Space Security Law

Against the variegated background of bewilderment and cautious optimism that space transportation offers, this book begins with an expose on international politics, the principles of which, bear upon space transportation, as well as the closeness of air space and outer space, and activities that straddle both frontiers at the same time. It discusses current issues and possibilities of communications and transportation in outer space, as well as the liabilities and accountability of the key players of space exploration.

Features

- Security in space exploration and space transportation is becoming increasingly relevant
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International Law and Humanitarian Assistance

A Crosscut Through Legal Issues Pertaining To Humanitarianism

It is becoming increasingly apparent that there are major gaps in International Humanitarian Law and Public International Law in the area of humanitarian assistance. In response international organizations such as the UN and the EU are developing their own legal frameworks for humanitarian assistance and the body of customary law and so-called international disaster response law is growing steadily. This however shows that a coherent body of law is far from being a given. The legal reality of international law pertaining to emergency response is rather broadly spread over various international legal fields and related documents, covering situations of armed conflict and natural disasters. This book is one of the first attempts of linking different legal areas in the growing field of what could be called the international law of humanitarian assistance.

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Environmental Security in South-Eastern Europe

International Agreements and Their Implementation

Proceedings of the NATO Advanced Research Workshop on International Regulation Implementation for Environmental Security in South Eastern Europe, Venice, Italy, 3-4 December 2009

Authoried by international experts from academia, international organizations, governments and NGOs, this book highlights the main environmental security issues in the South-East European (SEE) countries, with a particular focus on climate change and water management. The common goal of the authors was to provide a valuable evaluation of whether existing legal regimes and correct implementation of applicable international treaties may contribute to reducing environmental security risks in the region. In-depth analyses and assessment of major challenges in compliance, serve as a firm ground which such evaluation is based on.

Features

- This volume sheds a light on environmental security issues in the South Eastern Europe (SEE) countries
- Provides a detailed analysis on the implementation of international environmental treaties in the SEE countries
- Focuses on several key issues, such as climate change, water protection and management and EIA

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The legal consequence of the superior orders defense has long been debated as one of the major problems in international criminal law. Several controversial issues such as the immunity of the state, absolute character of military discipline, and immunity on the grounds of mistake of law and/or coercion have been complicatedly interwoven in the debates. The Execution of Illegal Orders and International Criminal Responsibility provides a complete picture of the relevant debates at the international level up to the present, analyzes the conflicting views, and indicates the significance of the development of international rules on the superior orders defense as well as the implication of the fact that issues concerning some detailed or related rules have been left unsolved. This study is expected to present a new standpoint not only for dealing with the problem of the superior orders defense but also for reconsidering the international stipulation of rulemaking with regard to criminal matters.

Features

- Complete picture of the relevant debates on the superior orders defense up to the present
- Analysis of legal/theoretical significance of detailed rules on the superior orders defense
- Proposal regarding international rule making in criminal matters (emphasis on diversity rather than strict unification)

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