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CHINA'S AND ITALY'S PARTICIPATION IN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

Participation in international peace operations has become a key component of the foreign policy strategy of many countries worldwide. Italy and China have been, and are currently, involved in various efforts to maintain and promote international peace and security, including Peacekeeping Operations (PKOs). This book offers a description of the two countries' engagement in international peace operations, analyzing it through the lenses of law, sociology, history, and politics. The specific experiences of Italy and China provide an excellent opportunity for comparing and contrasting how and why foreign powers intervene in the name of peace. At the same time, this book focuses on a number of crucial challenges PKOs are currently facing (training of personnel, ensuring accountability, effectively assisting war-torn States in their rehabilitation effort), and tries to explain how Italy, China, and other international actors are trying to respond to the many dilemmas and contradictions of postwar peace. Contributors include academics from a wide range of disciplines and interests, diplomats, and practitioners involved in international peace operations.

Project Leader: Prof. Andrea de Guttry

Output: China's and Italy's Participation in Peacekeeping Operations – Existing Models, Emerging Challenges, Lexington Books, April 2014

Timeframe: 2013 – 2014

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE LAW

Description: Assistance to the victims of natural and man-made disasters has progressively more become an issue of international concern. Response to earthquakes, hurricanes, chemical or radioactive fall-outs and other calamitous events is now a matter on which States, International Organizations and other actors cooperate on a permanent basis, as they all strive to offer immediate and effective relief to the affected populations. However, there is a shared perception that – notwithstanding the growing importance of these activities – the international legal framework designed to facilitate the implementation of relief activities is still patchy and deficient in many respects. Acknowledging this state of affairs, International and EU law scholars have joined forces with experts coming for the humanitarian world to undertake a comprehensive survey of the international emergency response system. The aim of the project is to draw an accurate picture of the existing legal and institutional framework and to identify existing regulatory shortcomings with a view to propose concrete steps to redress them. The project is carried out in cooperation with the University of Milan and the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Time frame: 2010 – 2012

Project Leaders: (within the CDG Lab) Andrea de Guttry, Emanuele Sommario

TRAINING CIVILIANS FOR PEACE SUPPORT OPERATION: MOVING TOWARD AN HARMONIZED APPROACH

Research Description: “Training civilians for peace support operation: moving toward an harmonized approach” is a research project which builds upon the results already achieved in terms of training curricula development initiated within the framework of the EGT. It also builds upon the dialogue already ongoing with the UN, OSCE, Council of Europe, AU and other international organisations on harmonized training standards. The activity should also be seen in the context of the ongoing efforts towards supporting the AU in enhancing the civilian component of its ASF. In

detail, the activity foresees the organisation of three (3) workshops (respectively in Europe, Africa, and New York) to facilitate the development of an harmonised approach for the design of training curricula for the civilian components of PK/PB Operations. Regular consultation meetings with partners and relevant stakeholders will also be organised.

The working methods are inspired by joint and participatory assessment to identify specific training priorities of, and together with, the beneficiaries and stakeholders, building upon assessments already carried out with partners; Provision of expert technical advice: to put at the disposal of the relevant stakeholders the expertise and lessons learned of the parties involved in the project.

Project Leader: Professor Andrea de Guttry

Research Team: Professor Andrea de Guttry, Dr. Annalisa Creta

Partners and relevant stakeholders: APSTA, AU and the RECs/REMs, UN DPKO, EU, UNITAR and OSCE, EGT members.

Funding Institution: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Timeframe: 2010-2011

Output: 5 curricula of training courses drafted ex novo, harmonised and agreed upon by partners; Coordination meetings organised and calendar for piloting exercises agreed upon.

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIP IN POST-CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION: THE ROLE OF THE EU (MULTIPART)

Research Description: The project investigates whether, how, and under what conditions multi-stakeholder partnerships can positively impact on human security and thus, facilitate non-violence and long-term peace, and provide a productive framework for relations between local actors and external actors, including third party mediators and international organisations.

The project moves from the recognition that there is a widespread agreement among both academics and policy makers on the need to adopt more comprehensive, integrative, and participatory approaches in post-conflict interventions. Within this broader framework, multi-stakeholder partnerships are then emerging as one of the preferred tools geared towards enhancing participation, legitimacy and effectiveness of post-conflict interventions. However, there is a clear lack of systematic analysis of the multi-stakeholder partnerships and of evaluation of their concrete impact on effectiveness and sustainability of post-conflict reconstruction initiatives.

The project will base its empirical investigation on three core case studies of core political interest to the EU today: Kosovo, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and Afghanistan. By employing a participatory methodology, the project will ensure the highest degree of on-going feedback between its researchers and different local and international actors operating in these settings and will explore opportunities to directly impact on partnerships that are evolving in these societies. By translating its findings into policy recommendations, the project will contribute to enhancing the role of Europe in conflict prevention and resolution as well as in fostering the rule of law.

Project Leader: Prof. Andrea de Guttry

Project Officer: Barbara Nicoletti

Research Team: Luisa Nardi, Claudia Croci, Kateryna Pishchikova, Barbara Nicoletti.

Partner Institutions: Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques; Centre for International

Cooperation and Security, University of Bradford; University of Amsterdam; Department of Political Science / Amsterdam Centre for Conflict Studies (ACS); Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg; The Centre for the Study of Global Governance, London School of Economics; European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy; University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, Centre of International Relations; Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations, International Security Information Service – Europe; Institute for Security and International Studies; University of Florence.

Funding Institution: EC Commission/ Multipart Consortium partners

Timeframe: Spring 2008 – Summer 2010

Output: Several Publications, a Book, an international conference, a roundtable with EU policymakers.

THE CONFLICT BETWEEN ERITREA AND ETHIOPIA: IUS AD BELLUM, TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT AND THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

Research Description: The research unit will analyse some fundamental historical, political and legal aspects related to the conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia, 1998- 2000, as well as to the establishment of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission (EEBC). Starting with the examination of the historical and institutional evolution of the two African countries, a first section of the research will look deeper into the factors that have led to the dispute between them. In particular, in order to determine the origins of the conflict, an investigation will be carried out examining any relevant question, which could have contributed to the eruption of the hostilities, with particular reference to the colonial past of the two States. A second part of the research will concern the legal issues related to the resort to war between E-E. To this end, the relevant rules of international law dealing with the jus ad bellum will be carefully examined in the light of recent international trends. As the EEBC is concerned, the study will focus on the Algiers comprehensive Peace Agreement that constitutes the legal basis for the establishment of the Commission. Great attention will be paid to the study of the decision on the delimitation of the border, announced by the Commission on 13th April 2002. A final part of the research activity will concern the role of the international community during and after the conflict. The UN, as well as various regional organisations, played an active role in order to exert pressure on the two parties involved, with the aim of stopping the war. Due attention will also be given to any relevant documents related to the protection of human rights in the area. In this context, the activities of the Human Rights Office (HRO) established in May 2001, will also be taken into consideration. As a conclusion, the overall impact of the Mission will be assessed.

Project Leader: Professor Andrea de Guttry

National Project Coordinator: Professor Gabriella Venturini, University of Milan

Research Team: Andrea de Guttry, Emanuele Sommario

Funding Institution: Italian Ministry for University and Research (through the “PRIN” funding scheme)

Timeframe: January 2007-December 2008

Outputs: The proceedings of a conference on “The Armed Conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia in International Legal Perspective” (held in Pisa on 19-20 October 2007) have been edited and published in 2009 with T.M.C. Asser Press/Cambridge University Press.
The book “The 1998-2000 War between Eritrea and Ethiopia: An International Legal Perspective” includes some 30 contributions from International Law, but also History and International Relations scholars.

BALADIYAHS GOVERNANCE MONITORING PROJECT – ALGERIA

Research description: The purpose of the project is to develop a scientifically sound reporting and analysis mechanism for the forthcoming local elections in Algeria. It will do so by conducting a survey on a sample of baladiyas (municipalities) in 3 different phases: before, during and after the elections. University lecturers and students will be involved in the collection of data (e.g. through interviews with relevant actors), in their elaboration and in the drafting of a final report to be published in French and Arabic.

Project Leader: Prof. Andrea de Guttry

Project Officer: Monia D’Amico

Research Team: in Algeria Professor Djabi Abdelnacer (Sociology); Professor Laggoune Walid (Law); Professor Rachid Tlemçani (Political Science); 3 Regional Coordinators e 12 research Assistants

International Advisory Group: Jeff Fischer-USA (Coordinator), Hannah Roberts -UK, Andrea de Guttry-Italy, Horacio Boneo-Argentina, Hussain Hindawi (Iraq)

Partner Institutions: Creative Associates Inc., Washington (www.caii.com); University of Algiers Youssef Ben Khedda (www.univ-alger.dz)

Funding Institution: US Department of State

Timeframe: November 2007 – March 2008

Output: R. Tlemçani, W. Laggoune, A. Djabi, “A Study of the Local Algerian Elections of November 29, 2007”(2008). French version & English version.