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Bringing Peace to the Land of Scorpions and Jumping Snakes: Legacy of the United Nations in Eastern Slavonia and Transitional Missions

By Christine Coleiro
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When violence and genocide ripped apart Yugoslavia a transfixed world watched aghast as special envoys came and went empty handed. Paramilitaries roamed the land. Peace plans failed time and again to convince Balkan belligerents of the desirability of peace that was, after all, in the interest of everyone with a stake in European stability. Following long and arduous negotiations, the two most critical players in this bloodbath, Serbia's Slobodan Milosevic and Croatia's Franjo Tuđman, finally accepted a US brokered peace plan. The Dayton Accords brought an end to the deadly conflict in Bosnia Herzegovina, but such peace was attainable only after backroom bargains were made between Presidents Milosevic and Tuđman regarding the fate of Eastern Slavonia..

Christine Coleiro traces the evolution of transitional missions and utilizes the success of UNTAES as a yardstick to measure the value of peacekeeping and transitional missions to the post-Cold War environment of failed states and intrastate conflict. Recognizing the importance of such missions in the current geopolitical environment, Ms. Coleiro's findings and analysis elicit basic principles common to all transitional missions. Bringing Peace to the Land of Scorpions and Jumping Snakes is a comprehensive history and an insightful roadmap for past and future UN transitional missions. International and regional policymakers will be well served to invest thoughtful contemplation of UNTAES' legacy, the issues, principles and lessons of which are addressed herein.

The American Experience with Police in Peace Operations

By Robert M. Perito
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This book looks at the role of international civilian police (CIVPOL) in peace operations from the US perspective. Specifically, it focuses on the issue of why the United States, as the architect of the Dayton Accords, agreed to create an International Police Task Force (IPFT) in Bosnia that the drafters of the agreement believed would not work. To answer that question, the study looks at the history of US involvement with foreign police forces from the days of 'gunboat diplomacy' at the turn of the Twentieth Century through the failure of the Office of Public Security during the Cold War. The book also examines a number of peacekeeping case studies to determine

whether there were adequate 'lessons learned' to have guided US negotiators. Finally, the book presents the results of interviews with the diplomats and military officers who drafted the Dayton agreement to provide the answer. These first-person accounts also offered insights into the problems that confronted the IPTF and the international police mission in Kosovo. In conclusion, the study draws upon the case studies and the Bosnia and Kosovo experience, plus US Presidential Decision Directive-71 and the Brahimi Commission Report to offer recommendations for improving the use of international civilian police in current and future peace operations.

Through a Glass Darkly: From Disaster Relief to Modern Peacekeeping

By Ian McAllister

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The themes of Part I of this new collection run the gauntlet from disaster relief to aspects of modern peacebuilding. The initial chapter delineates a framework for much of the subsequent analysis and definition. Three leading issues are then explored: the changing face of sovereignty, the values and motivations that drive the various UN peacekeeping partners, and key economic influences that impact on and after complex disasters. The fifth chapter focuses on the nuances of aid and development negotiations, while the section concludes with a case study on the International Red Cross and Red Crescent.

Part II concentrates on aspects of capacity building before, during and after crises. What lessons are really being learned, who decides and how? Cases are drawn from a number of regions (including parts of Africa, Eastern Europe and South East Asia). Among institutional features explored are examples from the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre, the Ghanaian Institute for Management and Public Institution, the Government of Zimbabwe and several university partnership projects.

In Part III, the Shapes of Lessons Past and Contours of Future Trends are speculated upon. The real war ahead, it is argued, is not so much against terrorism, serious symptom though that be, but against poverty and greed within and between nations.

This book blends conceptual frameworks with case studies and operational insights that make it a welcome teaching resource, as well as a stimulating analysis of many current policy challenges.

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