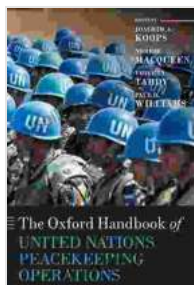


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The handbook traces the origins of UN peacekeeping to the aftermath of World War II, when the organization was established to prevent future conflicts and promote global cooperation. The early chapters explore the conceptual foundations of peacekeeping, its legal basis, and the evolving mandates and responsibilities of UN peacekeepers over the years.

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The handbook devotes significant attention to the challenges facing UN peacekeeping in the 21st century. These include the increasing complexity of conflicts, the rise of non-state armed groups, and the challenges of protecting civilians in highly volatile environments.

Furthermore, the handbook explores emerging trends in UN peacekeeping, such as the use of technology, the increasing involvement of regional organizations, and the growing emphasis on gender equality and the protection of women and girls.

Case Studies and Comparative Analysis

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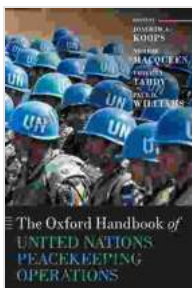
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The final section of the handbook offers policy recommendations and explores future directions for UN peacekeeping. The authors provide evidence-based insights for policymakers and practitioners, drawing on the lessons learned from past operations and emerging trends.

The handbook emphasizes the importance of a comprehensive approach to peacekeeping, with a focus on conflict prevention, early warning, and post-conflict peacebuilding. It also calls for strengthening the capacity of UN peacekeepers and equipping them with the necessary resources and training to effectively carry out their mandates.

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