As Israel's control of the Occupied Palestinian Territory nears its fiftieth anniversary, *The Writing on the Wall* offers a critical perspective on the international law of occupation. Advocating a normative and functional approach to occupation and to the question of when it exists, it analyzes the application of humanitarian and human rights law, pointing to the risk of using the law of occupation in its current version to legitimize new variations of conquest and colonialism. The book points to the need for reconsidering the law of occupation in light of changing forms of control, such as those evident in Gaza. Although the Israeli occupation is a main focal point, the book broadens its compass to look at other cases, such as Iraq, Northern Cyprus, and Western Sahara, highlighting the role that international law plays in all of these cases.

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AMA   Agreement on Movement and Access (Gaza)
AP1   Additional Protocol 1 of June 8, 1977, to the Geneva Conventions
CPA   Coalition Provisional Authority (Iraq)
DRC   Democratic Republic of Congo
ECHR  European Convention of Human Rights 1950
ECtHR European Court of Human Rights
EECC  Ethiopia–Eritrea Claims Commission
GCIV  Fourth Geneva Convention (Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War) 1949
HCJ   High Court of Justice (Israel)
ICCPR International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1966
ICJ   International Court of Justice
ICRC  International Committee of the Red Cross
ICTY  International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
IHL   International Humanitarian Law
IHRIL International Human Rights law
NKR   Nagorno-Karabakh Republic
OPT   Occupied Palestinian Territory
PA    Palestinian Authority
TRNC  Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus
UNSC  United Nations Security Council