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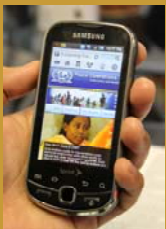


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Enrolment Fees Reduced and Standardized: Peacekeeping Training Now at its Most Affordable

The cost of training is at its most affordable, with fees having been reduced to USD60.00 per course when downloading the text, and 75.00 when requesting a hard copy textbook. Additional discounts are available to UN staff, UNVs, all mission personnel, humanitarian NGO employees, academic faculty and students.

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The number of people using tablets and smart phones to access the POTI website has tripled since 2010!

Two Courses on SCR 1325 with Video Available at No Cost

POTI is pleased to announce the free worldwide availability of two e-learning courses through a generous grant from the Australian Government. *Implementation of SCR 1325 (2000) in Africa*; and *Implementation of SCR 1325 (2000) in Latin America and the Caribbean* were both developed by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and the Peace Operations Training Institute (POTI). Security Council resolution 1325 (2000), unanimously adopted in October 2000, sets out a policy framework for women and peace and security. These courses introduce the main principles of the resolution and provide practical guidelines on how to implement it at the national level, including through the development of national action plans.

Students who enroll in either of these courses will also be directed to view the video, *Side By Side:*

Women, Peace and Security which was funded by the Australian Government and UN Women.



Watch the video

[Side By Side: Women, Peace and Security](#) is a short documentary about Security Council resolution 1325 (2000). The film was produced by Bearcage Productions in association with the Australian Government and UN Women.

Student Feedback:

Submitted by F. Nyirenda of Zambia after successfully completing 19 courses:

"Greetings Madam, I am grateful for your follow up. I have sincerely experienced change of behavior which means that learning has taken place since I started my studies last year. I got promoted last month and am better placed to move ahead with the new responsibilities...all thanks to POTI. I wish you the very BEST and lots of blessings as POTI continues to offer valuable services. Many thanks."

New M&E Initiative: Student Focus Groups



Inset: POTI M&E Chief, Farida Sawadogo
Above: Student B. Aliyu of Nigeria during a POTI focus group.

POTI has taken the next step in Monitoring and Evaluation by connecting with students through online focus groups. Farida Sawadogo, (POTI M&E Chief) facilitates guided discussions with several students at a time who are brought together online via Skype. During the focus group, students are able to meet each other, provide valuable course feedback, and discuss the on-the-job application of their studies. The information gathered during these focus groups is used to improve the curriculum and determine how we can better serve our students and the peacekeeping community.

The Peace Operations Training Institute (POTI) is an independent not-for-profit organization.

Transcript News:

The cost of transcripts has been lowered and unofficial transcripts are available at no charge. Now students may request a PDF of their transcript that is ready immediately, which means there is no more waiting for processing and the postal service. These PDF transcripts have the POTI seal and the Registrar's signature, just like the more traditional hard-copy versions. Of course transcripts are still available in hard copy format. Prices for official transcripts start at USD20.00. The Request a Transcript link can be found in your classroom under Student Options.

Ambassador Ellen Løj Joins POTI Board of Directors



Ambassador Ellen Margrethe Løj, then Special Representative of the Secretary-General to Liberia, and Major General Mohammad Khalid, Force Commander for the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), greet the UNMIL contingent from Pakistan, based in Harper, southeast Liberia.

POTI is pleased to announce that Ambassador Ellen Løj, of Denmark, has joined the POTI Board of Directors. Ambassador Løj began her career with Denmark's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1973. From 2001 to 2007, Ambassador Løj served as the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations. She also represented the EU in the UN during Denmark's Presidency of the EU in 2002, and served as Chairman of the Security Council's Sanction Committee on Liberia 2005–2006, and as Chairman of the Security Council's Counter Terrorism Committee 2005–2006.

From 2008 to 2012, Ambassador Løj served as the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for the peacekeeping mission in Liberia. She was responsible for all operations of UNMIL, comprised of 8,000 military personnel, 1,400 police, and 1,500 civilians. Ambassador Løj has an MA in Political Science from the University of Copenhagen, and resides in Denmark.

Ambassador Løj's experience and dedication towards peacekeeping make her an excellent addition to the BOD team. Welcome Ambassador, we look forward to working with you.



This photo was posted on the POTI Facebook group page by Carlos G. with the following:

“MONUSCO troops protecting the populations from attack by Mai Mai militia.”



Join the 4,500+ POTI facebook group members and connect with fellow peacekeepers at:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/28219921533/>

Australian Delegation of PKO Trainers Visits POTI



On 24 May POTI was honoured to host a delegation of Australian Peacekeeping Trainers. Captain Steve O'Keefe, RAN Director Australian Defence Force Warfare Centre (front row, second from right), Lieutenant Colonel Greg Thompson – Director Joint Doctrine Centre (front row first on the left), and Squadron Leader James Rea, Deputy Director Joint Doctrine Centre (front row second from the left) were in North America to visit training centres in Canada and the United States. The trio of trainers shared best practices and participated in discussions as they and POTI staff members discussed how best to blend distance and classroom training.



The *Principles and Guidelines for UN Peacekeeping Operations* course is offered free to all POTI students.. Become a student and enrol by going to: <http://www.peaceopstraining.org/e-learning/capstone/>.

Lt.C. Semir Julardzija, M.Sc., (on left) receiving his COTIPSO at the PSOTC Course Closing Ceremony 11 May 2012. The COTIPSO was presented by Mr. Yuri Afanasiev (right), Head of the UNDP office in Sarajevo and UN Resident Coordinator in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



Brindisi Conference: Expert Consultations on Child Protection Training for Peacekeepers



UN Photo/Evan Schneider

Young girls in Sultan Colony, an encampment of people displaced by Pakistan's monsoon floods, in Punjab Province, near the city of Multan.

On the sunny Italian coast, representatives from the United Nations, national peacekeeping training centres, and related non-profit organizations met to discuss a far more serious topic than was belied by the warm Mediterranean surroundings: the training of peacekeepers on child protection. What may seem like a straight forward subject, the protection of children during times of conflict and immediately following conflict, is actually a topic fraught with subtle nuances. Children's experiences during conflict can differ greatly; some may have been victims of horrible atrocities and separated from their parents,

while others may have been combatant aggressors. The need for peacekeepers to understand the varied experiences of children, along with the different ways that children process this information from adults, is key as peacekeepers and other humanitarian actors may be the only adults who can help these children recover and return to a productive society.

The Department of Peacekeeping Operations' *Expert Consultations on Child Protection Training for Peacekeepers* was held at the United Nations Logistics Base (UNLB) in Brindisi, Italy, from 28-30 March 2012. Through three days of discussions, presentations, and group projects, experts, including POTI's Chief of Course Content, Lauren Butt, examined the most effective ways of training military, police, and civilians on child protection. Lauren was asked to make a plenary presentation, during which she spoke about possible entry points for child protection training using distance learning. Those present acknowledged the efficiency and efficacy of e-learning for providing at least baseline knowledge on the subject and were impressed with POTI's training record. The workshop generated many productive ideas that will hopefully lead to coordinated training projects in the future.

For more on child protection, look for POTI's upcoming course *Protection of Civilians*, due out by the end of 2012.

Six more

training centres have become Certificate-of-Training in United Nations Peace Support Operations (COTIPSO) partners with POTI during the first half of 2012. They are: the *Civil-Military Co-operation Centre of Excellence (CCOE)*, the Netherlands; the *Peace Action Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR)* of the *International Peace and Development Training Center (IPDTC)*, Romania; the *Crisis Management and Multinational Operations Department of the National Defence University "CAROL I"*, Romania; the *Norwegian Defence International Centre (NODEFIC)*, Norway; *École Universitaire Internationale*, Italy; and the *Hiroshima Peacebuilders Center*, Japan. These new partners offer students working towards a COTIPSO more choices when fulfilling the classroom training portion of the programme.

Learn more about COTIPSO:

Visit

www.peaceopstraining.org/e-learning/cotipso/ for information about our most comprehensive course of study.

Courses Developed in Partnership with **UPEACE** Released:

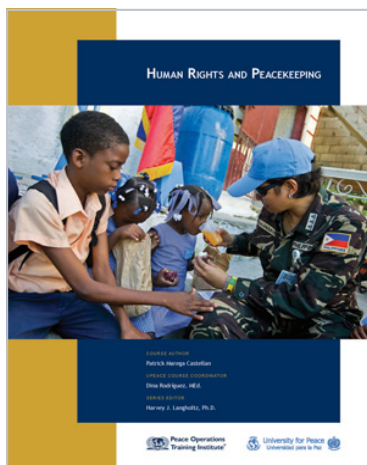
Human Rights



Above: screen shot of *Human Rights* course author: Jessica C. Lawrence, J.D. presenting her introduction to the course. Jessica's introduction may be viewed here: http://www.peaceopstraining.org/e-learning/course_media/page/373/

This course is a comprehensive historical overview of the theory and practice of human rights, a term used to describe rights and entitlements that inherently belong to every human being. Although all human beings are entitled to these rights equally, history has shown that all people do not enjoy the same protection of their rights at all times. This course explores the different kinds of human rights, the various international and regional documents necessary to protect and enforce them, and the historical difficulties and conflicts that have occurred in spite of, and often because of, human rights. It includes extensive discussions on the development of the various human rights treaties and enforcement mechanisms, the special protection given to vulnerable groups, human rights during armed conflict, and current debates involving human rights, such as the use of technology either to promote or restrict human rights, and the increasing international significance of stateless actors like transnational corporations and terrorist groups. Fifteen lessons, 356 pages.

Human Rights and Peacekeeping



This course examines the cross-cutting principles and obligations concerning human rights within the specific context of armed conflicts and United Nations peace operations. Human rights is a dimension that transcends all phases and employs all components of a peace operation, leading to often complex implementation planning and coordination, which this course traces and delineates. The course begins by reviewing the landmark documents and instruments indispensable to the protection of human rights in theory, before demonstrating how such protection is enforced and performed on the ground. It discusses the various types of human rights violations, identifies the groups of people especially at risk, and conducts a thorough analysis on the concept of protection – the core of human rights work in peace operations. The course contains important sections on human rights partners – a group that includes such external actors as NGOs and international businesses – and on the process of accountability, which, as the course demonstrates, is essential in peace operations if an established peace is to be long-lasting and sustainable. Ten lessons, 284 pages.

COURSE AUTHOR: Patrick Marega Castellan is a human rights consultant who has served in various capacities – including specialist, adviser, and trainer – for United Nations missions in Haiti, Darfur, Angola, and Liberia. He is based in Papua New Guinea.

From the Desk of the Executive Director

Greetings. It is always my pleasure to see the active participation of our students and the engagement of our POTI staff and Board of Directors. My thanks to those who participated in the live webinar with General Ford – stay tuned for more of these live webinars. Thanks also to those who participated in the online focus group – we welcome your feedback as this permits us to improve our programmes. Congratulations and welcome to our new COTIPSO partner institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Netherlands, Norway, and Romania. We look forward to working with you. Welcome also to the newest member of our Board of Directors, Ambassador Ellen Løj. She brings a wealth of experience as Denmark's Permanent Representative to the UN, her time on the UN Security Council, and her four years as SRSG at UNMIL. Thanks also to our friends at UPEACE in Costa Rica and to Jessica Lawrence, J.D., for her new course *Human Rights*. Thanks also to Patrick Marega Castellan for his new course *Human Rights and Peacekeeping*. And thanks most of all to our thousands of students from almost every nation. We appreciate hearing from you, reading the comments you write in your end-of-course evaluations, and especially seeing your postings and photos on the POTI Facebook Group page. All of our programmes are designed to serve you and support you in the important work you do on peace missions.



Dr. Langholtz

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