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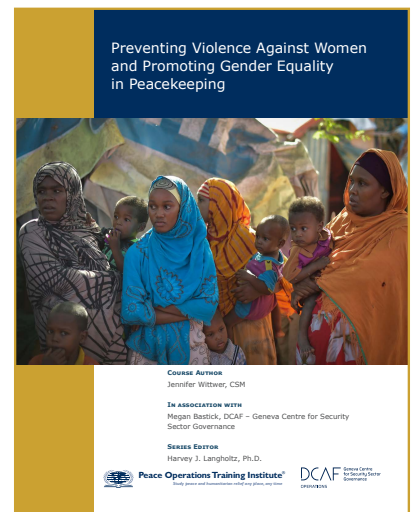
UN Women

POTI Releases New Course, *Preventing Violence Against Women and Promoting Gender Equality in Peacekeeping*

The Peace Operations Training Institute (POTI) is pleased to announce the release of its newest course, *Preventing Violence Against Women and Promoting Gender Equality in Peacekeeping* by Jennifer Wittwer, CSM. This course was developed in association with Megan Bastick of DCAF – Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance.

This course aims to assist peacekeeping personnel in promoting the human rights and security of women and girls. Readings and case studies serve as examples to assist peacekeeping personnel as they consider how they, as individuals and as teams, can work to promote gender equality and change the attitudes and behaviours that perpetuate violence.

Ms. Wittwer is an international consultant on gender and women, peace, and security (WPS). She retired from the Australian Defence Force in 2018 after 37 years, during which time she was seconded to the peace and security section of UN Women. She has extensive experience in cultural reform, strategic human resource management, gender equality, and implementation of the WPS agenda. Ms. Bastick has developed many of DCAF's publications on gender and security and has also worked with the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.



POST Certificate Options Expanded

POTI updated the curriculum requirements for its popular Peace Operations Specialized Training (POST) Certificate programme. Reflecting the increasing importance of the gender perspective in peacekeeping, students now must complete a course in the WPS suite to qualify for any POST Certificate. The course *Gender Perspectives in United Nations Peacekeeping Operations* is now a requirement to complete the Gender Awareness POST Certificate. Additionally, the course *Peacekeeping and International Conflict Resolution* is now an elective available in all six areas of POST specialization. More information on POST Certificates is available at: <https://www.peaceopstraining.org/specialized-training-certificates/>.

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New Release

• *Preventing Violence Against Women and Promoting Gender Equality in Peacekeeping*

New Translation

• *Perspectives de genre au sein des opérations de maintien de la paix des Nations Unies*

POTI welcomed at ALCOPAZ and AAPTC Conferences

Ms. Vanessa Anderson, Registrar and Chief of Institutional Relations at POTI, attended the preassembly meeting in advance of the eleventh annual conference of the Latin American Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (ALCOPAZ) in Lima, Peru, from 8–11 April 2019. There, she presented on the Institute, the National Training Centre E-Learning Platform (NTCELP) and Individual E-Learning for Peacekeepers programmes, and explained how POTI serves ALCOPAZ members.

Ms. Anderson also attended the annual general meeting of the Association of Asia-Pacific Peace Operations Training Centers (AAPTC), which took place in Bangkok, Thailand, from 23–26 April 2019. This year's theme was "Stepping up to the Challenge: The Asia-Pacific Actions and Response to Increasing Effective Performance in UN Peacekeeping Operations". Major General Hugh Van Roosen, Deputy Military Adviser at the UN Department of Peace Operations (DPO), spoke about the Action for Peacekeeping initiative (A4P) and how it affects national responsibilities as well as UN HQ reform, including the restructure of DPO and the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs.



(From left) Colonel Marco Antônio Estevão Machado, Director of Centro Conjunto de Operações de Paz do Brasil (CCOPAB), Ms. Anderson, and Lt. Colonel Erik Humberto del Rio Rodriguez, Director of Centro de Entrenamiento y Capacitación para Operaciones de Paz (CENCOPAZ), during an ALCOPAZ break.

POTI Chief of Content attends US Army War College Conference

POTI's Chief of Content, Mr. Ian Brickley, represented the Institute at the 2019 Peace & Stability Operations Training and Education Workshop (PSOTEW) from 3–5 April 2019. The workshop is held annually at the US Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

The 2019 workshop included six working groups and focused on the theme "Forecasting Peacekeeping and Stability Requirements in a Changing World". The theme emerged after the US Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI) critically reassessed its mission during 2018–2019. Mr. Jonas Alberoth, Deputy Director-General of the Swedish Folke Bernadotte Academy and a member of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres, delivered a plenary address and updated workshop attendees on work on peace and stabilization operations occurring at the international level.



(From left) Mr. Alberoth; Mr. Scotty Reid, PKSOI Department of State Senior Adviser; Colonel Mike Rauhut, PKSOI Director; Mr. Rob Jenkins, US Agency for International Development Deputy Assistant Administrator; and Mr. Mark Swayne, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Stability and Humanitarian Affairs at the US Department of Defense, sitting on the outbrief panel at the 2019 PSOTEW in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.