



International Criminal Law Framework for Accountability in African War Crimes: A South African Perspective

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Abstract

International Criminal Law (ICL) has emerged as a critical tool for addressing war crimes in Africa, with South Africa serving as a notable case study due to its legal framework and historical context. The analysis draws upon existing case law, scholarly literature, and comparative studies to elucidate the mechanisms of accountability under ICL for war crimes in an African context. The theoretical framework underscores the importance of harmonizing ICL principles with national legal systems to ensure effective accountability for war crimes in African settings. This study recommends enhanced collaboration between domestic courts and international tribunals, as well as the strengthening of legislation related to war crimes in South Africa's legal framework.

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