

# The Myth of the Democratic Peacekeeper

## Civil-Military Relations and the United Nations

### Lecture & Reception

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when: 11/7/2014 @ 4:00pm

where: 100a Jones Hall, Greenleaf Conference Room



Please join us for a lecture by Dr. Arturo Sotomayor, assistant professor at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). Sotomayor will present his newest book *The Myth of the Democratic Peacekeeper: Civil-Military Relations and the United Nations* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013).

*The Myth of the Democratic Peacekeeper* reevaluates how United Nations peacekeeping missions reform (or fail to reform) their participating members. It investigates how such missions affect military organizations and civil-military relations as countries transition to a more democratic system. Sotomayor's evaluation of Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay's involvement in the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti reinforces his final analysis - that successful democratic transitions must include a military organization open to change and a civilian leadership that exercises its oversight responsibilities.

Arturo Sotomayor is an assistant professor in the National Security Affairs Department at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), in Monterey, California. His areas of interest include civil-military relations in Latin America; UN Peacekeeping participation by South American countries; Latin American comparative foreign policy, and nuclear policy in Argentina, Brazil and Mexico. His publications have appeared in *Security Studies*, *International Peacekeeping*, *Journal of Latin American Politics and Society*, *Hemisphere*, *Nonproliferation Review* and other edited volumes. He is the author of *The Myth of the Democratic Peacekeeper: Civil-Military Relations and the United Nations* (Johns Hopkins Press, 2014) and co-editor of *Mexico's Security Failure* (Routledge, 2011). Before joining the NPS in 2009, Sotomayor taught at the Center for Economic Research and Teaching (CIDE) in Mexico City, and was a post-doctoral fellow in the Center for Inter-American Policy and Research (CIPR) at Tulane University. He received his M.A., M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees in political science from Columbia University and his B.A. degree in international relations from the Technological Autonomous Institute of Mexico (ITAM).

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