professor Paul Rogers, Gabrielle Rifkind and moderator Baroness Helena Kennedy QC. Journalist Jon Snow also contributed his own thoughts, led the fundraising appeal and reflected on the uniqueness of ORG's role and work.



#### Follow us on Social Media

ORG has both Facebook and Twitter pages, from which we regularly post briefings, reports, and other items of interest such as job opportunities, and is the best way to keep up with our content in real time. Find our [Facebook page here](#) and our [Twitter here](#).



#### Job Opportunity: Senior Programme Officer (Sustainable Security Programme)

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. [Read more.](#)

## Remote Control Project News & Publications



### Mass Surveillance - Security by 'Remote Control'

This briefing paper by Esther Kersley looks at the implications and effectiveness of mass surveillance as a counter-terrorism strategy following the Edward Snowden leaks in 2013. It finds that such programmes are of questionable effectiveness and lead to a number of unforeseen consequences, including the proliferation of surveillance technologies to authoritarian regimes, a decrease in public trust in government and the weakening of internet security. [Read more.](#)

### ORG Programmes: Sustainable Security | Middle East

#### Support Us

Your support is vital to ORG's work to build lasting peace and security in the world. ORG is one of the UK's leading advocates for the non-military resolution of global insecurity. By supporting us, you can contribute towards improving the lives of many millions of people affected by violent conflict throughout the world and help ensure that more don't join them.

[More information on supporting our work.](#)



[Join us on Facebook](#)



[Follow us on Twitter](#)

#### Contact Us

Oxford Research Group  
Development House  
56-64 Leonard Street  
London EC2A 4LT

T +44 (0)20 7549 0298  
F +44 (0)20 7681 1668

[Email ORG](#)