

## IN THIS ISSUE

As this issue went to press, the United Nations was grappling with a seemingly intractable problem. It appeared to be singularly unsuccessful in persuading the warring factions in what formerly was Yugoslavia to stop shooting long enough to allow the UN peacekeepers to do what they had been sent to do: to keep the peace. As frustration mounts, it is worth recalling that this is not the first time the UN has been stymied in its efforts to mediate peace. Peter Bardehle's article discusses the UN mediation efforts that began with the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war, and explains why those complex diplomatic efforts took eight years to bear fruit. Since civil wars like that in Yugoslavia appear even harder to resolve, the prospects for a quick settlement there are not encouraging. Current trends, however, seem to suggest that increasingly, the UN and other organizations will be called upon to contain, mediate and resolve such internal wars. The unique challenges these pose will be addressed at the 6th Annual Conflict Studies Conference: *Peacekeeping and the Challenge of Civil Conflict Resolution*. (See notice following for details).

Also in this issue is Bob de Graaff's ground-breaking study of the Dutch Security Service. The first of its kind in the English language, the article provides a comprehensive historical survey, and an analysis of contemporary issues.

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***Preliminary Conference Programme\****

**Day 1 - Friday, 25 September**

- The UN Yemen Observation Mission 1963-64  
*Michael Bishku, University of Nebraska*
- The Kurdish Peacekeeping Operation in Northern Iraq, 1991  
*Michael Gunter, Tennessee Technological University*
- UN Peacemaking and the End of the Afghan Civil War  
*Richard Newell, University of Northern Iowa*
- Obstacles to Conflict Resolution in the former Republics of  
Yugoslavia  
*Edith Klein, University of Toronto*
- Conflict Resolution on Cyprus: a Perspective on the Turkish  
Position  
*James Sowerwine, University of Maine*
- Peacekeeping by Regional Organizations: The OAU and  
ECOMOG Operations in Comparative Perspective  
*Amadu Sesay, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria*
- The UN Peacekeeping Operation in Central America  
*Hal Klepak, College Militaire Royale, Canada*
- Prospects for Effective Conflict Resolution in Cambodia  
*Pierre Lizée, York University*

**Day 2 - Saturday, 26 September**

- Internal Peacekeeping Operations  
*Alan James, University of Keele*
- Financing Peacekeeping Operations  
*Anthony McDermott, Financial Times*
- A Standing UN Military Force: Future Prospects  
*Alex Morrison, Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies*
- Second Generation Multinational Forces  
*Jarat Chopra, Brown University*
- The Military Peacekeeper: A Future of Challenge  
*David Harries, Department of National Defence*

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