

WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN ARMED CONFLICT UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW

Laws and norms that focus on women's lives in conflict have proliferated across the regimes of international humanitarian law, international criminal law, international human rights law and the United Nations Security Council. While separate institutions, with differing powers of monitoring and enforcement, implement these laws and norms, the activities of regimes overlap. *Women's Rights in Armed Conflict under International Law* is the first book to account for this pluralism and institutional diversity. This book identifies key aspects of how different regimes regulate women's rights in conflict, and how they interact. Using country case studies to reveal the practical implications of the fragmented protection of women's rights in conflict, this book offers a dynamic account of how regimes and institutions interact, the extent to which they reinforce each other, and the tensions and gaps in regulation that emerge.

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CAT	Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
CED	Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CERD	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child
CRSV	Conflict-Related Sexual Violence
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
HRC	Human Rights Committee
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICL	International Criminal Law
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
ICTR	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
IHL	International Humanitarian Law
IHRL	International Human Rights Law
ILC	International Law Commission
MARA	Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Arrangements
MRM	Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation

NIAC	Non-International Armed Conflict
NSAG	Non-State Armed Group
OTP	Office of the Prosecutor
SRSG	Special Representative of the Secretary-General
SVAC	Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict
UN	United Nations
UNOHCHR	United Nations Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
UNSG	United Nations Secretary-General
WPS	Women, Peace and Security
WRAC	Women's Rights in Armed Conflict

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