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The contemporary military missions are conducted in complex political and social contexts, where the area of operation is shared by armed forces with various civilian actors such as civilian organisations, local population and authorities. This has propelled NATO to introduce a military function of civil-military cooperation (CIMIC) understood as a cooperation and coordination, in support of the mission, between the NATO Commander and civilian actors. The members of the NATO CIMIC branch constitute an unusual group in the armed forces. They are an integral part of the military command and control structure and directly contribute to the military effort as “boots on the ground”. However, they are also in continuous contact with civilian actors, who often operate in a different way, having diverse goals and motivations. Thereby, in their everyday duties the members of the NATO CIMIC branch answer to two sets of role expectations, posed by the military and civilian reference groups, and face a potential role conflict.

Building on data obtained through the analysis of texts, interviews and observations, and using the theoretical framework of structural symbolic interactionism, this dissertation investigates role expectations in NATO CIMIC on structural and interactional level, and discusses the relation between role conflict and the effectiveness of the NATO CIMIC branch.