Top Stories

- Saudi Arabia rejects seat on the UN Security Council claiming the UNSC had failed to bring peace to the Middle East http://goo.gl/9Xnes0
- HealthCare.gov, the online health insurance marketplace created under Obamacare, has a rocky start amid political tension and numerous glitches http://goo.gl/BeXwyF
- As North Africa remains embroiled with political turmoil, increasing numbers of immigrants escape to Europe via boat, often with deadly consequences http://goo.gl/u2LBj7
- Global frustration over American espionage continues as evidence leaks that US bugged Angela Merkel’s cell phone http://goo.gl/zlMq9x

In Focus: Drones and the War on Terror

The use of drones in the War on Terror has been given incredible attention in the media over the last few years. Their proponents see them as simply another tool of war, while others view them as part of an increasingly dystopian future. This week, we will look at the “Drone War” from a number of unique perspectives.

- Al Jazeera provides a look at the criticism and debate surrounding the Drone War http://goo.gl/ABlL4o
- In the Pilot’s Seat: This article documents one drone pilot’s career in the program, the challenges he faced throughout his experience and his decision to leave the Air Force http://goo.gl/8Kv1Um
- Human Rights and Drones:
  - Human rights groups claim drones strikes kill more civilians than combatants http://goo.gl/NiMAuu
- When Drones Come Home: This piece exposes the use of surveillance drones on US soil by the FBI http://goo.gl/v0LSkF
- A Call to Action: Describes the Drone War in Pakistan and sets out policy recommendations for the US in Pakistan and elsewhere regarding the use of drones http://goo.gl/OohO9r

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Around Campus This Week

SIAS Events:

- Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism w/ Dr. Martha Crenshaw on 10/29, 12-1pm @ Old Union 200

Other Events:

- From Guernica to Human Rights: The Spanish Civil War in the 21st Century on 10/29, 5:15-6:30pm @ 200-307 http://goo.gl/OIE6hF
- “Want to Go to Africa?” Undergrad Research and Study Opportunities on 10/30, 12pm, Encina West 202 http://goo.gl/x0nO1G
- A Comparative Look at Iran’s Nuclear Program on 10/28, 11:30-1pm @ CISAC Conference Room, Encina Hall 2nd Floor http://goo.gl/Fr49qU
- Government Shutdown 101 on 10/29, 5pm @ Tresidder Oak Room http://goo.gl/aft80

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