PRESENTS: ENDING A HAND: REFLECTIONS ON HOW (NOT) TO TERMINATE POLICE PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS

Abstract

The seminar will present a series of reflections upon Australia’s overseas policing engagements in Timor-Leste, Solomon Islands, and Papua New Guinea. For the most part, the focus will be on the past decade or so, which has seen Australia play a very significant role on the global stage in terms of its contribution to police peacekeeping and law enforcement capacity-building.

The question of exit or termination raises the issue of mission lifecycle (the various stages of missions), the achievements of those missions, and the indicators that “success” or at least a point of “completeness” has been reached, as a precondition for exit. We will consider whether such missions ever really ‘end’, especially as a range of factors push greater regional interdependency and dependency by micro-states upon larger, more economically robust states in the region.

The reflections are drawn from the Policing the Neighbourhood research project, an ARC Linkage grant with the Australian Federal Police, in which the presenters have been Chief Investigators since 2005.

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