

## Faculti Summary

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This video describes a research project aimed at systematically studying the aftermath of United Nations peacekeeping operations, particularly focusing on the experiences of host states following the withdrawal of these operations. The project seeks to investigate the security, economic, and governance conditions in these states and to understand the impact of UN peacekeeping withdrawal on these factors.

The project has three primary aims:

1. To document the conditions in host states after UN peacekeeping withdrawal in the areas of security, governance, and economy.
2. To provide an analytical framework to explain the observed outcomes post-withdrawal.
3. To offer insights to practitioners within the UN and other stakeholders to improve exit strategies from peacekeeping missions.

The research employs various methodologies, including statistical analysis and case studies of specific countries, such as Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, and Haiti, to analyze indicators of peace and state building during three key periods: during deployment, the year of withdrawal, and ten years post-closure. Findings suggest that while UN peacekeeping generally improves conditions during deployment, withdrawal can lead to mixed outcomes—both positive and negative trends in different areas.

The project further identifies three factors influencing the outcomes after withdrawal:

1. Dependency of the host state on the peacekeeping operation.
2. Ability to substitute or mitigate the roles that the peacekeeping operation played.
3. The effectiveness of the transition process during withdrawal.

The case of East Timor is cited as an example where effective planning and gradual withdrawal allowed for the building of local capacity, ultimately resulting in sustained peace after UN withdrawal. This video concludes by highlighting the importance of sound transitional planning to manage vulnerabilities and maintain progress in post-conflict settings. The research emphasizes that understanding local dynamics can help engage constructively in the peacebuilding process.