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There are various situations in which multiple states or international organizations are bound to an international obligation in the context of cooperative activities and the pursuit of common goals. This practical phenomenon of sharing international obligations raises questions regarding the performance of obligations (who is bound to do what) and international responsibility in case of a breach (who can be held responsible for what). This book puts forward a concept of shared obligations that captures this practical phenomenon and enables scholars and practitioners to tackle these questions. In doing so, it engages in positive law-based categorization and systematization, building on existing categorizations of obligations and putting forward new typologies of shared obligations. Ultimately, it is contended that the sharing of obligations has relevant legal implications: it can influence the content and performance of obligations as well as the responsibility relations that arise in case of a breach.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific
AJIL	American Journal of International Law
ARIO	Articles on the Responsibility of International Organizations
ASR	Articles on State Responsibility
CAT	Convention against Torture
CJEU	Court of Justice of the European Union
CPA	Coalition Provisional Authority
DCFR	Draft Common Frame of Reference
EC	European Community
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
ECU	European Currency Unit
EEZ	exclusive economic zone
EJIL	European Journal of International Law
EU	European Union
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
HRC	Human Rights Committee
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICJ	International Court of Justice
IGC	Intergovernmental Commission
ILC	International Law Commission
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IOM	InterOceanmetal Joint Organization
ITLOS	International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
NPT	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty
PECL	Principles of European Contract Law
PETL	Principles of European Tort Law
PICC	Principles of International Commercial Contracts
PNG	Papua New Guinea
RMI	Republic of the Marshall Islands
SAR	search and rescue

SR	Special Rapporteur
TFEU	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
UN	United Nations
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
VCDR	Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations
VCLT	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties
WTO	World Trade Organization