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Building integrity: emergence of a norm of fighting corruption in defense sector

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This article studies the politics of fighting corruption, with particular attention to 'building integrity', which has emerged as a new concept in the field. NATO and its member states in particular, have since early 2000s have invested substantially in integrity mechanisms and practices in order to reduce the risk of corruption and to embed integrity principles in the defence establishments of the NATO itself, in member states and in partner countries. Applying the concept of 'building integrity', this article seeks to reveal how this policy has been pursued, while facing the reality of the persistence of the corruption. While influential studies point to existence of corruption, this article seeks to further the understanding of the fight against corruption with the assessment of the emergence and rise of the concept of 'building integrity' to a norm of defence policy. By applying a social constructivist perspective this article investigates whether and how 'building integrity' has functioned as a channel of diffusion of norms pertaining to fight against corruption within NATO and in its partner countries. The article suggests that 'building integrity' provided with an opportunity for norm diffusion in the field of fight against corruption within the defence establishments.

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