

Section 8 – Relazioni internazionali

Panel 10. An organizational turn? Exploring the meso-level in peacekeeping operations.

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With more than 100,000 troops among 15 operations deployed in 2017 with the UN alone, peacekeeping operations remain a widely-used tool for peace and security. We know that peacekeeping works, yet, the conditions under which it does remain unclear. The literature on peacekeeping has made huge progress on both the qualitative and quantitative sides, focusing on macro and micro-level dynamics respectively. Yet, despite some advances, those two strands of literature have remained surprisingly divided and engage with each other only sporadically. We suggest that several of the missing factors and variables affecting peacekeeping success lie at the organizational level of peacekeeping missions, which has been neglected by both strands of literature. Does mission composition matter? Does variation of policy implementations affect mission effectiveness? Does the relationship between civilian and military components can jeopardise the missions' goals? This panel would like to bring together scholars from quantitative and qualitative traditions to explore a number of meso-level variables which could help us understand what could make peacekeeping more effective.