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Based on ten case studies on UN and EU sanctions policy, UN and NATO peacekeeping and World Bank and IMF lending, this book examines human rights violations which arise from actions of international organizations (IOs) rather than those of states. The book shows that IOs develop institutional provisions to make sure that their policies do not violate human rights. It further explains why and how powerful IOs have introduced human rights protection provisions and analyses their features, including differences in design and quality. This book provides evidence of a novel legitimization strategy authoritative IOs draw on that has, as yet, never been systematically studied.

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