

An examination *whose* security is at the forefront of the contemporary security agenda indicates that little of substance has changed. Global security is still dependent on the vagaries of power politics, on a militarized commitment to the use of force and on subordinating narratives of gender, race and sexuality hierarchies. The imperative of global security, even in its peacekeeping form, remains the coercive containment and silencing of the dissent produced by the inequitable world order. While some signs of a more liberating approach have accompanied the post-Cold War intensification of militarism, these are as yet embryonic and uncertain. We need a theory of peacekeeping that enables us to build on these shakey foundations towards a non-military calculus, a non-dominating discourse of global security and a liberating discourse of gender.

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