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## 216th Lecture Series 7.30pm - 18th October 2017

**Paul Rogers**

### **Lost Cause - consequences of the War on Terror**



#### **ABSTRACT**

The war on terror is now in its seventeenth year with no end in sight. Regimes in Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya have been terminated and in all three cases this has resulted in weak and failing states. The civilian death toll has been at least 300,000 people with many more seriously injured and over eight million displaced.

Al-Qaida has been partially overshadowed by ISIS which is currently in retreat in Iraq and Syria but has made progress in Afghanistan and, recently, the Philippines. Extreme Islamist paramilitary movements are active across the Sahel, the Horn of Africa, Egypt and Yemen, and in the past two years ISIS has succeeded in exporting its attacks to the countries of the “far enemy”.

There is currently little sign of any Western rethinking of policy – indeed the Trump administration appears to have replaced initial caution over foreign military intervention with a move to do the opposite. A thirty-year war is in prospect.

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

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#### **LINKS**

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2006/jan/03/highereducationprofile.academicexperts>

[http://www.oxfordresearchgroup.org.uk/publications/monthly\\_briefings](http://www.oxfordresearchgroup.org.uk/publications/monthly_briefings)

**All lectures take place in Lecture Theatre K3.25, John Anderson Building,  
University of Strathclyde, Rottenrow East, Glasgow G4 0NG.**

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*Refreshments will be served at 9.00pm.*