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*“The ISN is an indispensable and very functional tool for researchers and experts.”*

*Dr Karl-Heinz Kamp,  
NATO Defense College (NDC)*



## THE ISN

The International Relations and Security Network (ISN) is the world's foremost open access information service for International Relations and security professionals.

Established in 1994, our mission is to promote greater knowledge sharing, learning and collaboration. We do this by building a portfolio of free, high-quality information services; providing e-learning consulting, content and technology services and products; and offering technical, editorial and administrative support to a host of online communities.

We strive to meet the rapidly evolving information and educational needs of our users by working with the world's leading think tanks, universities, research institutes, NGOs and international organizations. Our partner network continues to grow in tandem with the changing international agenda. This allows us to offer our users a broad selection of views and opinions on the major issues of our day.

The ISN is an online project of the Center for Security Studies (CSS), at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich). It is jointly funded by the Swiss Department for Defence, Civil Protection and Sport (DDPS) and ETH Zurich.

“The ISN provides top quality news, research and other resources that simply can't be found in one place anywhere else.”

Kristan Wheaton,  
Mercyhurst College Institute for Intelligence  
Studies (MCIS)



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## SERVICES

The ISN provides users with a wealth of content that is easily accessible through advanced search technologies and taxonomy browsing. This allows users to find the information they need quickly and efficiently.

The *ISN search* is the easiest way for users to explore our vast holdings of research papers, policy briefs, primary resources, news stories, links, events and e-learning courses. Our search engine also indexes content from thousands of blogs and websites, making it a unique research tool for international relations and security professionals.

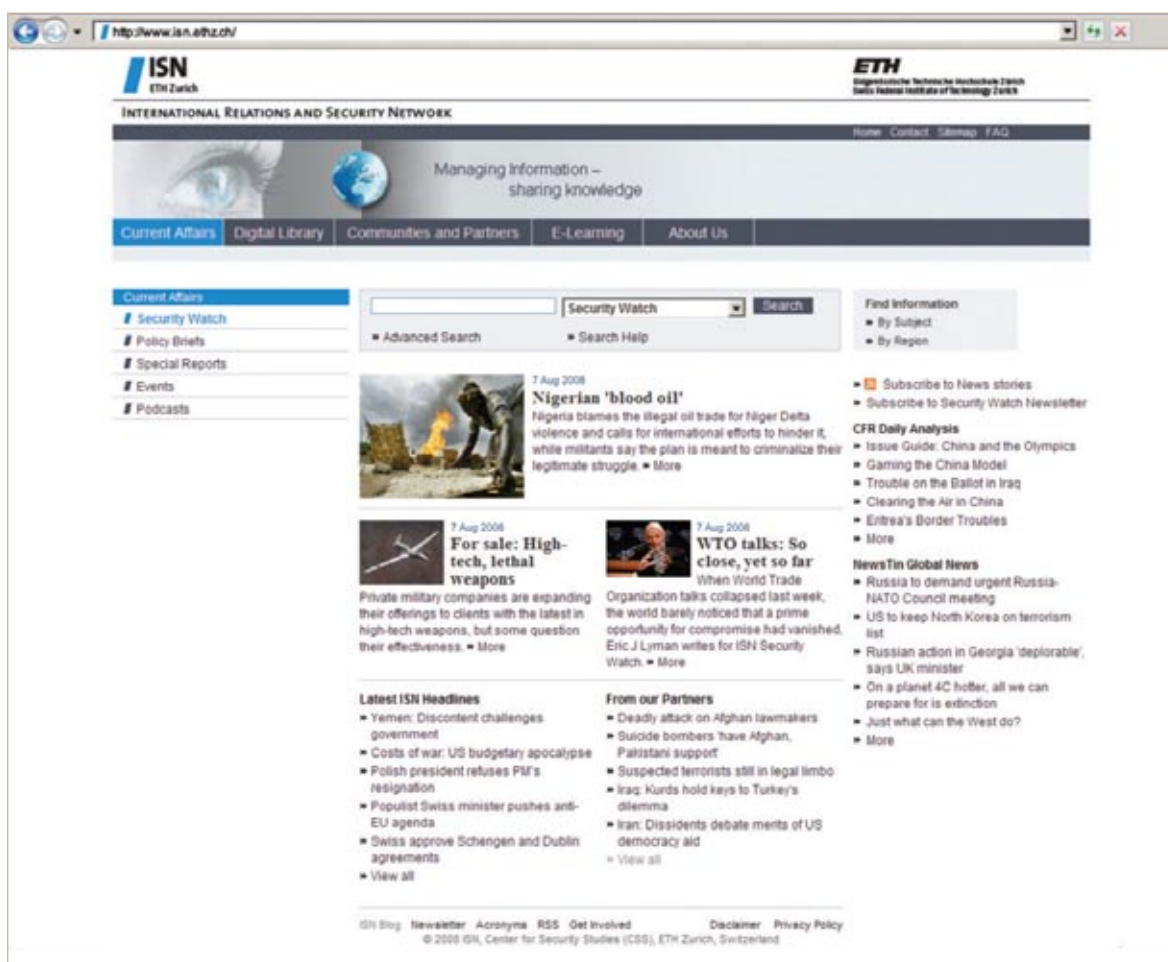
The *ISN taxonomy* allows users to access our content holdings by browsing over 3,000 subject- and region-specific keywords. Each keyword page provides links to the latest research, news stories and events as well as links to organizations working on these issues.

The ISN website is structured into four areas:

### Digital Library

The Digital Library is home to the ISN's vast content holdings on international relations- and security-related issues. Content here includes:

- Over 20,000 full-text books, working papers, government reports and journal articles
- A growing collection of historic and contemporary primary source materials
- A comprehensive directory of think tanks, research institutes, NGOs and other organizations active in international relations and security policy
- An annotated links library of the world's best websites, blogs and online research resources in international affairs



### Communities and Partners

Our Communities and Partners section allows access to a growing number of online knowledge networks supported by the ISN. Specifically, it offers:

- ▮ Online communities dedicated to greater information exchange and collaboration among experts
- ▮ Access to the research and expertise of the ISN’s world-class partner network
- ▮ Information on joint projects with ISN partners

### e-Learning

The e-Learning section provides access to educational resources and expertise dedicated to defense and security sector training including:

- ▮ Freely accessible online courses
- ▮ Downloadable e-learning technologies and software components
- ▮ Consulting services for the effective production of online learning materials

### Current Affairs

The Current Affairs section provides information on the issues that are shaping national policy and global dialogue. This section offers:

- ▮ News stories on emerging, ongoing and underreported issues
- ▮ Original ISN commentary and analysis
- ▮ Podcasts featuring interviews with leading scholars and policy experts
- ▮ Syndicated articles from leading international relations journals and media partners
- ▮ Policy briefs from prominent think tanks and research institutes
- ▮ Special reports on major national, regional and international issues
- ▮ A calendar of upcoming conferences and events

*“The ISN is a knowledge resource of immense value for the general public, the research community and especially political decision makers.”*

*Gerd Hagmeyer-Gaverus,  
Stockholm International Peace Research  
Institute (SIPRI)*



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## GET INVOLVED

The ISN welcomes enquiries from organizations active in international relations and security. We provide a range of collaborative opportunities, including tailored partnerships, the development of expert communities and consulting.

### **Partnerships**

As an ISN partner your staff, research projects, publications and events will be promoted to millions of users worldwide.

We are eager to partner with a broad network of organizations active in international relations and security including:

- // Think tanks and academic research institutes
- // Government agencies
- // International organizations
- // Nongovernmental organizations
- // Media and private companies

### **Communities**

Join one of our online communities and gain access to customized content in your field of research.

Each community has a closed, collaborative workspace allowing you to engage like-minded experts and institutes. A public area on the ISN website presents the community's work and research findings.

### **Consulting**

Take advantage of the ISN's broad experience in information and knowledge management. We are happy to offer consultation in our fields of expertise:

- // Knowledge management systems and best practices
- // Taxonomy building
- // e-Learning software and content

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THROUGH THOUSANDS OF TOPICS:

Armaments  
Arms Control  
Communication

## **/** Conflict

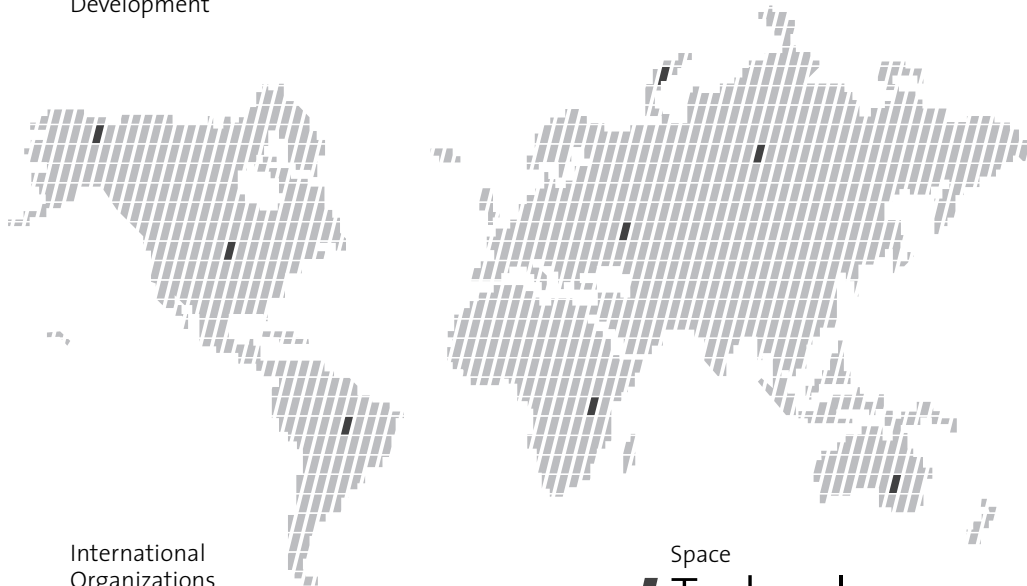
Asymmetric Warfare  
Consequences of War  
Natural Resource Conflict  
Post-Conflict Reconstruction  
...

Culture  
Defense  
Development

## **/** Economics

Business  
Economic Security  
Globalization  
Industry  
...

Education  
Energy  
Environment  
Finance  
Human Rights  
Human Security  
Information



International  
Organizations  
International  
Relations  
Law  
Media  
Natural Resources  
Peace  
Politics  
Religion  
Security

## **/** Society

Crime  
Discrimination  
Population Flows  
...

## **/** Technology

Space  
Information Technology (ICT)  
Innovation  
Research & Development  
...  
Terrorism  
Trade  
Transport



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