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We show that on a bounded pseudoconvex domain compactness of the $\bar{\partial}$ -Neumann operator on square integrable forms is equivalent to compactness of commutator operators (of the Bergman projection with functions continuous on $\bar{\Omega}$) on square integrable $\bar{\partial}$ -closed forms. We also show that compactness of a commutator operator percolates up in the $\bar{\partial}$ -complex on $\bar{\partial}$ -closed forms and square integrable holomorphic forms. (This is a joint work with Sönmez Şahutoğlu.) (Received September 03, 2012)