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Paul Rogers' Final Monthly Briefing



Chances for Peace in the Next Decade

This is the final briefing in a series that began in 2003. The briefing looks back to a 2012 briefing, which assessed the state of global security in the first decade of the twenty-first century. It then looks forward to the decade ahead by taking into consideration the key events and trends from the past ten years.

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News and Publications



A Story of ORG: Scilla Elworthy

In a special series of podcasts, ORG talks with individuals who were involved in the development and evolution of ORG in its early days. In this episode, ORG interviews Dr. Scilla Elworthy, who founded ORG in 1982. She is now Director of the Business Plan for Peace. We discuss the founding of ORG, how its ideals have defined Scilla's subsequent work and her most recent book.

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A Story of ORG: Paul Rogers

In this podcast, ORG interviews Paul Rogers, Emeritus Professor of Peace Studies at the University of Bradford and ORG's Senior Fellow in International Security. We discuss his impressive career in the field of international security and his crucial role in the development of Oxford Research Group.

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A Story of ORG: Oliver Ramsbotham

ORG interviews Oliver Ramsbotham, Emeritus Professor at the University of Bradford and a Senior Advisor to ORG's Strategic Peacebuilding Programme. We discuss Professor Ramsbotham's work with Oxford Research Group, particularly his role in developing Collective Strategic Thinking and applying it in Yemen and Israel-Palestine.

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A Story of ORG: Gabrielle Rifkind

ORG interviews Gabrielle Rifkind, a Senior Advisor to ORG's Strategic Peacebuilding Programme, and the Director of Oxford Process. We discuss Gabrielle's work in preventive diplomacy and her crucial role in the development of ORG's Middle East Programme.

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ORG Website Content Moving to LSE Library

The British Library of Political and Economic Science at the LSE will be hosting ORG's content when the website goes offline in February 2021. Thanks to the LSE Library's generosity, our readers will be able to find ORG's work, including its reports, briefings, articles and blog posts, by visiting the LSE Library website.



An Update on the Security Policy Change Project

ORG's closure does not mean its important work has ended. The Remote Warfare Programme has already moved to Saferworld under a new name: the Security Policy Change Project. The project will work with Saferworld to push for positive policy change and magnify the voices of those most impacted by violent conflict.

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Marib: A Yemeni Government Stronghold Increasingly Vulnerable to Houthi Advances

This paper by the Sana'a Centre, ORG's partner in Yemen, examines the factors that have contributed to Marib's emergence as a pocket of relative stability since the outbreak of civil war in 2015. It also details the latest attempts by Houthi fighters to capture the governorate and illustrates what is at stake if a Houthi takeover of Marib comes to pass.

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Shabwa: Progress Despite Turmoil in a Governorate of Competing Identities

This paper by the Sana'a Centre, ORG's partner in Yemen, provides an overview of the political and tribal dynamics that resulted in Shabwa's marginalisation in recent decades. It then examines the most recent power struggles for control of the governorate and its resources since the outbreak of war in 2015 and details how it has become relatively secure compared to many parts of Yemen.

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Upcoming Book: Remote Warfare: Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Next month, a book edited and compiled by ORG staff will be published by [E-International Relations](#) (E-IR). Containing 14 chapters by experts from academe, the NGO community, and the military, the book provides various perspectives on the use of remote warfare by states. The book will be available for free on the E-IR site and print versions of the text will be available for purchase..

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The Sustainable Security Index Moving to the University of Kent

ORG's [Sustainable Security Index](#), which was launched this year, is moving to the University of Kent's Conflict Analysis Research Centre. The Centre's resources and expertise will help the Index thrive and act as a tool for policymakers and practitioners to understand the drivers of global insecurity.



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