

The paper explores the ambiguities regarding Brazil's recent engagement in UN peace operations efforts. From a Postcolonial perspective, it is argued that Brazil attempts, on the one hand, to differentiate itself from the imperial interventionist imaginary by emphasizing its familiarity with former colonized countries' problems. On the other hand, it is discussed how this very discourse of similarity and solidarity locates Brazil in an authoritative position vis-à-vis hosting states. The paper problematizes Brazil's liminar condition (neither pure South, nor pure Global) in order to discuss the idea that Brazil is leading an alternative way of intervention, more sensitive to local particularities and oriented by a more complex (post-liberal?) understanding of development.