

Foreword

The past two decades have seen significant changes in the objectives, policies and practices of peacekeeping. In that period, which also saw the entry of the Japan Self-Defense Forces into the world of peacekeeping, peacekeeping has “evolved from a primarily military model of observing cease-fires and the separation of forces after inter-state wars, to incorporate a complex model of many elements—military, police and civilian—working together to help lay the foundations for sustainable peace” (*United Nations Peacekeeping Operations: Guidelines and Principles*, UNDPKO/DFS, 2008). While the multidimensionality of current peacekeeping mostly consists of expanding civilian tasks, the experiences in Rwanda, Srebrenica and others in the 1990s have led to calls for effective measures, including military ones, to protect civilians in imminent danger. The growing and diversifying demand for peacekeeping capacity has led to a new set of issues, such as the roles of regional organizations and capacity-building assistance in peacekeeping. Furthermore, the expanding and increasingly complex roles of peacekeeping in post-conflict societies indicate the multifaceted nature of the strategic purposes these missions are now expected to serve. Faced with this changing landscape, troop-contributing countries are weighing their policy and operational options for effective contribution to peacekeeping in ways that serve their national interests. This monograph is a collection of papers presented at the NIDS International Symposium on Security Affairs held on November 5, 2014. The symposium invited distinguished global experts who shared insights on these broader peacekeeping trends as well as national perspectives and responses to these changes (due to an emergency Dr. Thierry Tardy was not able to join the symposium, but was kind enough to contribute a paper to this collection). The views expressed in the papers are those of the authors and do not reflect the views of the NIDS or any organization with which they are affiliated. We would like to thank the authors for their invaluable contributions.

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