“Can a military ever really provide humanitarian assistance? Lessons learned and best practices in foreign disaster relief”

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Recent news events, from the Ebola crisis in West Africa to renewed displacement and conflict in Iraq and Syria have highlighted issues of military involvement in humanitarian responses. Changing U.S. national security priorities following 9/11, including updated Department of Defense doctrine, have led to U.S. military actors prioritizing humanitarian assistance as a central component of theater security cooperation arrangements. This talk will focus on lessons learned from DoD’s experiences in recent disaster responses within the broader context of how the U.S. government approaches foreign disaster relief.

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