

**ASSESSING THE FAILURES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL IN SYRIA: A NOTE ON THE  
CONTINUED RELEVANCE OF HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION**

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**ABSTRACT**

*This article examines the continued relevance of humanitarian intervention as a result of the failure of the United Nations Security Council to halt the gross human rights violations that have characterized the on-going Syrian crisis. Having discussed arguments canvassed for and against humanitarian intervention, it contends that the problem of a lack of international consensus about the desirability and/or legality of humanitarian intervention could be surmounted by building consensus around some commonly held values, one of which is the need to maintain international peace and security. It posits that humanitarian intervention will continue to feature in international discourse as long as the Security Council remains hampered in the performance of its functions in the maintenance of international peace and security. The article concludes by making a case for foreign military intervention in order to halt the on-going carnage in Syria.*