



# Around the World in 80 Seconds

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## 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>
- ✿ US government seizes \$28million in Bitcoin in record Bitcoin bust <http://goo.gl/Q4OYYs>

## 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. The 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/ABIL4o>
- ✿ **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>
  - OP-ED argues for the use of drones in Syria to document human rights abuses <http://goo.gl/dc2AkE>
- ✿ **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 21<sup>st</sup> Century** on 10/29, 5:15-6:30pm @ 200-307 <http://goo.gl/O1E6bF>
- ✿ **"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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor <http://goo.gl/Fr49qU>
- ✿ **Government Shutdown 101** on 10/29, 5pm @ Tresidder Oak Room <http://goo.gl/afft80>

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