

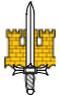


European Union and the Use of Military Force

Uncovering the Myths

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About the Project

- Research project on the discursive space of the EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) (forthcoming, Ashgate Publishing Ltd. 2016)
- European Union relationship to its use of military force
- More about **how** than **why**





Chapter 3: The CSDP in the Light of Myths

- The history of the European project in the light of five myths: Europe as a 'Project for Peace', a 'Third Force', a 'Civilian Power', a 'Normative Power' and 'Military Power'.
- EU: a particular sensitiveness in efforts to engage in military enforcement because of the pacific nature of the most compelling myths narrating its history and background.



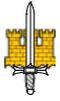


Chapter 4: Use of Military Force in CSDP

Key Policy Statements

- Focus: the development of EU key security policy statements from 1992 to 2015
- Mixed signals on the EU's military credibility
- An interplay between the enduring narratives of Europe and intrusive outside world (wars in Yugoslavia, the 9/11 strikes, economic crisis, Arab Spring...)

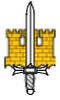




Chapter 5: Use of Military Force in CSDP Operations

- Focus on four CSDP operations (Artemis [2003], EUFOR Tchad/CAR [2007-2008], Atalanta [2008-2016]; EUFOR RCA [2014-2015])
- How incidences of physical violence have been portrayed by the EU
- Technocratic speaks on stabilisation and management



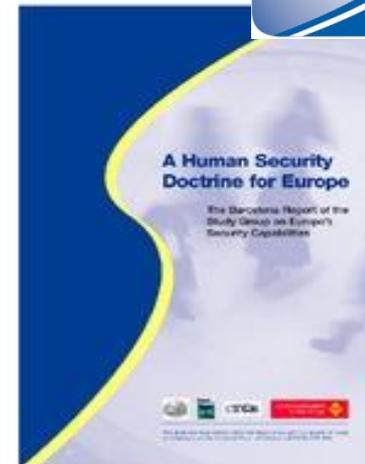


Chapter 6: Use of Military Force as It Appears in the Unofficial Debate on CSDP

- Focus on unofficial think-tank reports
- Enduring relevance of grand narratives. Yet also new, more explicit and alternative readings of the European Union as a military actor and user of military force.



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Conclusions: In Search of Credibility?

- 1.) Position of military credibility within CSDP discursive landscape is **unstable**
- 2.) Official 'threats' of CSDP: **no** clearly articulated subject or human agency
- 3.) CSDP as a **platform** on which the European Union talks about itself and defines itself





Thank you!



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