

## **CALL FOR PAPERS - JOURNAL OF SECURITY SECTOR MANAGEMENT**

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Activities falling under the rubric of 'stabilisation operations' offer good examples of where enormous difficulties become presented to the more traditional security-development nexus debate. For example, in the post-conflict context, this relationship becomes immediately complicated by a lack of civilian governance/development expertise on the ground. Such input is often received at a much later stage when more traditional security sector approaches tailored to benign environments become introduced. Security management concepts and activities during stabilisation operations are significant and must be further explored. The Journal would also welcome policy recommendations, conceptual frameworks and ideas for further research. Related issues include:

- Defining security sector stabilisation and related terms
- Explaining the difference between security sector stabilisation and security sector reform (SSR)
- Discussing the extent to which traditional 'SSR' be undertaken in stabilisation environments
- Explaining how SSR in 'post-conflict' environments differ from that in fragile states and more benign environments
- Determining when a stabilisation process has been completed
- Addressing issues surrounding political settlements and whether or not such settlements provide the foundation for SSR (or where perhaps elements of a political settlement - e.g. elections - sometimes make things worse)
- The role of non-state actors in contributing to this broader approach
- Less sophisticated forms of security sector interventions - or activities which open up space for security sector interventions
- Stabilization in support of conflict prevention
- Legal, bureaucratic and constitutional restrictions placed on stabilisation operations

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