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Section I

Non-governmental organisations

Analyst's note: The start of the Montreux Document process in 2008 meant a broader range of NGOs were active on private military and security company (PMSC) issues. A smaller handful of NGOs have continued working on these issues from 2010 onwards, while some of the larger NGOs have pulled back their involvement or refocused their campaigns. The stipulated 2010-13 timeframe excluded many NGOs who have undertaken work on 'first generation' PMSC issues (for example, Blackwater and other PMSCs in Iraq) but instead finds NGOs focussed more PMSCs within the context of new military modernisation issues (for example UAVs).

Actively engaged organisations

Organisation	Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces
Location	Geneva
Website	www.dcaf.ch
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.dcaf.ch/Programmes/Private-Security-Governance http://www.dcaf.ch/Publications/Private-Military-Security-Companies-Future-Challenges-in-Security-Governance http://www.dcaf.ch/Publications/UN-Use-of-Private-Military-and-Security-Companies-Practices-and-Policies
DCAF have produced reports on PMSC regulation and undertaken advocacy initiatives with a number of NGOs.	

Organisation	Global Policy Forum
Location	New York, United States and Bonn, Germany
Website	www.globalpolicy.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.globalpolicy.org/pmscs.html http://www.globalpolicy.org/images/pdfs/GPF_Dangerous_Partnership_Full_report.pdf http://www.globalpolicy.org/component/content/article/257-pmscs-risks-misconduct/52015-predator-military-contractors-privatizing-the-drones.html
GRF published a report on the use of PMSCs by the UN and identifies PMSCs as a special topic of interest. GRF also partners with a number of other European NGOs on PMSC regulation campaigns. GRF has participated in the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers (ICoC) and is a member of the Control PMSC Coalition.	

Organisation	Human Rights First
Location	New York and Washington DC, United States
Website	www.humanrightsfirst.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/CEJA-Fact-Sheet.pdf http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/blueprints2012/HRF_Targeted_Killing_blueprint.pdf
<p>Human Rights First have advocated for US criminal jurisdiction over US contractors abroad by focusing on Blackwater's conduct in the Nisoor Square incident in Baghdad. They have intervened in human rights violation litigation against US PMSC contractors as <i>amicus curiae</i> and consistently campaigned against the excesses of US PMSCs. HRF were on working groups for the ICoC in 2011.</p>	

Organisation	Institute for Human Rights and Business
Location	London, United Kingdom
Website	www.ihrb.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.ihrb.org/commentary/guest/implementing-icoc-for-private-security-service-providers.html http://www.ihrb.org/commentary/guest/from-sandline-to-saracen-time-to-hold-the-private-security-industry-to-its-human-rights-commitments.html
<p>Participated on working groups involved in the ICoC. Have published articles and commentary by Meg Roggensack (Human Rights First) and James Cockayne (lead author of <i>Beyond Market Forces: Regulating the Global Security Industry</i>).</p>	

Organisation	Institute for Security Studies
Location	Pretoria, South Africa
Website	www.issafrica.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.issafrica.org/iss_today.php?ID=1367 http://www.issafrica.org/uploads/Nov2010InvolvPvtSecSect.pdf http://www.issafrica.org/uploads/5686_ISS_Monograph_176.pdf http://www.issafrica.org/iss_today.php?ID=1036 http://www.issafrica.org/eventitem.php?EID=676
<p>ISS is one of the few research institutes that have continued to publish in-depth policy papers on regulation of PMSCs. ISS primarily publishes material on the involvement of PMSC in civil wars and resource conflicts within African states.</p>	

Organisation	International Alert
Location	London, United Kingdom
Website	www.international-alert.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://psm.du.edu/media/documents/regulations/global_instruments/multi_stakeholder/voluntary_principles/international_alert_voluntary_principles.pdf
<p>International Alert, in collaboration with Fund for Peace, developed guidance material on voluntary principles for security and human rights, which outlines principles for the PMSC sector to consider in their operations. (Note, prior to 2010, IA's programme manager of the privatisation of security advocacy programme, Damian Lilly, produced a number of reports on PMSC regulation.)</p>	

Organisation	International Coalition to Control PMSC
Location	International
Website	controlpmsc.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://controlpmsc.org/category/privatization-of-security/
<p>Control PMSC is a coalition of NGOs campaigning on regulation of PMSCs. Coalition members include War on Want, Global Policy Forum, Iraqi Civil Society Solidarity Initiative, Campaign Against Arms Trade and Institute for Policy Studies.</p>	

Organisation	International Committee of the Red Cross
Location	International
Website	www.icrc.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.icrc.org/eng/resources/documents/faq/pmsc-faq-150908.htm http://www.icrc.org/eng/resources/documents/report/31-international-conference-ihl-challenges-report-2011-10-31.htm
<p>ICRC has a long history on PMSCs. They were instrumental in developing the Montreux Document and maintained a consistent platform over the last 10 years on PMSC issues. However, more recent material on the ICRC website appears to be more advisory in nature rather than advocacy or campaigned based.</p>	

Organisation	International Peace Institute
Location	New York, United States
Website	www.ipinst.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.ipinst.org/events/details/146-beyond-market-forces-regulating-private-military-and-security-companies.html http://www.isn.ethz.ch/isn/Digital-Library/Articles/Detail/?lng=en&id=162008
<p>International Peace Institute was heavily involved in shaping ICoC and publishing policy documents on the regulation of PMSCs. While much of this work was done in 2009, IPI representatives continue working on the PMSC regulation campaign.</p>	

Organisation	Iraqi Civil Society Solidarity Initiative
Location	International
Website	www.iraqicivilsociety.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.iraqicivilsociety.org/archives/category/stop-private-military-companies
<p>ICSSI is a part of the Control PMSC coalition and has consistently campaigned on PMSC human right violations in Iraq.</p>	

Organisation	Nova – Institute for Active Nonviolence Action
Location	Barcelona, Spain
Website	novact.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.consciousbeingalliance.com/Informe_PMSC_Iraq_Nova.pdf http://novact.org/2012/10/never-again-iraqi-and-internationals-work-together-to-regulate-private-military-and-security-companies-in-their-countries/
<p>Member of the Control PMSC coalition. Supported the publication of a major PMSC and military privatisation report in 2011.</p>	

Organisation	Rights & Accountability in Development
Location	Oxford, United Kingdom
Website	raid-uk.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://raid-uk.org/about_us.htm http://raid-uk.org/docs/Press_Releases/Memo%20final.pdf
<p>RAID have a major focus on PMSC use in DRC. RAID also participated in NGO consultation processes for the ICoC.</p>	

Organisation	Spanish Society for International Human Rights Law
Location	Asturias, Spain
Website	www.aedidh.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.consciousbeingalliance.com/Informe_PMSC_Iraq_Nova.pdf
<p>AEDIDH is a member of the Control PMSC coalition. The organisation co-authored a major publication with Nova on PMSC in 2011. AEDIDH was also involved in the ICoC process and has been heavily involved in UN working groups on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of people to self-determination.</p>	

Organisation	War on Want
Location	London, United Kingdom
Website	www.waronwant.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.waronwant.org/news/press-releases/17544-hammond-raises-fears-over-privatisation-of-war http://www.waronwant.org/campaigns/corporations-and-conflict/private-armies/action/17469-take-action-now-to-end-the-impunity-of-private-security-contractors http://www.waronwant.org/news/events/17836-ground-the-drones-protest-saturday-27-april
<p>PMSC issues reach across a number of War on Want campaigns on Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan. War on Want have focused campaign attention on G4S and the privatisation of war by the UK Government. The organisation has consistently participated in consultations on the ICoC and the Montreux Document and is a member of the Control PMSC coalition.</p>	

Organisation	Women's International League for Peace & Freedom
Location	Geneva, Switzerland and New York, United States
Website	www.wilpfinternational.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.wilpfinternational.org/statement-call-for-accountability-of-private-military-and-security-companies/
<p>Focused on gender-based violence by PMSCs and human rights violations. Have participated in ICoC deliberations and partnered with other civil society partners to produce reports.</p>	

Organisation	Voices for Creative Nonviolence
Location	Chicago, IL, United States
Website	vcnv.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://vcnv.org/kathy-kelly-on-democracy-now http://vcnv.org/category/private-military-contractors http://vcnv.org/coalition-groups-agree-in-an-open-letter-to-congress-congress-must-investigate-the-mishandling-o http://vcnv.org/killer-drones-take-the-place-of-war
<p>VCN is a member of the Control PMSC coalition. VCN has campaigns on Blackwater and has started overlapping PMSC issues with UAV and special operations concerns.</p>	

Other relevant organisations

Organisation	American Civil Liberties Union
Location	New York City and Washington DC, United States
Website	www.aclu.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.aclu.org/national-security/targeted-killings
<p>ACLU have a Targeted Killings key issue/campaign which focuses on litigation and freedom of information requests, some of which relate to PMSCs and US military contractors. The campaign is focused on domestic executive transparency and accountability and citizen rights.</p>	

Organisation	Amnesty International USA
Location	New York, United States
Website	http://www.amnestyusa.org/
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.amnesty.org/en/for-media/press-releases/guinea-reform-security-forces-must-deliver-justice-bloody-monday-massacre-2 http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE14/004/2010/en http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE14/001/2013/en
<p>Amnesty International USA and other AI national offices have participated in global advocacy and campaigns on PMSCs, with a focus on human rights violations and PMSC regulation.</p>	

Organisation	Arab Reform Initiative
Location	Paris, France; Beirut, Lebanon and Cairo, Egypt
Website	www.arab-reform.net
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.arab-reform.net/sites/default/files/SSR_Privatization_of_Security_Sep2011_EN_Virginie.pdf http://www.arab-reform.net/arab-securitocracies-and-security-sector-reform
<p>ARI has published reports on PMSCs focusing on data collection related to involvement and deployment of PMSCs in Arab countries including UAE, Jordan and Lebanon. This work has supported broader research interests in security sector reform in Middle Eastern countries.</p>	

Organisation	Bonn International Center for Conversion
Location	Bonn, Germany
Website	www.bicc.de
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.bicc.de/press/press-releases/press/news/meeting-of-the-network-privatization-of-security-by-private-security-and-military-companies-3/
BICC have a research topic on privatisation of security, which is part of their mandated focus on arms and security.	

Organisation	British American Security Information Council
Location	London, United Kingdom and Washington DC, United States
Website	www.basicint.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.basicint.org/sites/default/files/basic_the_uk_and_armed_drones_jan_2013_0.pdf
BASIC published joint research reports on regulation of PMSCs with Saferworld and International Alert, though their ongoing work in this area is limited.	

Organisation	Brookings Institute
Location	Washington DC, United States
Website	www.brookings.edu
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.brookings.edu/research/testimony/2013/02/27-drones-terrorism-chesney http://www.brookings.edu/research/papers/2013/03/08-drones-singer
Brookings Institute houses the high profile Peter W. Singer who authored the instrumental and comprehensive text on PMSCs: <i>Corporate Warriors: The Rise of the Privatized Military Industry</i> . However, the institute appears to be publishing a large volume of work on technology innovation and the shaping of future military conflict and Singer appears to be now writing and researching on UAV and military modernisation issues.	

Organisation	Business & Human Rights Resource Centre
Location	London, United Kingdom and New York, United States
Website	www.business-humanrights.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.business-humanrights.org/Documents/PMSCbulletin http://www.business-humanrights.org/ConflictPeacePortal/Home
<p>Strong profile on PMSC issues, particularly in relation to businesses that employ PMSCs to protect extractive industry infrastructure. Comprehensive portal detailing current initiatives around regulation of PMSC by various international institutions.</p>	

Organisation	Campaign Against Arms Trade
Location	London, United Kingdom
Website	www.caat.org.uk
Relevant URL(s)	-
<p>CAAT have partnered with and supported work by War on Want and have participated in international forums on PMSC regulation issues.</p>	

Organisation	Center for Constitutional Rights
Location	New York, United States
Website	www.ccrjustice.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.ccrjustice.org/ourcases/current-cases/al-shimari-v-caci-et-al http://www.ccrjustice.org/get-involved/calendar/documenting-obamas-wars-roundtable http://www.ccrjustice.org/obamas-record-military-contractors
<p>CCR is involved in litigation related to actions of PMSCs and drone attacks. CCR is collaborating In a number of legal cases with the American Civil Liberties Union to represent those who have suffered injuries or losses associated with PMSC actions.</p>	

Organisation	Center for Public Integrity
Location	Washington DC, United States
Website	www.publicintegrity.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.publicintegrity.org/2011/05/16/4625/state-department-will-inherit-reconstruction-duties-iraq-when-troops-leave http://www.publicintegrity.org/2011/10/22/7171/sending-troops-home-could-pave-way-more-non-competitive-defense-contracting http://www.publicintegrity.org/2010/08/29/2548/struggle-police-foreign-subcontractors-iraq-and-afghanistan http://www.publicintegrity.org/news/UAVs-and-drones
<p>The Center for Public Integrity has a National Security section where editors (including R. Jeffrey Smith) have published a number of investigative news articles on US contractors for military and security services.</p>	

Organisation	Centre d'Estudis per la Pau J.M.Delàs, Justícia i Pau)
Location	Barcelona, Spain
Website	www.centredelas.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.centredelas.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=73%3Aempreses-militars-privades&layout=blog&Itemid=134&lang=en http://www.centredelas.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=258%3Aqui-som&catid=38%3Aestatic&Itemid=76&lang=en
<p>Centre Delàs carries data on the military industry in Spain, including 2011 data on private military companies in Spain.</p>	

Organisation	Centre for European Studies
Location	Brussels, Belgium
Website	thinkingeurope.eu
Relevant URL(s)	http://thinkingeurope.eu/sites/default/files/publication-files/contracting_out_private_military_and_security_companies.pdf
<p>Released a 2012 publication on contracting out security and military services to the private sector by Research Associate Nikolaos Tzifakis.</p>	

Organisation	Centre for Research on Globalization
Location	Montreal, Canada
Website	www.globalresearch.ca
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.globalresearch.ca/the-role-of-private-military-and-security-companies-in-modern-warfare/32307 http://www.globalresearch.ca/the-privatization-of-war-mercenaries-private-military-and-security-companies-pmsc/21826 http://www.globalresearch.ca/breaking-private-security-companies-in-syria-supporting-rebels-foreign-mercenaries-detained/31509 http://www.globalresearch.ca/drones-from-military-use-to-civilian-use-towards-the-remote-uav-policing-of-civil-society/30876
CRG aggregates a number of academic and research articles on PMSC issues.	

Organisation	Chatham House
Location	London, UK
Website	www.chathamhouse.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.chathamhouse.org/sites/default/files/public/International%20Affairs/2011/87_2taylor.pdf http://www.chathamhouse.org/sites/default/files/public/Research/International%20Law/071011ralby&tonkin.pdf
Chatham House has undertaken research on PMSC regulation issues, with forums held in 2005, 2008 and 2011.	

Organisation	Danish Institute of International Studies
Location	Copenhagen, Denmark
Website	www.diis.dk
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.diis.dk/sw106715.asp http://www.diis.dk/sw96879.asp
DIIS have published a number of detailed research and academic papers on PMSCs. Topics range from use of PMCs in counter-insurgency operations and international responses to PMSC regulation.	

Organisation	European Interagency Security Forum
Location	New York and Washington DC, United States
Website	www.eisf.eu
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.eisf.eu/resources/item/?d=4536 www.eisf.eu/resources/download.asp?d=3328 www.eisf.eu/resources/download.asp?d=3407
<p>EISF is focused on security and risk management issues facing international humanitarian and NGO operations. This research considers the risks of iNGOs using PMSCs for field work. They have also participated in discussions around the ICoC.</p>	

Organisation	European University Institute
Location	Florence, Italy
Type	Research and Education Institute
Website	www.eui.eu
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.eui.eu/DepartmentsAndCentres/Law/Publications/PublishedBooks.aspx?item_id=26537 http://www.eui.eu/DepartmentsAndCentres/AcademyEuropeanLaw/Publications/WarbyContract.aspx http://www.eui.eu/Documents/Research/EUIPublications/EUIReview/EUIReviewWinter2011Web.pdf http://www.eui.eu/DepartmentsAndCentres/AcademyEuropeanLaw/News/2011/04-15-PRIV-WAR.aspx http://www.eui.eu/SeminarsAndEvents/Index.aspx?eventid=82707
<p>EUI researchers and academics have published a number of high-level policy analysis books on multilevel regulation of PMSCs.</p>	

Organisation	Fellowship of Reconciliation
Location	Nyack, NY, United States
Website	forusa.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://forusa.org/blogs/mark-johnson/iraq-diary-civil-society-self-determination/11287 http://forusa.org/groups/services/militarism-watch http://forusa.org/events/2012/02/16/webinar-follow-money-investigating-military-contracts
<p>FoR (US) is a supporter of the Control PMSC coalition and continues to research and campaign on PMSC issues within its work on demilitarisation.</p>	

Organisation	Fund for Peace
Location	Washington DC, United States
Website	global.fundforpeace.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://global.fundforpeace.org/sdss
<p>FFP has co-authored a number of reports with International Alert and has contributed to advocacy on PMSC regulation. FFP also has a Sustainable Development and Security programme of which PMSCs are a component.</p>	

Organisation	Geneva Centre for Security Policy
Location	Geneva
Website	www.gcsp.ch
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.gcsp.ch/Emerging-Security-Challenges/Training-Courses/Training-Workshop-on-Private-Military-and-Security-Companies http://www.gcsp.ch/Sidebar/Events/Past/3rd-Annual-Senior-Officers-Security-and-Law-Conference http://www.gcsp.ch/Sidebar/Events/Past/Publication-Launch-Discussion-Non-State-Actors-and-International-Humanitarian-Law.-Organised-Armed-Groups-A-Challenge-for-the-21st-Century
<p>Holding a workshop (April 2013) on the development of training requirements arising from good practices outlined in the Montreux Document.</p>	

Organisation	Global Exchange
Location	San Francisco, CA, United States
Website	www.globalexchange.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.globalexchange.org/economicactivism/g4s/why http://www.globalexchange.org/economicactivism/g4s/worldwide
Global Exchange have published commentary on G4S in Israel and Palestine. Prior to 2010 they were active on PMSC issues. Global Exchange support the Control PMSC coalition.	

Organisation	Human Rights Watch
Location	New York, United States
Website	www.hrw.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.hrw.org/world-report-2010/pakistan http://www.hrw.org/reports/2011/02/02/crossroads
HRW sits on the ICoC steering committee. Give some coverage to PMSC issues with case study countries and campaigns (Iraq and Pakistan) but no recent systemic analysis.	

Organisation	International Catalan Institute for Peace
Location	Barcelona, Spain
Website	http://bit.ly/lxUf4s
Relevant URL(s)	http://bit.ly/103qlar
ICIP held a conference in 2011 with UN Human Rights Council Working Group on the use of Mercenaries titled 'The new suppliers of the physical use of force in the XXI Century'.	

Organisation	International Corporate Accountability Roundtable
Location	International
Website	accountabilityroundtable.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://accountabilityroundtable.org/campaigns/civilian-extraterritorial-jurisdiction-act/
Focused on liability and extra-territorial litigation against businesses that are responsible for human rights violations by PMSC.	

Organisation	International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)
Location	Paris, France (Secretariat)
Website	www.fidh.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.fidh.org/IMG/pdf/Res_defenseurs_EN.pdf http://psm.du.edu/media/documents/reports_and_stats/ngo_reports/fidh_honduras-human-rights-in-bajo-aguan_2012.pdf
FIDH, through its 164 member NGO network, has published case studies on human rights abuse by private security, with Latin American material dominating coverage.	

Organisation	King's College London: Private Military and Security Research Group
Location	London, United Kingdom
Website	http://www.kcl.ac.uk/sspp/departments/warstudies/research/groups/phdgroups/pmsrg/aims.aspx
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.kcl.ac.uk/sspp/departments/warstudies/research/groups/phdgroups/pmsrg/news.aspx
The PMSRG studies privatisation in defence and security policy. It considers topics such as the role and activities of PMSCs, ethics/morality, defence and security policy, humanitarian intervention, multi-level governance, security governance, international humanitarian law, civil military relations, security sector reform and privatisation in wider security issues.	

Organisation	Netherlands Institute of International Relations (Clingendael)
Location	The Hague, Netherlands
Website	www.clingendael.nl
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.clingendael.nl/publications/2013/20130200_state_or_private_protection_web.pdf http://www.clingendael.nl/publications/2013/20130300_policy_brief_17_gevecht_svliegtuigen_drones.pdf
Clingendael has published a recent report on private security in maritime counter-piracy operations.	

Organisation	Omega Research Foundation
Location	Manchester, United Kingdom
Website	www.omegaresearchfoundation.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.omegaresearchfoundation.org/projects/the-trade-in-training-2010-12--309/
Omega has some work on PMSCs, with a focus on training services offered by large companies in the sector.	

Organisation	Peace Research Institute Frankfurt
Location	Frankfurt, Germany
Website	www.hsfk.de
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.hsfk.de/Newsdetail.25.0.html?&L=1&tx_ttnews[backPid]=8&tx_ttnews[pointer]=6&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=1029&cHash=8ea52e6e21&no_cache=1&sword_list[0]=private&sword_list[1]=military http://www.hsfk.de/Newsdetail.25.0.html?&L=1&tx_ttnews[backPid]=5&tx_ttnews[backpid]=5&tx_ttnews[pointer]=1&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=1081&cHash=e028418981&no_cache=1&sword_list[0]=private&sword_list[1]=military http://www.hsfk.de/fileadmin/downloads/prif100.pdf
PRIF has helped produce leading governance analysis on trends towards PMSC in the UK, the United States and Germany.	

Organisation	Platform London
Location	London, United Kingdom
Website	platformlondon.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://platformlondon.org/p-publications/dirty-work-shell-security-spending-in-nigeria-and-beyond/
Platform London's work on PMSCs has primarily focused on Shell's use of PMSCs in Nigeria and the financial links and contracts between PMSCs and Shell.	

Organisation	Peace Research Institute Oslo
Location	Oslo, Norway
Website	www.prio.no
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.prio.no/Events/Event/?x=8146 http://www.prio.no/News/Item/?x=1711 http://www.prio.no/Projects/Project/?x=939
<p>In 2011, PRIO hosted a project on the commercialisation of security in Europe that led to three PMSC-related publications.</p>	

Organisation	Project on Government Oversight
Location	Washington DC, United States
Website	www.pogo.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.pogo.org/our-work/videos-and-podcasts/2010/co-20101104.html http://www.pogo.org/our-work/articles/2011/co-ht-20110614.html http://www.pogo.org/our-work/reports/2011/co-gp-20110913.html
<p>POGO published a number of podcasts and report on human rights violations by PMSCs, including evidence of PMSC involvement in labour tracking. Other PMSC issues are focused on the economic efficiency of PMSC service procurement.</p>	

Organisation	Rete Italiana per il Disarmo
Location	Italy
Website	www.disarmo.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.disarmo.org/rete/a/37924.html
<p>Italian Network for Disarmament is a member of the Control PMSC coalition and has connections with a broad number of Italian and international NGOs working on disarmament and anti-war campaigns.</p>	

Organisation	Royal United Services Institute
Location	London, United Kingdom
Website	www.rusi.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.rusi.org/events/ref:E4FE1AFD18F4EB/ http://www.rusi.org/publications/journal/ref:A5076DBE1B6F37/
<p>RUSI held a conference in 2012 on PMSCs, covering regulation, NGO use, governmental support and maritime security. RUSI has also undertaken research work on internal and external auditing of PMSCs.</p>	

Organisation	Southern African Defence & Security Management Network
Location	South Africa
Website	www.sadsem.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://sadsem.org/English/sadsemresearch.htm
<p>SADSEM has not formally published research material solely focused on PMSC, however many of their research projects on security sector reform in Southern African countries covers private security matters.</p>	

Organisation	South Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons
Location	Belgrade, Serbia
Website	www.seesac.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.seesac.org/wpon-news/recent-news/1-157/ http://www.seesac.org/uploads/studyrep/psc.pdf
<p>Before 2010, SEESAC were participating in PMSC regulation discussions bringing experience from Eastern Europe case study knowledge. However, their present participation in PMSC issues appears to be more limited.</p>	

Organisation	Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
Location	Solna, Sweden
Website	www.sipri.org
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.sipri.org/research/armaments/production/researchissues/pmsc http://www.sipri.org/research/conflict/trends/earlier-projects/psc/psc_default
SIPRI has reduced its work on PMSCs. However, it does still track private military service industry as part of its work on arms trade and military services.	

Organisation	Un ponte per
Location	Rome, Italy
Website	www.unponteper.it
Relevant URL(s)	http://www.unponteper.it/english/pagina.php?doc=ongoing http://www.unponteper.it/english/pagina.php?doc=closed
Un ponte per is a member of the Control PMSC coalition. The NGO carried material on PMSCs during 2004-0. However, their website does not currently appear to actively highlight the campaign.	

Section II

Publications

Reports

Title	An analysis of Private Military and Security Companies
Author	Fabio Mini
Publisher	Academy of European Law, European University Institute
Year	2010
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/YHIVqx
<p>The increasing relevance of private military companies (PMCs) and private security companies (PSCs) is related to the progressive privatisation of war in all of its new expressions. The increased role of private companies in global security is undeniable and in many sectors necessary. The key issue is how and to whom they must be responsible and accountable. With quality certification, security clearance and transparent tendering private military and security companies should become more reliable.</p>	

Title	Contract Spending for the Department of State and the US Agency for International Development
Author	CSIS
Publisher	Centre for Strategic and International Studies
Year	2012
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/PPPmr5
<p>Private security services remain a principal part of the international foreign assistance spending portfolio of the United States, with the number of security companies in the top 20 contractors increasing from three firms in 2006 to five in 2011.</p>	

Title	Contracting in Conflicts: The Path to Reform
Author	Richard Fontaine and John Nagl
Publisher	Center for a New American Security
Year	2010
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/16URypb
<p>The reform of the business of private contractors requires new laws and regulations; an expansion of the governments contracting workforce; a coordination mechanism within the executive branch; greater scrutiny, more transparency and clearer standards for private contractors; a strategic view of the roles contractors play in US operations; and a change in culture within government.</p>	

Title	Contracting out to Private Military and Security Companies
Author	Nikolaos Tzifakis
Publisher	Centre for European Studies
Year	2012
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://ces.tc/Yw2YPi
<p>The global trend for contracting out the supply of military and security services is growing. Security is being transformed from a service for the public or common good into a privately provided service. The implications of outsourcing security services to private agencies are not <i>a priori</i> positive or negative; it is the proper regulation of private military and security services that is important.</p>	

Title	Contracting the Commanders: Transition and the Political Economy of Afghanistan's Private Security Industry
Author	Matthieu Aikins
Publisher	Centre on International Cooperation
Year	2012
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/YsZKsZ
<p>The presence of international militaries, NGOs and intergovernmental organisations has created an artificial economy in Afghanistan, centred around the formation of a massive PMSC industry. The industry employs tens of thousands of Afghans whose loyalties lie more with the local strongmen than the Afghan government. As the 2014 withdrawal approaches, this threatens to upset the political economy of Afghanistan and shake its political networks and elite settlements.</p>	

Title	Dangerous Partnership: Private Military & Security Companies and the UN
Author	Lou Pingeot
Publisher	Global Policy Forum
Year	2012
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/MoLrfo
<p>The United Nations is increasingly hiring PMSCs for a wide array of security services. The UN's leadership says these services are needed to protect the organisation's staff and worldwide operations from growing threats and unprecedented dangers. But many reports from governments, NGOs and the media have shown how PMSCs have committed serious human rights abuses, killed or injured innocent civilians, engaged in financial malfeasance and committed many other breaches of the law.</p>	

Title	Flying Below the Radar? The Armed Private Security Sector in South Africa
Author	Natalie Jaynes
Publisher	Open Society Foundation for South Africa
Year	2012
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/16eiG10
<p>There is no accurate registry of firearm or ammunition stockpiles held by South Africa's PSCs nor specific police record of cases of death and injury perpetrated with PSC firearms.</p>	

Title	From Private Security to Public Good: Regulating the Private Security Industry in Haiti
Author	Geoff Burt
Publisher	Centre for International Governance Innovation
Year	2012
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/Lk1Ba6
<p>Genuine consultation and partnership between the government, industry and civil society is required, if security sector reform programmes in Haiti and elsewhere are to successfully marshal private resources towards the public good.</p>	

Title	Guns 'N Butter for Hire: Some Legal Issues Concerning Private Military Companies
Author	Avril McDonald
Publisher	Asser Institute, Centre for International & European Law
Year	2012
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/Y0Yiyt
<p>Private military contractors are increasingly drawn into combat or involved in mission critical roles. This raises important questions about the legal status of subcontractors when they resort to force and their criminal or civil liability if they commit a crime.</p>	

Title	Private Contractors in Conflict Zones: The Good, the Bad, and the Strategic Impact
Author	T.X. Hammes
Publisher	Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University
Year	2010
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/ZEFsMB
<p>There are clearly advantages to using contractors in conflict zones, but they have inherent characteristics that have serious negative effects during counterinsurgency operations. Military and civilian leaders cannot effectively control the quality of the contractors or their actions, but the population holds them responsible for everything the contractors do, or fail to do.</p>	

Title	Private Military and Security Companies: Future Challenges in Security Governance
Author	Anne-Marie Buzatu and Benjamin S. Buckland
Publisher	Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces
Year	2010
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/XbLjeS
<p>Finding new opportunities in a changing security landscape, private actors are increasingly taking advantage of porous borders and availability of powerful and relatively cheap weapons to support a wide variety interests. PMSCs are bringing potent market forces to bear on the international security sector. Some recent responses have taken innovative approaches to these threats, creating multi-stakeholder alliances among states, industry and civil society.</p>	

Title	Private Military Companies in Counter-insurgency Strategy
Author	Christa Moesgaard and Stine Heiselberg
Publisher	Danish Institute for International Studies
Year	2011
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/YBtPa8
<p>Financial restrictions, budget cuts and declining birth rates all restrain military capacity, while on top of that the number of conflicts and demand for security are rising. Private military companies take over some of the burden, relieving soldiers from non-military tasks. But lessons from Iraq show that the overall military strategy must be ensured.</p>	

Title	Private Security Companies Give Way to the Afghan Public Protection Force
Author	Mark Checchia
Publisher	Civil-Military Fusion Centre, NATO
Year	2011
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/YCvv5P
<p>The Afghan government plans to supplant the private security companies with a new Afghan Public Protection Force (APPF), which, unlike PMSCs, is a governmental force accountable to the Afghan state.</p>	

Title	Privatising Security: The Limits of Military Outsourcing
Author	Ulrich Petersohn
Publisher	Center for Security Studies, ETH Zurich
Year	2010
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/XD8pG9
<p>The armed forces of Western countries are increasingly outsourcing military tasks to private contractors, with the aim of enhancing efficiency. However, an excessive outsourcing can have a negative effect on mission fulfilment. This raises the question of how far this practice can be allowed to go.</p>	

Title	The Importance of Auditing the Private Military Security Industry
Author	William Dill and Darren Graham
Publisher	RUSI
Year	2012
Expense	Member-only access
URL	Preview: http://bit.ly/WRMrTX
<p>The rapid rate of expansion of the private military security industry in recent years is only set to increase with planned budget cuts to the US and UK armed forces. As the industry expands, there is a corresponding growth in the need for thorough, independent auditing, both internal and external, to ensure that standards remain high. Yet the practice of auditing in insecure environments continues to present a range of challenges.</p>	

Title	The Private Military Services Industry
Author	Sam Perlo-Freeman and Elizabeth Skons
Publisher	SIPRI
Year	2012
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/f4m4JB
<p>The trend towards increased outsourcing of military activities has led to a rapid expansion of the military services segment of the arms industry in recent decades. This includes technical services such as information technology and equipment maintenance, operational support such as facilities management and logistics, and actual armed security in conflict zones.</p>	

Title	The Private Security Companies' dilemma in Afghanistan
Author	Renata Giannini and Rens de Graf
Publisher	Civil-Military Fusion Centre, NATO
Year	2010
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/X94aXS
<p>Despite the withdrawal of Presidential Decree No. 62 and the disbandment of private security companies in Afghanistan, an international debate was sparked by the expected consequences for development projects.</p>	

Title	The Privatisation of Security in Falling States: A Quantitative Assessment
Author	Željko Branović
Publisher	Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces
Year	2011
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/YbTbf0
<p>The private sector supplies a broad spectrum of military and security services to governments facing a lack of territorial control and law enforcement capacities. Yet a quantifiable picture of the extent to which these private security services are being used by failing or weak governments and the implications this use might have for the security environment has not been properly painted.</p>	

Title	UN Use of Private Military and Security Companies Practices and Policies
Author	Åse Gilje Østensen
Publisher	Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces
Year	2011
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/14kMivs
<p>Although subject to little discussion, the UN has increasingly paid PMSCs for a range of services in the areas of humanitarian affairs, peacebuilding and development. However, this practice has rarely translated into coherent policies or guidelines that could guide the UN in setting standards or ensuring responsible contracting procedures.</p>	

Title	Weak International Response to the Use of Private Military Security Companies
Author	Christa Moesgaard
Publisher	Danish Institute of International Studies
Year	2011
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/11FIDI3
<p>The private military security industry is booming. Meanwhile, a UN convention on the outsourcing of military tasks may turn into an excuse for doing nothing, while obscuring the real issues at hand: the changes in the security architecture and its implications which international and national laws are not equipped to address.</p>	

Books

Title	America's Covert Warriors: Inside the World of Private Military Contractors
Author	Shawn Engbrecht
Publisher	Potomac Books
Year	2010
Expense	Purchase Only
URL	Preview: http://bit.ly/ZULKXQ Purchase: http://amzn.to/15OaFOF
<p>Initially intended for combat support, private military contractors have become full-fledged warriors, many with little experience, scant oversight and no accountability to the rules of engagement that constrain the US military and coalition forces in Iraq. However, with proper training and development of recruits, along with enforceable regulation and oversight, private security companies can be successfully integrated into a total force package with a professional operational staff.</p>	

Title	Corporate Warriors: The Rise of the Privatized Military Industry
Author	P.W. Singer
Publisher	Cornell University Press
Year	2003
Expense	Purchase only
URL	Preview: http://bit.ly/16V7Azr Purchase: http://amzn.to/ZofNER
<p>The privatisation of warfare allows startling new capabilities and efficiencies in the ways that war is carried out. At the same time, however, the entrance of the profit motive onto the battlefield raises a series of troubling questions – for democracy, for ethics, for management, for human rights and for national security.</p>	

Title	Just Warriors, Inc: The Ethics of Privatized Force
Author	Deane-Peter Baker
Publisher	Continuum
Year	2011
Expense	Purchase only
URL	Preview: http://bit.ly/11FISms Purchase: http://amzn.to/14kMvP8
<p>The presence of contractors on today's battlefields is without question one of the most significant developments in modern warfare. While many contractors perform relatively benign tasks on behalf of the military, controversy rages around those contractors who offer services that involve the use of armed force. However, contrary to popular assumptions, a compelling moral and philosophical case can be made in favour of the ongoing utilisation of the services that these 'private warriors' offer.</p>	

Title	Mercenarising the US Government: Boon for Private Military Companies But Bane for National Security?
Author	Kelvin S. Fan
Publisher	Biblioscholar
Year	2012
Expense	Purchase Only
URL	Purchase: http://amzn.to/Zo8Pjb
<p>The use of mercenaries to fight wars is an age-old concept. A new trend, however, is the evolution of the mercenary into the modern-day private military company, which now provides not only peacetime-focused hardware and support services but also wartime-focused combat training and lethal combat services. If left unregulated, the trend of relying on PMCs will enrich the private sector but will negatively impact US national security.</p>	

Title	Operational Implications of Private Military Companies in the Global War on Terror
Author	Richard Wallwork
Publisher	Biblioscholar
Year	2012
Expense	Purchase Only
URL	Purchase: http://amzn.to/Zo8WuV

The recent upsurge in the use of PMCs to support the prosecution of the global war on terror has impinged increasingly on what is traditionally seen as the state monopoly on violence. PMCs as entities on the stage of conflict are widely misunderstood and as a result, often operate in an area of scant regulation, limited oversight and ineffective control. As PMCs become increasingly involved in operations, the implications for the military are wide ranging and planners and commanders need to be aware of the capabilities and limitations of PMCs.

Title	Outsourcing War and Peace: Preserving Public Values in a World of Privatized Foreign Affairs
Author	Laura Dickinson
Publisher	Yale University Press
Year	2010
Expense	Purchase Only
URL	Purchase: http://amzn.to/X94Hcv

Over the past decade, states and international organisations have shifted a surprising range of foreign policy functions to private contractors. But who is accountable when the employees of foreign private firms do violence or create harm?

Title	Private Armed Forces and Global Security: A Reference Handbook
Author	Carlos Ortiz
Publisher	Greenwood Press
Year	2010
Expense	Purchase only
URL	Purchase: http://amzn.to/WSEMn0
<p>Covers the history of private military forces since 1600, the main contemporary actors and their defining characteristics, the environments in which private armed forces operate, and an analysis of the logic behind privatising security.</p>	

Title	Private Military Companies and State Responsibility
Author	Zinzi Spear
Publisher	LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing
Year	2011
Expense	Purchase Only
URL	Purchase: http://amzn.to/Zo92Tt
<p>At the moment it is not exactly clear what the rights and obligations of states are regarding PMSCs under international law. Nevertheless the reliance of states on their services has increased. Especially during hostilities the possibility of an internationally wrongful act increases, which can trigger State Responsibility.</p>	

Title	Privatizing War: Private Military and Security Companies under Public International Law
Author	Lindsey Cameron and Vincent Chetail
Publisher	Cambridge University Press
Year	2013
Expense	Purchase Only
URL	Preview: http://bit.ly/XbTIEK Purchase: http://amzn.to/10eBCJh
<p>Existing legal obligations, including under state and individual criminal responsibility, should play a role in the regulation of the PMSC industry. Key questions include: how are PMSCs bound by humanitarian law; are their staff civilians or combatants; does the use of force in self-defence equate to direct participation in hostilities?</p>	

Title	Shadow Force: Private Security Contractors in Iraq.
Author	David Isenberg
Publisher	Praeger Security International
Year	2008
Expense	Purchase only
URL	Preview: http://bit.ly/14rS6n1 Purchase: http://amzn.to/13slcSC
<p>Offers an examination of the role that private security and military contractors have played in Iraq since the fall of Saddam Hussein.</p>	

Title	State Control Over Private Military and Security Companies in Armed Conflict
Author	Hannah Tonkin
Publisher	Cambridge University Press
Year	2011
Expense	Purchase only
URL	Preview: http://bit.ly/Yw7vBB Purchase: http://amzn.to/14kNazY
<p>The past two decades have witnessed the rapid proliferation of PMSCs in armed conflicts around the world, with such companies participating in, for example, offensive combat, prisoner interrogation and the provision of advice and training. The extensive outsourcing of military and security activities has challenged conventional conceptions of the state as the primary holder of coercive power and raised concerns about the reduction in state control over the use of violence.</p>	

Title	States, Citizens and the Privatization of Security
Author	Elke Krahnemann
Publisher	Cambridge University Press
Year	2010
Expense	Purchase Only
URL	Preview: http://bit.ly/16UTzBS Purchase: http://amzn.to/10I1lxv
<p>Examines changing models of the state, the citizen and the soldier in the UK, the United States and Germany. Explains the transition from the centralised warfare state of the Cold War era to the privatised and fragmented security governance, and the different national attitudes to the privatisation of force.</p>	

Title	Victory for Hire: Private Security Companies' Impact on Military Effectiveness
Author	Molly Dunigan
Publisher	Stanford University Press
Year	2011
Expense	Purchase only
URL	Preview: http://bit.ly/14ryVK0 Purchase: http://amzn.to/108P2a3
<p>The increasing tendency to outsource missions to PMSCs has significant ramifications for both tactical and long-term strategic military effectiveness – and for the likelihood that the democracies that deploy PMSCs will be victorious in warfare, both over the short- and long-term.</p>	

Journal articles

Title	Are Private Military Firms The Answer To The Expanding Global Crisis?
Author	Benjamin A. Neil
Publisher	International Business & Economics Research Journal
Year	2011
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/Zo9iln
<p>For the first time in history of the modern nation-state, governments are voluntarily surrendering one of the essential and defining attributes of statehood – the state’s monopoly on the legitimate use of force. This leads to the privatisation of war and conflicts.</p>	

Title	Examining the Organisational Structure of UK Private Security Companies
Author	Christopher Kinsey
Publisher	Defence Studies
Year	2005
Expense	Purchase only
URL	Purchase: http://bit.ly/Zp4NdH
<p>Studies the organisational hierarchy of UK private security companies.</p>	

Title	Leashing the Corporate Dogs of War: The Legal Implications of the Modern Private Military Company
Author	Hin-Yan Liu
Publisher	Journal of Conflict & Security Law
Year	2010
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/10IJdc
<p>The modern PMC is a company that provides martial services through a corporate legal framework, and as such is the contemporary heir to private force providers of the past. As such, modern PMCs do not operate in a legal ‘vacuum’ and there is a wide array of potentially applicable instruments.</p>	

Title	Mercenaries in Libya: Ramifications of the Treatment of 'Armed Mercenary Personnel' under the Arms Embargo for Private Military Company Contractors
Author	Hin-Yan Liu
Publisher	Journal of Conflict & Security Law
Year	2011
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/ZoxbMX

The inclusion of 'armed mercenary personnel' within the terms of the arms embargo imposed upon Libya in SC Resolution 1970, and further elaborated in SC Resolution 1973, although largely unnoticed, holds significant implications. The explicit use of the broader term 'armed mercenary personnel' is likely to include a significant category of contractors working for PMCs. The effect of this is not only to deny armed PMC contractors access to Libyan territory, but crucially illuminates their close proximity to the stigmatised individual mercenary, as defined under international law; the result will be to elucidate the contrived and artificial nature of the legal distinction between the traditional mercenary and the armed PMC contractor. This proximity questions the appropriateness of British suggestions of employing PMCs to aid Libyan rebels and may act as a yardstick by which to gauge contemporary regulation frameworks.

Title	Military Contractors and the American Way of War
Author	Deborah Avant and Renee de Nevers
Publisher	Daedalus (American Academy of Arts and Sciences)
Year	2011
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/nWOI0T

Contractors are deeply intertwined with the American military and US foreign policy. Their relationship with the US government, the public and domestic and international law differs from that of military personnel, and these differences pose both benefits and risks. America's use of private military and security companies can provide or enhance forces for global governance. Yet PMSCs can also be used to pursue agendas that do not have the support of American, international, or local publics.

Title	Private Military Companies, Opportunities, and Termination of Civil Wars in Africa
Author	Seden Akcinaroglu and Elizabeth Radziszewski
Publisher	Journal of Conflict Resolution
Year	2012
Expense	Purchase only
URL	Purchase: http://bit.ly/YBvTPr

While PMCs are profit-oriented entities, the prevalent opportunities in conflicts will determine how they behave in war zones. Empirical findings for civil wars with at least 1,000 battle deaths show that as level of competition among government-hired PMCs increases, they are more likely to deliver optimal services and help bring an end to violence. In the absence of competition, the prevalent structure creates opportunities for PMCs to underperform in order to maximise profits by staying in conflicts longer. Swift cessation of hostilities could benefit those profit-seeking PMCs that are compensated with contracts to extract natural resources because resource extraction generates more wealth in peace time. In such cases, the prevalent opportunities in conflict create an incentive for companies to deliver optimal service and terminate hostilities.

Title	Private Military Corporations: Benefits and Costs of Outsourcing Security
Author	Allison Stanger and Mark Eric Williams
Publisher	Yale Journal of International Affairs
Year	2011
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/10ludUY

The past decade has witnessed a quiet revolution in the way Washington projects its power abroad. To illustrate, in the first Gulf War the ratio of US troops on the ground to private contractors was 50:1; in the 2003 Iraq war, that ratio was 10:1, just as it was during the Clinton administration's interventions in Bosnia and Kosovo; and recent US anti-drug and counterinsurgency policy in Colombia has maintained a ratio of 5:1. As these figures suggest, both Democratic and Republican administrations have steadily privatised the implementation of US foreign policy in significant ways by outsourcing key military functions to private companies. Halliburton's operations alone offer a rough sense of the economic magnitude of this trend: the company's total contracts in Iraq and Afghanistan to date range in value from \$11 to \$13 billion – more than twice what the first Gulf War cost US taxpayers.

Title	Private Military Services in the UK and Germany: Between Partnership and Regulation
Author	Elke Krahnemann
Publisher	European Security
Year	2005
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/16exHjA
<p>The privatisation of military services in industrialised countries can be understood in terms of a shift from 'government' to 'governance'. As a consequence, the emergence of a private military industry in Europe is not only characterised by distinct forms of governance failure; European governments have also developed new modes of governance to control the industry, including public-private partnerships and governmental regulation.</p>	

Title	Private Security and Armed Military Guards: Minimising State Liability in the Fight Against Maritime Piracy
Author	R. Graham Caldwell
Publisher	RUSI Journal
Year	2012
Expense	Member-only access
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/10PJPWC
<p>Since the relaxation of the attitude of many states with regards to merchant vessels carrying armed guards, the number of private companies offering these services has grown at an alarming rate. Whilst some countries have elected to draft interim, or indeed statutory, measures to allow and govern the use of privately contracted armed security personnel aboard vessels bearing their flag, others have chosen to utilise their own military personnel. However, there are pitfalls to using serving military personnel, and governments should think long and hard about private security in the maritime setting.</p>	

Title	Private Security and Democracy: Lessons from the US in Iraq
Author	Deborah Avant and Lee Sigelman
Publisher	Security Studies
Year	2010
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/Y3Lwzg
<p>The evidence indicates that forces raised via contract are harder to learn about and thus less transparent than military forces. Largely due to lowered transparency, Congress has a harder time exercising its constitutional role, which impedes constitutionalism. Finally, though the public is just as sensitive to the deaths of private forces as it is to military deaths, it is less likely to know about them; thus the lack of transparency also circumvents meaningful public consent.</p>	

Title	Rethinking the Regulation of Private Military and Security Companies Under International Humanitarian Law
Author	Joseph C. Hansen
Publisher	Fordham International Law Journal
Year	2011
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/13kFCOo
<p>In light of the sudden prominence of PMSCs, as well as notorious instances of misconduct, there has been recent critical attention devoted to the role of international humanitarian law (IHL) in regulating them. As neither clearly combatants nor civilians, the application of IHL to PMSCs remains unclear. However, there are theoretical and practical problems with categorically presuming the majority of PMSC personnel to have civilian status, which means a new approach to the treatment of PMSCs under IHL is needed.</p>	

Title	The Absence of Justice: Private Military Contractors, Sexual Assault, and the US Government's Policy of Indifference
Author	Angela Snell
Publisher	Illinois Law Review
Year	2011
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/13smxtJ
<p>Sexual crimes against civilians in non-war zones is an area of PMC crime that has garnered little public attention and censure. There is a lack of legal recourse for victims of sexual crime by PMCs and a systematic failure by the US government to punish sexual crime perpetrated by its own PMCs. It can be argued that the United States should be held liable for the sexual crimes that its contractors commit.</p>	

Title	The Untouchables: Private Military Contractors' Criminal Accountability under the UCMJ
Author	Katherin J. Chapman
Publisher	Vanderbilt Law Review
Year	2010
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/14dZq5C
<p>Although modern private military contractors have fallen into a legal loophole, US military law can, and should, be used to hold them criminally accountable.</p>	

Other articles

Title	Are Private Military Companies (PMCs) Exempted from Geneva Conventions?
Author	Richard Rousseau
Publisher	Diplomatic Courier
Year	2012
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/U4mlbe
<p>The privatisation of a growing number of tasks and responsibilities which once seemed to be reserved as the sole responsibility of the state has now seemingly become part of a wider trend. The practice of warfare has not been spared by this trend, especially in Western countries. An ever-increasing number of states, international organisations, non-governmental organisations and businesses hire private military and security companies and contractors to perform a variety of tasks in the areas of logistics, security, intelligence and protection of persons, goods and transport infrastructures. Such tasks were traditionally and strictly assigned to professional soldiers of the regular armed forces who were bound by law in case of misconduct.</p>	

Title	Contractors Reap \$138bn from Iraq War
Author	Anna Fifield
Publisher	Financial Times
Year	2013
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://on.ft.com/14vEQhp
<p>The United States has overwhelmingly borne the brunt of both the military and reconstruction costs, spending at least \$138bn on private security, logistics and reconstruction contractors, who have supplied everything from diplomatic security to power plants and toilet paper. Both American and foreign companies have profited hugely from the conflict – with the top 10 contractors securing business worth at least \$72bn between them.</p>	

Title	Developing Accountability Regimes for Military Contractors: An Australian Approach?
Author	Bruce Oswald
Publisher	Asser Institute, Centre for International & European Law
Year	-
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/10hWXRW

It is generally accepted that on most, if not all, overseas military operations involving the Australian Defence Force (ADF) the ADF will employ military contractors to provide operational support and logistics. It is therefore not surprising that the Australian Government regulates such situations through legislation and contractual requirements.

Title	Military Contracting: Our New Era of Corporate Mercenaries
Author	Arjun Sethi
Publisher	The Guardian
Year	2013
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/Xzw3T3

A niche business has become a huge industry – but murky as ever: privatising conflict means bypassing democratic oversight.

Title	Private Military Companies as Quasi-States
Author	David Isenberg
Publisher	Huffington Post
Year	2010
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://huff.to/90vsHy

There are dangers to granting PMSCs quasi-state status.

Title	Private Security's New Accountability Regime
Author	James Cockayne
Publisher	openDemocracy
Year	2013
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/Wjw4QF
<p>The professionalisation of entrepreneurs in violence into a legitimate 'private security' industry provokes profound questions for state-citizen relations. Who has the power to hold these companies accountable, and how?</p>	

Title	Russia May Consider Establishing Private Military Companies
Author	Konstantin Bogdanov
Publisher	Rianovosti
Year	2012
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/HMq9di
<p>The establishment of private military companies in Russia is a possibility, according to President Putin. But there are many nuances bound up in its implementation.</p>	

Title	The Other Reconstruction: How Private Contractors are Transforming Iraq's State and Civil Society
Author	Herbert Docena
Publisher	Focus on the Global South
Year	2012
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://focusweb.org/node/368
<p>After the transfer of 'sovereignty' in Iraq, among those staying behind – aside from 160,000 coalition troops – is a battalion of private contractors attempting to construct economic and political structures most conducive to US and transnational corporate interests even after direct occupation ends. Their mission is crucial for the 'exit plan': these contractors are trying to make sure that that the United States still gets what it went to war for before it recedes from the scene.</p>	

Title	The Privatization of War: Mercenaries, Private Military and Security Companies (PMSC): Beyond the WikiLeaks Files
Author	Jose L. Gómez del Prado
Publisher	Global Research
Year	2013
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/13Em9HN
<p>Private military and security companies are the modern reincarnation of a long lineage of private providers of physical force: corsairs, privateers and mercenaries. These individuals cannot be considered as civilians, given that they often carry and use weapons, interrogate prisoners, load bombs, drive military trucks and fulfil other essential military functions. Those who are armed can easily switch from a passive/defensive to an active/offensive role and can commit human rights violations and even destabilise governments. They cannot be considered soldiers or supporting militias under international humanitarian law either, since they are not part of the army or in the chain of command, and often belong to a large number of different nationalities.</p>	

Title	The Role of Private Military and Security Companies in Modern Warfare: Impacts on Human Rights
Author	Jose L. Gómez del Prado
Publisher	Global Research
Year	2011
Expense	Free
URL	Read: http://bit.ly/YgIBCN
<p>PMSCs have been involved in grave human rights violations that have attracted international attention and debate over the legitimacy of PMSCs, the norms under which they should operate and how to monitor their activities.</p>	

Section III

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