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Reflections on training military personnel for peace operations

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It is thirty years since the UN General Assembly first recognised the importance of training military personnel for peacekeeping activities. Since then a considerable architecture has been created which seeks to provide some sense of standardisation and transfer of key norms which are valued by the UN to military personnel. This roundtable will reflect on the challenges of training peacekeepers for peace operations. In particular it will ask the extent to which those aspects which are fundamental to peace operations are transferred in the training context to soldiers from national militaries, what are the key challenges associated with this, and what this may tell us about the future direction of peace operations, and those militaries who are asked to undertake them.

Panellists on the roundtable will reflect on their experiences of researching training as well as participation as trainers of military personnel for peace operations. They will be asked the extent to which the training system as we know it is sustainable, and whether we should look anew at undertaking training for peacekeeping.

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