

Foreword

International peacekeeping has in the decades following World War II grown from a mere conceptual idea to an important realistic feature of contemporary world affairs. The literature covering accounts of peacekeeping operations and academic research in this field has consequently increased to an extent where the need has arisen to establish a comprehensive overview of existing writing on this vast subject.

The new generation of scholars and practitioners who are now taking over from the pioneers in the field will find the present bibliography of great value. The literature listed constitutes a necessary foundation for developing new operational procedures and further scholarly efforts in an important domain in international security.

Peacekeeping and peacemaking activities through third party intervention seems to represent a trend in the present world to fill the gap between the provisions of Chapter VI and Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter - between pacific settlement of disputes and enforcement. This is bound to be one of the most promising subjects within the efforts to establish a mechanism for international conflict management in the future.

Against this background, the present bibliography will be welcomed with enthusiasm in wide circles.

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