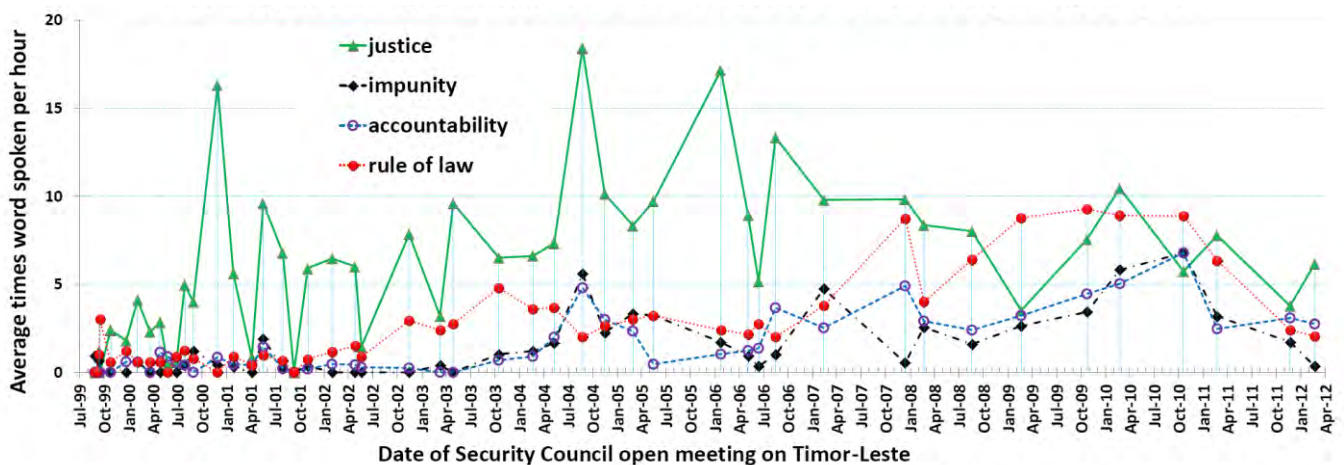




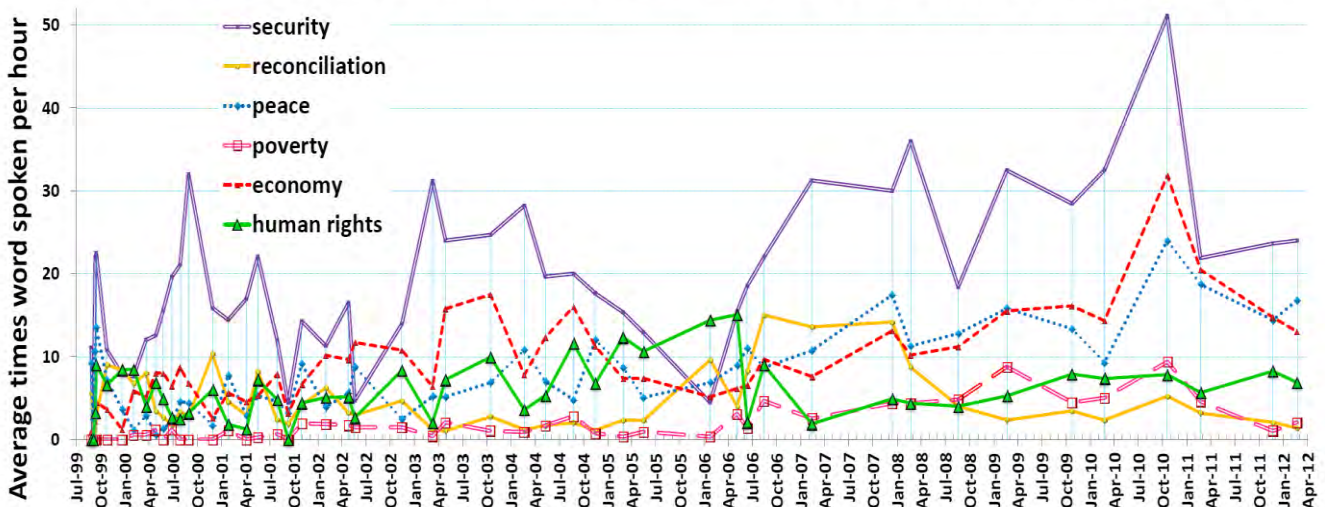
## Security Council Debates on Timor-Leste: 1999-2012

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After neglecting Timor-Leste for 23 years, the United Nations Security Council has held 48 substantive open debates on this country since August 1999, totaling more than 135 hours. You can follow the Council Members' interests by counting how often they use particular words and phrases. For example, "impunity" was mentioned every ten minutes during debates in 2010, but only once in the three-hour debate last February. Similarly, "rule of law" and "accountability" have received less attention recently, although much more than they received during UNAMET and UNTAET.



La'o Hamutuk has often urged the United Nations to give more attention to human security (health, education, and socio-economic justice) and less to the security sector of military and police, since 25 times as many Timorese children die avoidable deaths from illness and malnutrition as people of all ages are killed by violence. Although the Council paid more attention to poverty and economic issues in 2010, since then their focus has shifted. We hope that the final meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November will give more thought to how the international community can help Timor-Leste's people achieve sustainable, inclusive development.



For more information, including analysis, UN documents and La'o Hamutuk's many letters to the United Nations, see <http://www.laohamutuk.org/reports/UN/06UNMITcreation.html>.