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Irish Peacekeeping in Lebanon: A Historical, Political and Socio-Cultural Study

by

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This IFI study explores Irish peacekeeping within UNIFIL from its creation in 1978 to the 2006 war and its aftermath. It focuses on the importance of humanitarian assistance and civilian protection to the Irish peacekeepers ethos and mission in South Lebanon. It further examines the concept of Irish “neutrality” in the context of peacekeeping in the conflict-ridden Middle East, and within framework of participation in NATO Partnership for Peace and European Union Military Staff, and the history of peacekeepers' training and civil-military coordination mechanisms.

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