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### **ORG Newsletter August 2017**

#### **Featured Publication**



## The case for integrating a Climate Security approach into the National Security Strategy

Despite the fact that climate change is referenced repeatedly in the UK Government's National Security Strategy and Strategic Defence Review, "climate security" nonetheless represents an abandoned consensus. This research report by Oliver Scanlan sets out the case for the integration of a climate security approach to UK national security and defence planning. Read more >>

#### **Paul Rogers' Monthly Briefing**



#### **Limited Nuclear Wars – Myth and Reality**

The dramatic recent escalation of rhetoric and military posturing on the Korean peninsula has reawakened suggestions that the United States could use relatively low-yield nuclear weapons in a limited or tactical operation to neutralise North Korea. Given the extraordinarily militarised nature of the inter-Korean border and, increasingly, that between NATO and Russia, the potentially cataclysmic nature of any nuclear exchange must be urgently recalled and avoided at all costs. Read more >>

#### **ORG News & Publications**



#### **ORG at MEDACT**

Oxford Research Group is proud to partner with Medact on its Health Through Peace Forum, to be held at the University of York on 4-6 September 2017. Across a series of expert-led panels, workshops and academic sessions, hundreds of participants will discuss ways to achieve health through peace – exploring topics from war and nuclear weapons, to the refugee crisis and climate change. Read more >>



#### **New Sustainable Security Articles**

To mark International Youth Day on August 12th, the blog launched a <u>microproject</u> focusing on the day's theme for 2017 - youth in peacebuilding. New articles examine:

- The need for youth inclusion in peacebuilding
- La Legión del Afecto in Colombia
- Action sports for youth in conflict zones
- Youth and peacebuilding in Palestine

The **blog** has also published a wide range of articles exploring various global security issues in the past month including:

- The Islamic State's loss of territory
- The Mindanao peace process
- Somalia's counter piracy inititative
- Ethical sourcing of minerals for peacebuilding

Distinguished scholar Raphael Cohen-Almagor took part in <u>an interview</u> discussing the rise of hate speech on the Internet and how it can be countered.



#### Remember a Charity

This Remember a Charity week, please consider leaving a gift to ORG in your will. Legacy giving is an important source of income for charities, yet very few people who regularly give to charity leave a legacy gift. By remembering ORG in your will, you will continue to have an impact on global security issues for many years to come. Read more >>



#### **Paul Rogers on BBC Radio Scotland**

ORG's Global Security Consultant Paul Rogers recently appeared on Good Morning Scotland to discuss the background to the recent Barcelona attack by Islamic State and the future of the group in the Middle East. Listen to the interview >>



#### **ORG seeks new Chair of Board of Trustees**

ORG is seeking a new Chair to lead its Board of Trustees from early 2018. This is a voluntary, non-remunerated position. Interested parties are encouraged to apply by 18th September 2017. Read more and apply >>



#### **Programme Officer, Middle East Programme**

ORG's Middle East programme is looking to recruit a Programme Officer (4 days of week). The post-holder will be responsible for assisting with the administration of ORG's Middle East Programme with a particular focus on peacebuilding projects in Israel and Palestine.

Please send a short cover letter (max 1 page) and CV (max 2 pages, including 2 referees) to org@oxfordresearchgroup.org.uk by 3rd September 2017. Read more and apply >>

#### **Remote Control Project News & Publications**



#### **Remote Control on BFBS Radio**



Emily Knowles, Remote Control's Director, recently appeared on the British Forces Broadcasting Services' radio channel to discuss Donald Trump's speech on his new strategy for the war in Afghanistan and whether putting more boots on the ground will make a significant difference.

<u>Listen to the podcast >></u>

**ORG Programmes: Sustainable Security | Middle East** 

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