

State Food Crimes

Some states deny their own citizens one of the most fundamental human rights, the right to food. Rhoda E. Howard-Hassmann, a leading scholar of human rights, discusses state food crimes, demonstrating how governments have introduced policies that cause malnutrition or starvation among their citizens and others for whom they are responsible. This book introduces the right to food and discusses historical cases (communist famines in Ukraine, China, and Cambodia, and neglect of starvation by democratic states in Ireland, Germany, and Canada). It then moves to detailed discussion of four contemporary cases: starvation in North Korea and malnutrition in Zimbabwe, Venezuela, and the West Bank and Gaza. These cases are then used to analyze international human rights law, sanctions and food aid, and civil and political rights as they pertain to the right to food. The book concludes by considering the need for a new international treaty on the right to food.

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beloved colleague, friend, and “older brother”

who survived the hunger winter of 1944–45

and much more

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