



Peacekeeping and  
Peacebuilding

## Multidisciplinary futures of United Nations peace operations

A two-day conference

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023

The Open University, Milton Keynes, UK

### Programme

#### DAY ONE

**09.30 Arrival and refreshments**

**10.15 Welcome address and introduction**

Georgina Holmes, The Open University

Nancy Annan and David Curran, Coventry University

**10.30 Keynote talk: 'Peacebuilding legacy' by Dr Sukanya Podder, King's College London.**

**11.30 Break**

**11.45 Panel 1: Future partnerships between the UN and regional institutions**

Chaired by David Curran, Coventry University

**Understanding the African Union's relationship with the United Nations missions in Sudan and South Sudan**

Andrew E. Yaw Tchie, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs

**Legitimacy crisis and UN-AU partnership in contemporary peacekeeping operations**

Daeun Jung, University of Warwick

**The division of responsibility between the UN, regional and sub-regional actors**

Andrea Gil, King's College London

**13.15 Lunch**

**14.15 Panel 2: New directions in peacebuilding interventions**

Chaired by Georgina Holmes, The Open University (tbc)

**Peacebuilding and authoritarianism: the missing link of the legitimacy market**  
Marian Duran and Alberto Bueno, University of Grenada, Spain

**Peacebuilding accountability, the UNPBF and community-based monitoring and evaluation**

Landon E. Hancock, Kent State University

**The relationship between peace education and external stakeholders in Sierra Leone**

Yi Yu, University of Warwick

**Decolonial waves of protests in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

Judith Jordà Frias, University of Coimbra, Portugal

**15.45 Break**

**16.15 Panel 3: Securitisation and peacekeeping**

Chaired by David Curran, Coventry University

**Go where you are needed: improving early warning systems in UN peacekeeping through remote sensing data**

Christoph Dworschak, University of York, Sebastian Frowein, University of Leiden and Melanie Sauter, University of Oslo

**The future of UN peacekeeping infrastructure: power plants and grids as climate security peace imaginary**

Silvia Danielak, Georgetown University

**International military interventionism as strategic frame in Portuguese foreign policy: The case of UNTAET1 and MINUSCA**

Carlos Morgado Braz, University of South Wales

**South Asian Contribution to UN peacekeeping operations: critical analysis of rationale**

Krishna Kumar Verma, Jawaharlal Nehru University

**17:15 Break**

**17.20 Keynote address: 'Studying UN peacekeeping at a time of crisis' – Katia Coleman, University of British Columbia**

**18:30 Drinks reception**

## **DAY TWO**

**09.30 Welcome and refreshments**

**09.40 Panel 4: Actors, accountability and protection of civilians**

Chaired by Georgina Holmes, The Open University

**Accountability and participation of host populations in peacekeeping**

Sabrina White, University of Leeds

**Individual agency in the protection of civilians by UN peace operations**

Tom Buitelaar, Leiden University

**Prevention, accountability or sanitisation? Assessing the UN's human rights due diligence policy in the Centre African Republic and DR Congo**

Patryk I. Labuda, University of Zurich

**The causes and consequences of marginalising women with caring responsibilities in UN peace operations**

Eleanor Gordon, Monash University

**11.10 Break**

**11.30 Panel 5: The future of UN peace operations**

Chaired by David Curran, Coventry University

**The Future of the responsibility of the United Nations for its peace operations**

Alex Gilder, University of Reading

**The futures of peace operations in Africa: reconceptualization of stabilisation beyond norm diffusion**

Ibrahim Magara, Loughborough University and Giulia Piccolino, Loughborough University

**Robust peacekeeping and the militarisation**

Amna Khan, National University of Science and Technology (NUST), Islamabad

**Ceasefires in cyberspace: the next evolution in peacekeeping?**

Robert Bloomfield, University of Buckingham

**13:00 Lunch**

**14.00 Keynote talk: 'The possible implications of counter-terrorism for the future of peace operations' – Dr Fernando Cavalcante, United Nations**

**15:15 Closing remarks**

**15.30 Conference ends**