

Partners and Trainers – CPOC Course

An international Trainer Team with comprehensive Expertise

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This course has been designed based on the initiative of the Austrian Government, there specifically the Ministry of Defence.

Following the aspirations of the course content, the experts who supported the design included subject matter experts from the military, police and civilian sector. From the beginning, a special partnership was forged with the integrated training service of UN DPO, being the key stakeholder of the CPOC policy implementation over its peace support operations. The ASPR has also been able to bring its specialised knowledge into the course, over its cooperation programme with the Austrian MOD under which we implement the ESDC courses. Over the years, the course has been continuously adapted and improved and stands now as well acknowledged course with international reputation.

It is the only course at operational level (mid- to senior level participants) and the only ESDC Course that has benefitted from an official certification by UN DPO and is thus double certified.



The core trainers of the course include comprehensive expertise to ensure that all aspects of Comprehensive Protection of Civilians are taken into account in the lectures and discussed throughout the entire training.

On the picture (from left to right):

LTC Jens Hahne DPO ITS, Dr Marshall W. Conley, Susanne J. Brezina ASPR, Amod Gurung UNPOL SPC and LtGen (rtd) Jasbir Singh Lidder



As part of the long-standing partnership with Austria, UN DPO ITS makes a subject matter expert available for this course. This ensures the inclusion of all recent developments at DPO in the subject matter. Depending on staff availability, this expert changes.



With Human Rights being one of the pillars of peace support operations, UN OHCHR supports the course by sending an expert who ensures the mainstream of and the lectures on Human Rights. The expert changes based on staff availability.

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Ursula Hann joined the Austrian MOD in 2005 as a legal consultant in the Sub-Division of International Law. In this position, she was responsible for independently researching complex legal issues and providing comprehensive legal advice on a wide range of questions of public international law, including international humanitarian law and international operational law, with a focus on UN peacekeeping operations. In 2014, she was appointed the head of the UN & International Cooperation Section at the MoD. Ursula Hann is a regular lecturer on issues of public international law, international humanitarian law and international operations both on the national and international level. She is also a member of the Roster of National Experts for the UN Mobile Training Teams (MTT) for the Protection of Civilians (PoC). In this function, she has successfully completed two MTT deployments as PoC Trainer for the

UN in Chad and Rwanda in April 2014. She has been part of the experts bringing the course to life and contributes substantive knowledge regarding all matters of legal questions around CPOC to the course.



Jasbir Singh LIDDER, Lt. Gen. (retired), is an international senior consultant and has extensive experience in conflict management and conflict resolution, on both political and military spheres. He has had an illustrious military career, spanning over 40 years with the Indian Army. Jasbir's contribution to UN Peacekeeping includes military, as well as political initiatives. He was the Military Chief of Staff of the UN Mission in Mozambique (ONUMOZ) in 1994-95. He later served as the Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) from January 2006 to May 2008, where he played a crucial role in the

implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. In his political assignment in UNMIS, as DSRSG (P) from February 2010 to December 2012, Jasbir significantly progressed the political CPA benchmarks, more importantly the UN support for the April 2010 Sudan Elections, protection of civilians, managing internal conflict in South Sudan and coordinating the UN system for the South Sudan Referendum in February 2011. Jasbir is actively involved with various UN offices and national and international security establishments, training institutes/academies and think tanks, as a mentor, adviser and speaker, on contemporary issues related to peace, security and development. LtGen Lidder brings his rich personal experiences as a Force Commander and DSRSG to this course and is also a mentor.

Marshall W. CONLEY, PhD is a international senior consultant and author of more than 150 publications, professional papers and reports. He has conducted a variety of training, contract work and projects for the Canadian Government (Foreign Affairs Canada, Department of Canadian Heritage, Canadian International Development Agency, Canadian Centre for Management Development), Canadian Commission for UNESCO, various UN organizations (UNSSC, UNDP, UNICEF, UNESCO, UN High Commission for Human Rights, UN High Commission for Refugees, International Labour Organization, and UNCTAD), the African Union, the Council of Europe, the German development organization GIZ, PATRIR POTI and the US Naval Post-Graduate School. Dr. Conley has administered and run projects in 57 countries, including 21 African countries. He is an expert in methods of conflict analysis, and post-conflict environments and in Collaborative, Problem-Based Learning for adult learners specifically in post-conflict environments and peace operations and is available as a mentor and expert trainer to this course.



Susanne J. BREZINA joined the Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR) in March 2015 to manage the cooperation programme of the ASPR and the Austrian Ministry of Defence, which includes the management of the ESDC Courses implemented over the ASPR. Previously, Susanne

worked and lived for 20 years in East Africa (Rwanda and Kenya) and has been employed with Caritas Austria, the ICRC, UNDP, MONUC and was a project manager for GIZ at the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) in Nairobi, Kenya. She has specialized in DDR and SSR, Post-Conflict Recovery and Peacebuilding as well as Training Programmes in her subject matter expertise. Susanne holds a master's degree from the University of Zurich, Switzerland has recently done a postgraduate programme at the Teachers College in Zurich for secondary school teaching. Susanne covers the modules on Humanitarian Assistance and Recovery in this course and is also a course mentor.





Amod GURUNG has thirty-seven years of progressive police service with in-depth strategic policy development, training and operational experience at the national and international levels. Last 17 years with Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO/UN) at the headquarters with extensive peacekeeping and peacebuilding experiences focusing on PKO/SPM mission planning, training, monitoring and evaluation experience. In the field missions, working with national and international stakeholders in all aspects of security sector reform with a special focus on reform/rebuilding of police institutions and other law enforcement institutions. Served as a Deputy Police Commissioner in UNAMSIL and Senior Police Adviser in Special Political Missions in Afghanistan, Somalia, and Yemen; and also served as Chief Technical Advisers for UNDP in several UNDP police and rule law projects. Also served as resource person for numerous OHCHR led technical assistance programs. National police experience includes Chief of Staff, Chief of training and development, Special Assistant to the Chief of Police and the District Police Commander. Academic credentials include Master's in Public Policy and International Studies from Columbia University, USA and numerous Police, security sector related professional training from various international and national institutions. Mr Gurung brings his expertise on the police perspective in CPOC to the course.



Dominik HORN, Col., works for the Austrian Ministry of Defence (MOD) in the Operation Command and Control Division as Head of the CIMIC and International Humanitarian Disaster Relief Section (CIMIC, CPP, UN, EU and NATO International Humanitarian Disaster Relief and Liaison Officers Management for the National Crisis Disaster Council). He is currently commissioned as Voluntary National contribution for Protection of Civilians (PoC) to the Women, Peace and Security and the Protection of Civilians Office of the Secretary General – NATO. His previous positions were Head of the Military Language Section, Head of the CIMIC Section in former MoD structures. Dominik Horn has participated in operations in Kosovo (KFOR) and Bosnia and Herzegovina (EUFOR ALTHEA) and attended the Ecole Militaire in Paris. Col. Horn lectures on the NATO approach to Protection of Civilians in this course.



Melita H. SUNJIC is a journalist by profession. She has worked for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for 25 years in various communications and management functions. During that time, she worked as spokesperson in all major crises, including the Balkans, Pakistan/Afghanistan, Iraq, Sudan, Angola, Georgia, South Sudan, Russia and the Middle East. Currently she has an agency consulting government on campaigns reaching out to refugees and migrants. Ms Sunjic covers the module on Protection of Refugees and IDPs on this course and brings her rich field experience from her long years with UNHCR.

As all the ESDC Courses organized by the ASPR, the course focuses on interactive learning and peer to peer exchange, thus it includes group work and a scenario exercise to practically use the newly acquired skills.

