CMR
CIVIL MILITARY RELATIONS COURSE

COURSE PURPOSE

To give the participants knowledge and understanding of the need for civilian, military and police officers to develop terms for co-operation and co-ordination in Peace Support Operations (PSO) led by the UN, the EU or NATO. The course relies heavily on interaction between the participants from the different dimensions (Primarily civilian, military and police) during the classroom exercises. After the course participants will understand the mechanisms of a modern peace support operation. Students will also realize the importance of striving for cooperation between the different actors in a peace support operation. They will also understand the idea of a Comprehensive approach to operational challenges.

Target audience

Civilian, military and police personnel either already deployed or deploying to a peace support operation. Personnel interested in security policy in general and the importance of cooperation and coordination in complex emergencies are welcomed. Personal experience from Peace Support Operations is not a requirement for joining the course.

Performance objectives

- Analyse the general characteristics of the civilian, military and police dimensions in a PSO.
- Apply the conclusions of the analysis into a syndicate work on civil-military relations presented in plenum at the end of the course.
- Apply a Comprehensive Approach on a syndicate work on civil-military relations presented in plenum at the end of the course.
- Analyse the term local ownership and the implications of it on the various actors in a peace support operation.
- Explain the differences between the political and humanitarian aspects of a peace support operation.
- Explain the role of the host nation in a peace support operation.

Method

CMR is a two week course where the course results rests heavily on the interaction among the participants. Practical work in study groups is the most important part of the course and the few theoretical presentations are there to inspire the students. The course will start with a seminar and will also include a day with a Virtual Reality Exercise (VRX). There will also be a specific theme for the course and this will change from course to course depending on important trends and developments in ongoing peace support operations from the perspective of a comprehensive approach to operational challenges.

References

- Guidelines on the Use of Military and Civil Defence Assets to Support United Nations Humanitarian Activities in Complex Emergencies. MCDA Guidelines.
- Integrated Assessment and Planning Handbook, IAP working group, 2013.

Student Assessment

The participants will be assessed during plenary and syndicate work. Students are expected to take an active part and contribute to discussions and syndicate work by expressing viewpoints and forming lines of arguments to explain them to fellow students and instructors. The individual performance will be graded "Successfully completed" or "Participated".