

**Vulnerabilities of Post-conflict Countries:  
Post-conflict Situations Fueling Trafficking In Human Beings;  
Cases Kosovo and Nepal**

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## **ABSTRACT**

### **Research focus**

Starting from the observation of a rising sex market in post-conflict countries, an increase of transnational and domestic human trafficking in the aftermath of war regardless of international presence, and especially a literature gap regarding the issue, this thesis aims to find an answer as to how the increase of human trafficking can be explained in post-conflict societies.

### **Research methods**

This exploratory research is conducted mainly by a literature study on primary and secondary sources. It is qualitative in nature and includes the case studies of Kosovo and Nepal as to verify the theoretical framework.

### **Research findings**

The study has distinguished and structured the post-conflict factors fueling human trafficking and moreover has found an interrelationship between human trafficking and post-conflict societies, with both phenomena impacting on each other. It has examined the role of international and national anti-trafficking initiatives and has identified a number of gaps and obstacles in implementation.

### **Recommendations**

This thesis aimed for contributing to the body of knowledge around human trafficking, post-conflict societies and post-conflict reconstruction. It recommends to adopt a human rights approach in addition to a criminal justice approach in combating human trafficking and recommends to include anti-trafficking strategies in (inter)national post-conflict reconstruction attempts.

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