The legal norms of international humanitarian law (IHL) are the product of a compromise between humanitarian considerations and the demands of military necessity. In *Searching for a 'Principle of Humanity' in International Humanitarian Law*, international legal scholars consider whether humanitarian considerations have an independent legal impact on IHL beyond the formation of these norms. They ask whether a 'principle of humanity' can be said to have legal force in its own right. Moreover, the book investigates whether regional or national differences are emerging regarding the import and emphasis placed on humanitarian considerations. For instance, do states which are not directly affected by armed conflict attach a greater weight to humanitarian considerations when interpreting and applying IHL than those states which are more directly involved in armed conflicts? Specifically, this book examines whether a particular 'Nordic perspective' can be identified, owing to those states' unique perspective on international conflicts since the Second World War.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AP Additional Protocol
CCW Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons
CRC Convention on the Rights of the Child
CRC-OPAC Optional Protocol to the CRC on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict
CWC Convention on the Prohibitions of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons
DPH direct participation in hostilities
DRC Democratic Republic of the Congo
ECHR European Convention on Human Rights
ECtHR European Court of Human Rights
GC Geneva Convention
HRC Human Rights Committee
HRL human rights law
IAC international armed conflict
ICC International Criminal Court
ICCPR International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICERD International Covenant on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
ICESCR International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICJ International Court of Justice
ICRC International Committee of the Red Cross
ICTY International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
IHL international humanitarian law
IHRL international human rights law
ILC International Law Commission
ISAF International Security Assistance Force
LOAC law of armed conflict
MRM monitoring and reporting mechanism
NIAC non-international armed conflict
OHCHR Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
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<td>Operation Unified Protector</td>
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