



War Crimes in Africa Through International Criminal Law Lenses: A Scholarly Review of "International Criminal Law and Accountability for War Crimes in Africa

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Abstract

International Criminal Law (ICL) has increasingly been applied to hold individuals accountable for war crimes in Africa, reflecting a growing commitment to justice and accountability. The analysis is based on an examination of case studies, legal texts, and scholarly articles to evaluate how ICL has been used to address war crimes in African contexts. A key theme identified was the challenge of enforcing ICL judgments due to political instability and lack of judicial independence in some African countries. The book highlights both the potential and limitations of using ICL for accountability, suggesting areas where further legal reforms are needed. Further research is recommended to explore how ICL can be more effectively implemented across diverse African jurisdictions with varying levels of state capacity.

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