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Peace Operations Training Institute Expands Popular Peacekeeping Training Programme to South Asia

After years of success in Africa and Latin America, the National Training Centre E-Learning Platform (NTCELP) expanded to include several of the largest troop-contributing countries in South Asia, with the support of Global Affairs Canada.

Under NTCELP, national peacekeeping training centres — both military and police — provide blended learning by combining POTI e-learning with their own classroom training. NTCELP is a resource-

multiplier that increases training centre capacity at no cost and provides standard self-paced e-learning for all. NTCELP begins with a link on the website of the national training centre that takes students to the NTCELP website where they enrol, download their course, study all materials offline, and take their End-of-Course Examination. Upon successful completion of a course, students receive a Certificate of Completion jointly awarded by POTI and their own national training centre.

During the first five months of 2018, among the national training centres making the fullest use of NTCELP by region were, in Africa, Ghana's Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre with more than 1,300 enrolments and Kenya's International Peace Support Training Centre with more than 700. In Latin America, Colombia's Escuela de Misiones Internacionales y Acción Integral (ESMAI) had more than 1,500 enrolments, and Peru's Unidad Escuela de Misiones de Paz "Ecuador" (UEMPE) had more than 600. In South Asia, India's Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping, which recently joined NTCELP, recorded more than 200 during the first 60 days.

For a full list of all participating national peacekeeping training centres, see <https://www.peaceopstraining.org/programs/ntcelp/>.



POTI Executive Director Harvey Langholtz and the Deputy Military Adviser to Canada, Lt. Col. Colin Gerard Magee.

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Newest POTI Training Programme Popular With Students

Total enrolments in Individual E-Learning for Peacekeepers (IELP) from 1 April through 31 May 2018 were 5,430 (4,598 for men and 832 for women). IELP, which was activated 21 March, allows peacekeepers preparing for deployment from the nations of Africa, Latin America, and several nations from South Asia to enrol directly in POTI's full curriculum at no cost. IELP is made possible by the generous support of Global Affairs Canada.

IELP builds on the proven success of NTCELP and is designed to provide e-learning on peacekeeping directly to military personnel, police, humanitarian relief workers, and employees of ministries of defence or foreign affairs, who are not in attendance at a national training centre. In some cases, this is because the national training centre has a fixed capacity for annual enrolments, while in other cases, it is because a nation does not have its own designated national peacekeeping training centre.

The nations with the most IELP enrolments were Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Kenya, Nigeria, Peru, and Uganda. For a complete list of all nations covered by IELP, see <<https://www.peaceopstraining.org/programs/ielp/>>.

POTI and Others Discuss Innovation at EAPTC

From 22 to 24 May 2018, representatives of the Peace Operations Training Institute attended the sixth Annual Meeting of the European Association of Peace Operations Training Centres (EAPTC) in Geneva, Switzerland.

This conference was hosted by the Maison de la Paix in a joint undertaking of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces, the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, and the Small Arms Survey. This year's theme was "Leading Innovation in Peace Operations: Strengthening Tomorrow's Performance", which focused on sharing solutions and best practices to strengthen

the performance and impact of peace missions. Around 120 participants from 30 countries representing the United Nations, European Union, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, national governments, think tanks, and NGOs attended the conference.

Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Robert Gordon, former Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea, Lead Mentor of the UN Senior Mission Leadership Training Course, and Chair of the Peace Operations Training Institute Board of Directors, addressed a plenary session and facilitated a panel titled "Challenging Times and Mission Complexity – Implications for Tomorrow's

Preparation and Training". Mr. Kevin Kennedy, former Chief of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Department of Field Support Integrated Training Service and current member of the Institute's Board of Directors, led a working group on scenario-based training focused on the protection of civilians. The Institute's Deputy Director, Ms. Ramona Taheri, and course author Professor Ximena Jimenez also represented the Institute at EAPTC.



Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Robert Gordon addressing a session at EAPTC.



Updated Gender Perspectives Course, Translations Coming to POTI Curriculum

The Peace Operations Training Institute is pleased to announce an addition to its Gender Awareness curriculum. *Gender Perspectives in United Nations Peacekeeping Operations* is an update to the earlier course by Professor Ximena Jimenez.

The UN has faced significant challenges to ensure the special protection of women and girls during armed conflicts. The 2018 edition of this course addresses the conceptual and operational issues involved in integrating a gender perspective into multidimensional peace operations.

The course also explores many important concepts such as gender equity, gender balance, and gender equality, along with several underreported realities of conflict, including sexual violence against males and sexual exploitation and abuse committed by UN peacekeepers. This new edition also updates many topics and introduces new ones, including gender and humanitarian disaster response, gender and security sector reform, gender and humanitarian demining, and gender and humanitarian assistance.

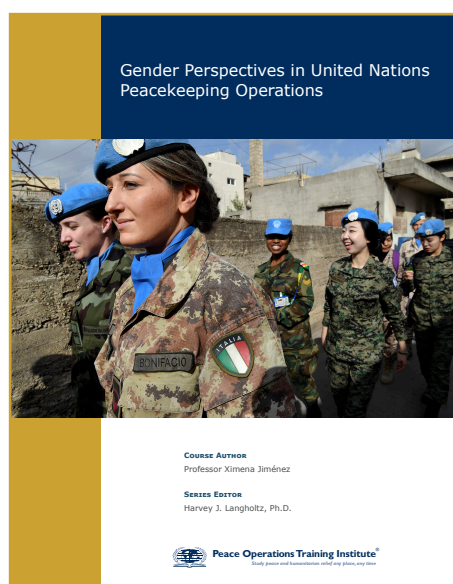
Professor Jimenez is an international gender, women, peace, and security consultant. She has previously worked with the UN, the Club of Madrid, and other international organizations and universities.

Upcoming Courses

- *The Role of United Nations Police in Peace Operations*

- French and Spanish Translations of *Humanitarian Relief Operations*

- French and Spanish Translations of *Logistical Support to United Nations Peacekeeping Operations: An Introduction*



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Student Corner

Blending Mission Experience, E-Learning, and Academic Advancement



Capt. Inmaculada Antúnez, Spanish Army (pictured left), is using the course *Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions on the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda in Africa* (WPS Africa) as part of her research for her doctoral dissertation on Human Rights, Democracy and International Law. Capt. Antúnez served in Afghanistan and Somalia before beginning her Ph.D. programme at the University of Valencia and has been a member of the Spanish Army for 17 years.

Studying While on Mission

Major Norazmi Yaakub is a Malaysian Army Military Engineer who managed engineering resources throughout the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) operational area of responsibility from March 2017 to April 2018. Yaakub is currently serving as a staff officer at the Malaysian Joint Force Headquarters. Thus far in 2018 Yaakub has completed nine courses and earned a POST Certificate in Civilian Service. The photo to the right shows Major Yaakub after the April 2018 medal parade at UNIFIL, held at the headquarters in Naqoura, Lebanon.

