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Against this background, the present (second) volume of the book series considers, from extra-legal perspectives, how responsibility can and perhaps should be distributed among multiple wrongdoing actors.



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Given that international law often provides no clear direction for such distribution, it engages in a fundamental enquiry into the normative bases and justifications for apportionment of responsibilities that could support an articulation of critique of current international law, and provide a basis for reform.

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On the basis of the material in these first three volumes, a separate volume will consolidate the insights on the state of the law, and the possibilities for further development, into a new theory for shared responsibility in international law.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

ACIL Amsterdam Center for International Law

AER American Economic Review

AJARE Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics

AJIL American Journal of International Law AJP Australasian Journal of Philosophy

ANYAS Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences

APSR American Political Science Review APQ American Philosophical Quarterly

AREE Annual Review of Energy and the Environment

ARIO Articles on the Responsibility of International Organizations
ARSIWA Articles on Responsibility of States for Internationally

Wrongful Acts

ASIL American Society of International Law

ASILP American Society of International Law Proceedings

Atmos Chem Phys Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics
Berk JIL Berkeley Journal of International Law

BGS British Geological Survey

BJPS British Journal of Political Science

BoP burdens of proof

BRICs major developing economies of Brazil, Russia, India,

and China

Brook JIL Brooklyn Journal of International Law
BYIL British Yearbook of International Law

Cal LR California Law Review

CBDR common but differentiated responsibility

CDM Clean Development Mechanism

CERCLA Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and

Liability Act

CESCR Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Chic JIL Chicago Journal of International Law

CJICL Cambridge Journal of International and Comparative Law

CJP Canadian Journal of Philosophy

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CLF Criminal Law Forum
CLP Current Legal Problems

CmtEDAW Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination

Against Women

CO<sub>2</sub> carbon dioxide

Col JEL Columbia Journal of Environmental Law

COP Conference of the Parties

CP Climate Policy

CRISPP Critical Review of International Social and Political

Philosophy

CS Current Science
DD Development Dialogue
DES diethylstilbestrol
DF Disarmament Forum
DLJ Duke Law Journal

DRC Democratic Republic of the Congo

EC European Communities

ECtHR European Court of Human Rights
EIA Ethics & International Affairs

EJBEOS Electronic Journal of Business Ethics and Organization

Studies

EJIL European Journal of International Law
EJIR European Journal of International Relations
EJLE European Journal of Law and Economics

EP Energy Policy
ET Economic Theory
EU European Union

EU ETS EU's Emissions Trading System

FA Foreign Affairs

Frontex Frontières extérieures – European Agency for the

Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union

FRY Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

GATT General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade Geo JIL Georgetown Journal of International Law

GFC Global Financial Crisis
GHG greenhouse gas
GLJ German Law Journal

Glob Gov Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and

International Organizations

GNI gross national income

GoJIL Goettingen Journal of International Law



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GP Global Policy

GR2P Global Responsibility to Protect

Grif LR Griffith Law Review
GS Global Society

GWP global warming potentials

Harv ELR Harvard Environmental Law Review
Harv ILJ Harvard International Law Journal
Harv ILIO Harvard International Law Journal Online

Harv LR Harvard Law Review
HHR Health and Human Rights
HRC Human Rights Committee
HRQ Human Rights Quarterly
Hydrogeo J Hydrogeology Journal
IA International Affairs

IACtHR Inter-American Court of Human Rights

ICC International Criminal Court

ICCPR International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural

Rights

ICISS International Commission on Intervention and State

Sovereignty

ICJ International Court of Justice

ICLQ International & Comparative Law Quarterly

ICLR International Criminal Law Review
ICRC International Committee of the Red Cross

ICSID International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes ICTY International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia IEA International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and

**Economics** 

ILC International Law Commission
ILDC International Law in Domestic Courts

ILMInternational Legal MaterialsIll LRUniversity of Illinois Law ReviewIMFInternational Monetary FundInd J DermatIndian Journal of Dermatology

Indiana JGLS Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies

IO International Organization

IOLR International Organizations Law Review

Iowa LR Iowa Law Review

IPCC Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

IR International Relations

IRRC International Review of the Red Cross



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IS International Security
ISI International Studies Journal

Isr LR Israel Law Review
IT International Theory

ITLOS International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
IUPJGPP The IUP Journal of Governance and Public Policy

JE The Journal of Ethics: An International Philosophical Review

JEEA Journal of the European Economic Association

JEEM Journal of Environmental Economics and Management

JICJJournal of International Criminal JusticeJIEJournal of International EconomicsJISJournal of Intervention and Statebuilding

JLE Journal of Law and Economics

JLEO Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization

JLS Journal of Legal Studies
JP The Journal of Philosophy
JPE joint public enterprise
JPP Journal of Political Philosophy
JRR Journal of Risk Research
JSL joint and several liability
JSP Journal of Social Philosophy

JTLP Journal of Transnational Law & Policy
LIBOR London Interbank Offered Rate
LJIL Leiden Journal of International Law

LOSC United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

LP Law & Policy
LT Legal Theory

MJIS

MATCH ad hoc group for the modelling and assessment of

contributions to climate change

Millennium: Journal of International Studies

MIJIL Michigan Journal of International Law
Minn JIL Minnesota Journal of International Law
MINUSTAH United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti
MIT Massachusetts Institute of Technology

MNCs multinational corporations

MoUs Memoranda of Understanding

MSP Midwest Studies in Philosophy

NAFTA North American Free Trade Agreement NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NCC Nature Climate Change

NGOs Non-governmental organisations
Nord JIL Nordic Journal of International Law



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**NRCC** Nature Reports Climate Change

**NSAs** non-state actors

**NWCR** Naval War College Review

New York University Journal of International Law and NYUJILP

**Politics** 

**ODSs** ozone-depleting substances

**OIEU** Official Journal of the European Union Oxford Journal of Legal Studies OILS **OREP** Oxford Review of Economic Policy

Public Affairs Quarterly PAQ PB Political Behavior

PBA Proceedings of the British Academy

PΠ prisoners' dilemma

Penn LR University of Pennsylvania Law Review

Pepp LR Pepperdine Law Review

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the **PNAS** 

> United States of America Philosophical Papers

pр PPA Philosophy & Public Affairs

parts per million ppm

PPR Philosophy and Phenomenological Research

PS Political Studies PT Political Theory

PTA Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A

The Quarterly Journal of Economics **OIE** 

R<sub>2</sub>P responsibility to protect RAND IE RAND Journal of Economics

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La Haye

RECIEL Review of European Community and International

Environmental Law

REE Resource and Energy Economics

REDD Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest

Degradation

RIAA United Nations Reports of International Arbitral Awards

RIS Review of International Studies RtoP responsibility to protect SDC Sovereign Debt Crisis

SEP Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy **SHARES** Shared Responsibility in International Law

Social Research SR SSC social cost of carbon xxiii



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Stan ELJ Stanford Environmental Law Journal
Stan JIL Stanford Journal of International Law

Stan LR Stanford Law Review
SUV sport utility vehicle
TD Theory and Decision
TWQ The Washington Quarterly

UK United Kingdom UN United Nations

UNDP United Nations Development Programme

UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organization

UNFCCC United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

UNGA United Nations General Assembly

UNGAOR United Nations General Assembly Official Records

UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund

UNODC United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime

UNTS United Nations Treaty Series

US United States
USD United States dollar
Utr LR Utrecht Law Review

VRS Vojska Republike Srpske [Bosnian Serb Army]

Wash LR Washington University Law Review WILJ Wisconsin International Law Journal

WMLR William & Mary Law Review
WTO World Trade Organization
WTR World Trade Review

YIIL Yale Journal of International Law

YLJ Yale Law Journal