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### Current activities

- SIPRI Arms Transfers Programme
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- China SALW Exports
- Control and oversight of SSR and SALW transfers
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### Former positions

- Research Fellow at the Centre for Border Studies at the University of Glamorgan (UK)
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### Recent Publications

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