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New and Upcoming Releases

The Institute recently redesigned its Course Catalogue. The latest edition offers a more streamlined reading experience, updated visuals, and expanded programme information.

A new French translation of *Technology and Innovation in Peace Operations* (*Technologie et innovation dans les opérations de paix des Nations Unies*) has been released. A Spanish translation of the course will be released in the coming weeks.

The Institute has released two course updates: *Ethics in Peace Operations* and *Mine Action and Explosive Hazard Management*, which was produced with the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS).

POTI has expanded its audiobook offerings to include [*Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and International Peace and Security*](#). The audiobook offers students another format for this invaluable course, allowing them to choose how they learn.

This summer, POTI will release an update of [*UN Military Specialised Training Materials on Child Protection*](#), sourced directly from the United Nations Integrated Training Service (ITS). The update will be published under a new name: *Child Protection for United Nations Military*.

Interview with Police First Sergeant Renita Rismayanti

In 2023, Police First Sergeant Renita Rismayanti became the youngest-ever recipient of the United Nations Woman Police Officer of the Year Award. Her exceptional contributions as a Crime Database Officer with the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) significantly enhanced security for vulnerable communities in the region.

In this interview, Sgt. Rismayanti recounts her experience and shares valuable insights into contemporary peace operations. The Institute commends her work and hopes her words inspire other civilian, military, and police peacekeepers committed to forging a more peaceful future.

POTI extends its gratitude to the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations in New York for their guidance in facilitating this interview. A selection of Sgt. Rismayanti's interview answers are included below. Answers have been lightly edited for length and clarity.

Please share a bit about your background and how you became interested in peace operations.

Working in the Peace and Humanitarian Section in International Relations Division of the Indonesian National Police gave me the chance to see how much of a difference peacekeepers make in conflict zones. Organizing their recruitment, training, and deployments was inspiring, but I wanted to be part of the mission myself. In 2022, I was deployed to the Central African Republic, where I worked as the Criminal Database Officer in the Crime Analysis Section, helping to improve security and support peace efforts on the ground.

In 2023, you received the United Nations Woman Police Officer of the Year award, becoming the youngest person ever to receive this prestigious recognition. What key professional moments and accomplishments led to this achievement? What does this award mean to you?

Receiving this award was an incredible honor, but I see it as a recognition of the collective efforts of the teams I've worked with. One key accomplishment was leading pilot projects for the MINUSCA Police Commissioner, which included building a criminal database for the Central African Republic's Internal Security Forces and integrating UNPOL criminal database to the UN's Unite



Aware platform. This initiative helped improve crime analysis in the real-time and decision-making processes.

What this award means to me is a validation of the value of persistence, innovation, and teamwork. It's not just about the title — it's a reminder of the impact we can make, even in challenging environments, when we work towards a shared goal of peace and security.

Do you think there are sufficient ways that women peace operations personnel are recognized? Are there other ways that you think they should be recognized?

While recognition like the UN Woman Police Officer of the Year is significant, it's just one step. Many women in peace operations contribute in extraordinary ways that don't always receive the same level of visibility. Recognition should go beyond awards and include opportunities for mentorship, leadership roles, and acknowledgment of daily contributions that often happen behind the scenes.

Creating platforms to share success stories and experiences can also inspire others and highlight the diverse ways women contribute to peace operations.

What can you say about the importance of women's participation in peace operations?

Women's participation in peace operations is absolutely vital. We bring unique perspectives and approaches that often help connect with communities on a deeper level. Women are often better positioned to engage with vulnerable groups like women and children, building trust and understanding their specific needs.

It's not just about having more women for the sake of diversity — it's about ensuring that the solutions we create are truly inclusive and represent everyone. When women are part of the process, peace operations are stronger and more effective because they reflect the realities of the people we're trying to help.

Data-based approaches to peace operations tasks have become more widespread and important in the past decade. What transformations have you seen or participated in personally? What transformations do you expect to see in the future?

Personally, I've seen a transformation in how we approach problem-solving. A decade ago, decision-making was more based on intuition or limited information, but now data-driven strategies are at the core of our operations. The shift to using data science has made our responses more precise and has enhanced our ability to measure progress and success. Looking ahead, I expect that data will become even more integrated into real-time operations, allowing peacekeepers to act with greater speed and accuracy. I also anticipate greater use of AI and machine learning to predict trends and improve preventative strategies.

What is a non-professional aspect of your life that you take pride in?

Traveling is a personal passion that I deeply value, it's about connecting with people and experiencing the beauty of their cultures. Every trip gives me a chance to learn something new, whether it's understanding local traditions or hearing stories that shape how people live.

Traveling helps me see the world through different perspectives and reminds me of how much we can learn from one another. It's a personal passion that not only brings me joy but also helps me grow as a person.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

I believe in the importance of continuous learning and growth because it's essential for both personal and professional development. In my experience, learning isn't just about acquiring new skills or knowledge — it's about staying curious, adapting to new challenges, and being open to different perspectives.

What message or advice would you like to share with our students who hope to serve on or who will soon be deployed to a peace operation?

Remember, it's not just about the tasks you're given or the mission you're on; it's about making a real, lasting difference in people's lives. Keep in mind that every effort, no matter how small, contributes to the bigger picture of peace and security. And don't be afraid to embrace change and innovation — especially with the growing role of data in peace operations. This is a dynamic and exciting field that's continually evolving, and being part of that transformation is both challenging and rewarding.



Support for POTI at the 2025 Peacekeeping Ministerial

The governments of Canada, Denmark, and the United Kingdom pledged their support for the Peace Operations Training Institute at the 2025 UN Peacekeeping Ministerial in Berlin.

With this support, the Institute will be able to expand accessibility to e-learning on peace operations and continue to adapt its curriculum to the ever-changing nature of today's missions. The Institute thanks these nations for their significant commitments to peace operations worldwide.



New Partnerships in 2025

POTI is proud to partner with 49 national and regional peacekeeping training centres under the National Training Centre E-Learning Platform (NTCELP) programme. The NTCELP programme provides training centres with their own operational e-learning platform, fully supported by POTI. Each centre has a customized landing page on the POTI website, staff access to an administrative portal to monitor student progress and track course completions, and dual certificates of completion showing the emblems of the training centre and POTI. Centres use POTI courses as prerequisites to in-person courses, as supplemental material, to provide training on topics not available on-site, and to provide continued education opportunities after personnel leave the centre. To view existing partnerships, please visit:

<https://www.peaceopstraining.org/programs/ntcelp/>.

POTI recently welcomed three new centres to the NTCELP programme: the Kenneth Kaunda Peace Training Centre (KKPTC) in Zambia, the Training Center for Peacekeeping Police Operations (CENCAPOPAZ) in Argentina, and the Indonesian National Armed Forces Peacekeeping Mission Center (PMPP TNI). POTI looks forward to working with these centres in the service of peace. The Institute invites interested centres to contact the Chief of Institutional Relations, Ms. Georgia Richardson, at grichardson@peaceopstraining.org.

Access



POTI creates and maintains a centre-specific landing page on the POTI website, which can be customized with a welcome video from the Commandant or pictures from the centre.

Compatibility



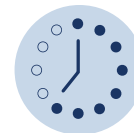
POTI provides e-learning on topics that align with training centre courses, allowing students to broaden their understanding.

Administration



Centre staff may access an admin portal where they can monitor student enrolments and completions. POTI provides customized publicity explaining the training process.

Convenience



E-learning can occur at any time and place, during periods of classroom instruction or during off-duty hours. POTI downloadable courses do not require continuous internet access.



Recognition

Students receive centre-specific, dual-emblem certificates of completion for each course.

Professional Growth



The POTI 30+ course curriculum builds solid, practical knowledge of United Nations peace operations and related topics.

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From the Desk of the Executive Director Ramona Taheri



It is our honour at the Peace Operations Training Institute to continue to partner with stakeholders and experts to deliver accessible e-learning on peace and humanitarian relief operations. Steady demand for POTI e-learning continues, and this work would not be possible without the steadfast and generous support of the governments of Australia, Canada, Denmark, Portugal, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. In a time of great political turmoil and declining global investment in peace operations, their support is vital. If you are interested in contributing financially to the POTI mission, please visit the [donation page](#) or contact us directly. Any amount can help POTI continue to provide accessible e-learning on peace-related topics worldwide.

If you have feedback about how you used POTI learning during a mission — or how it can be improved — please do not hesitate to contact us.

We thank our students for their continued dedication to peace.

Our thanks to the Member States of the Partnership for E-Learning on Peace Operations (PELP) for providing the support that makes e-learning on peace operations possible.



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