

Contemporary Conflicts *in light of the Cold War*

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eWorkshop on **International Peacekeeping and the Cold War**

Questions for Consideration by [Dr. Robert Rauchhaus](#), UCSB Department of Political Science:

- What is peacekeeping?
- Why did peacekeeping develop during the Cold War?
- Is peacekeeping a well thought out approach to managing violent conflict, or is it merely an ad hoc political adaptation?
- Why, and under what conditions, is peacekeeping effective?
- What are the relative strengths and weaknesses of peacekeeping?
- Could UN peacekeeping have prevented the development of an insurgency in Afghanistan and Iraq?
- Will peacekeeping continue to play an important role in the 21st century?

Suggested Readings:

"Peacekeeping," in Wikipedia: The Free Encyclopedia, (The Wikimedia Foundation, Inc., updated 17 Sep 2004, 20:37 UTC), available from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peacekeeping>, accessed 25 September 2004. Read the "History" and "Participation" sections of this article. *Note that the text of this article has changed slightly from the printed copy that Dr. Rauchhaus distributed during the August 2004 workshop upon which this site is based. See [the Wikipedia FAQs](#), particular the [Overview](#), [Readers'](#), and [Schools' and Teachers' FAQ](#), for some important cautions about using Wikipedia content for scholarly purposes.*

"Fifty Years of Peacekeeping," UN Cyberschoolbus, available from <http://www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/peacekeeping/index.asp>, accessed 25 September 2004.

"An Introduction to United Nations Peacekeeping," UN Department of Public Information, <http://www.un.org/depts/dpko/dpko/intro/>, accessed 25 September 2004.

Charter of the United Nations, signed 26 June 1945, "Preamble," "Chapter I," "Chapter VI," "Chapter VII," "Chapter VIII," and "Chapter XIV," available from <http://www.un.org/aboutun/charter/>, accessed 25 September 2004.

URL: <http://www.history.ucsb.edu/projects/ccws/conflicts/rauchhaus.html>

"Uniting for Peace," UN General Assembly Resolution 377, adopted 3 November 1950, available from <http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/landmark/pdf/ares377e.pdf> [PDF], accessed 25 September 2004.

Statement by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan before the Special Commemorative Meeting of the General Assembly honoring 50 Years of Peacekeeping, 6 October 1998, available from <http://www.un.org/Depts/DPKO/pk5060sg.htm>, accessed 25 September 2004.

"1998 Nobel Peace Prize, UN Peacekeeping Forces, Presentation Speech by Egil Aarvik, Chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee," in Tore Frängsmyr and Irwin Abrams, eds., *Nobel Lectures, Peace 1981-1990*, (Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co., 1997).

Thomas G. Weiss, David P. Forsythe, and Roger A. Coate, *The United Nations and Changing World Politics*, 3rd ed., (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2001), 47-64, [Optional: 65-110].

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