

## **UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING AND THE RULE OF LAW**

UN peacekeeping operations are increasingly called upon to play a role in strengthening the rule of law. This Issues Paper examines the implications of the prevailing approach to UN peacekeeping and the rule of law. It traces the rising importance of the rule of law to the UN Security Council, explains how strengthening the rule of law came to be a peacekeeping task, and describes how the UN has operationalised the goal of strengthening the rule of law for application on peacekeeping frontlines. It then explores how the UN approach to peacekeeping and the rule of law might be improved.