

International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers 2017



To mark this year's International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, Oxford Research Group (ORG) highlights its past work on peacekeeping.

Ahead of the UK general election, Richard Reeve examines the approaches of the main political parties to UN peacekeeping. A survey of the various party manifestoes reveals a resurgence of commitment to peacekeeping operations.

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In May 2016, ORG published a report, [The UK and UN Peace Operations: A Case For Greater Engagement](#), written by David Curran and Paul D. Williams.

The report discusses recent signs that UN peace operations may be given a more significant role in British foreign and defence policy. It argues that it is in the UK's interests to do more to enhance its participation in UN peace operations. With the British government looking to redefine its international role post-Brexit, this may be more relevant than ever.

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Peacekeeping Challenges and R2P

The Sustainable Security [blog](#) has run a micro-project over the past year, entitled "Peacekeeping Challenges and the Responsibility to Protect (R2P)". Written by some of the world's leading experts, the many articles in the project discuss some of the most pressing issues facing peacekeeping and peacebuilding in the world today including:

- [Counter-terrorism and peacekeeping](#)
- [Cultural heritage protection and peacekeeping](#)
- [Rising global powers and R2P](#)
- [Gender and peacekeeping](#)
- [African institutions and peacekeeping](#)
- [The refugee crisis and R2P](#)
- [The privatisation of peacekeeping](#)
- [Post-conflict reconstruction and peacebuilding](#)

The site has also conducted interviews with leading experts on this issue including:

- [Alex Bellamy](#)
- [Aidan Hehir](#)

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