

## Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration of Ex-Combatants

### Description

Episode 101 examines the disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration (DDR) of ex-combatants.

Our guests begin by introducing the concept of DDR and discussing how the DDR process plays a role in preventing the recurrence of conflict. They then discuss some common challenges of implementing and monitoring DDR efforts, providing some real-world examples of ongoing and recent DDR efforts in Colombia, El Salvador, Mexico, and Niger. They also discuss roles for military organizations in DDR efforts before closing with policy implications of their research and field work.

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