Call for papers

Afghanistan and After: Civil-Military Relations

The ERGOMAS working group on "Violence and the Military" announces a call for papers for a special issue of "Res Militaris"

Over 40 countries contributed troops to ISAF during its years of operation. With the drawdown of the force it is an apt time to look at the dynamics of participation by the various countries. This special issue will be devoted to case studies or comparative analyses of the ways in which civil-military relations have played out in this conflict. Among the issues to be dealt with are the kinds of formal and informal coalitions that allowed and limited participation, the mechanisms of control of the military as they played out during deployments and operations, the tensions between national contingents that emerged because of different "home" directives, the willingness of different publics to support the organized use of violence in a collective endeavor and public views on the utility of violence as a tool for obtaining worthwhile objectives in international missions.

If you are interested in participating please send in an abstract of about 300 words to Karl Yden (Karl.yden@gmail.com) and Eyal Ben-Ari (feba@netvision.net.il)

Once we have accepted proposals we will send out a timeline and detailed comments