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Foreword

Whenever essays based on papers delivered at a conference are published, there is a risk that they do not wear well with the inevitable passage of years or the different medium of their presentation. This is very definitely not the case with this excellent publication. The University of Nottingham offered to host the 2012 Spring Conference of the International Law Association's British Branch with the challenging theme of the inter-relationship between international law and 'security' in its latest and most diverse expression. The theme was explored by some outstanding speakers, generating lively and relevant discussion. It would have been disappointing if these had not found some more permanent record. This book amply fulfils that need.

The editors were closely involved in Nottingham's successful Conference, and have expertly brought these essays together to constitute an important body of work on one of the most troubling aspects of current affairs—both international and domestic. The basic dilemma between appraisal of actions by governments and international bodies to address—'defeat' is so often the phrase used—terrorism and insecurity in the light of established international law, and trying to fit international law into the ways in which states have responded to real or perceived threats to international peace and security, comes out starkly from these essays. International law's efficacy as a regime whereby states consent to constrain their actions has rarely, if ever, been under greater strain.

All those with relevant responsibility should read these essays, and consider whether the measures so far adopted (and often re-cycled) will lead to a safer world for its citizens, or merely serve the interests of increasing chaos. There is much too for scholars of international law and of international relations to ponder in this important work.

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Preface

Of the many challenges that society faces today, possibly none is more acute than the security of ordinary citizens when faced with a variety of natural or man-made disasters arising from climate and geological catastrophes, including the depletion of natural resources, environmental degradation, food shortages, terrorism, breaches of personal security and human security, or even the global economic crisis. States too continue to be faced with a range of security issues arising from contested territorial spaces, military and maritime security and security threats relating to energy, infrastructure and the delivery of essential services. The theme of the book encompasses issues of human, political, military, socio-economic, environmental and energy security and raises two main questions. To what extent can international law address the types of natural and manmade security risks and challenges that threaten our livelihood, or very existence, in the twenty-first century? Where does international law fall short in meeting the problems that arise in different situations of insecurity and how should such shortcomings be addressed?

This collection of essays, which arose out of the ILA British Branch Annual Spring Conference, held in Nottingham in April 2012, examines the concept of security in international law—how international law shapes security and how security shapes international law. The different aspects of this relationship will be outlined in the Introduction to the book, and aspects will be considered in each chapter. Different facets of security are considered in Part I, including how different international legal regimes such as international environmental law and international criminal justice intersect with what has been traditionally viewed as a concept or value protected by collective security law. Part II analyses in detail more specific threats and considers how both general international law and applicable specific regimes have responded.

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Abbreviations

ACAP	Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels
ACDA	US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
AFISMA	African-led International Support Mission to Mali
AMIS	African Union Mission in Sudan
AOR	Area of Responsibility
AP	Additional Protocol
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASOC	Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition
ASP	Assembly of States Parties
AT	Arctic Treaty
ATCM	Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings
ATCP	Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties
ATS	Antarctic Treaty System
AU	African Union
BASIC	Brazil, South Africa, India and China
BG	Board of Governors
BIMCO	Baltic and International Maritime Council
BIT	Bilateral Investment Treaty
BMP	Best Management Practices
BRIC	Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
CAR	Central African Republic
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CAT	Convention Against Torture
CBDR	Common But Differentiated Responsibilities
CCAMLR	Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources 1980
CCDCOE	Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism
CDS	Catch Documentation Scheme
СоЕ	Council of Europe

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COMNAP	Council of Managers of Antarctic Programs
COP	Conference of the Parties
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child
CSA	Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement
CTBT	Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty
CWC	Chemical Weapons Convention
DDOS	Distributed Denial of Service
DoD	Department of Defence
DPRK	North Korea (Democratic People's Republic of Korea)
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
EC	European Community
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
ECJ	European Court of Justice
ECOWAS	Economic Community of Western African States
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
ENDC	Eighteen-Nation Committee for Disarmament
ESF	ECOWAS Standby Force
EU	European Union
FCN	Friendship Commerce and Navigation
FRY	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
G77	Group of 77
GA	General Assembly
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GCHQ	UK Government Communications Headquarters
HRC	Human Rights Committee
HRLC	Human Rights Law Centre
IAATO	International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICISS	International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty

ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICRW	International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling
ICS	International Chamber of Shipping
ICTR	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY	International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia
IDP	Internally displaced persons
IFOR/SFOR	NATO-led Stabilisation Force in Bosnia and Herzegovina
IHL	International Humanitarian Law
IHRL	International Human Rights Law
ILA	International Law Association
ILC	International Law Commission
IMB	International Maritime Bureau of the International Chamber of Commerce
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organisation
INFCIRC	Information Circular
INTERCARGO	International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners
INTERTANKO	International Association of Independent Tanker Owners
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IPCC	Independent Police Complaints Commission
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978
MINUSCA	UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic
MINUSMA	UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission
MONUC	UN Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo
MONUSCO	UN Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
MoU	Memoranda of Understanding
MPS	Metropolitan Police Service
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NNWS	Non-Nuclear Weapon States

NPM	Non Precluded Measures
NPT	Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty
NSA	National Security Agency
NTC	National Transitional Council
NWS	Nuclear-Weapon States
OAS	Organisation of American States
OHCHR	Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
OPEC	Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
OSCE	Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe
PCASP	privately contracted armed security personnel
POW	Prisoner of War
PrepComs	Preparatory Committees
REEEP	Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership
REIO	Regional Economic Integration Organisations
RMA	Revolution in Military Affairs
RtP	Responsibility to Protect
SAR	Search and Rescue
SC	Security Council
SCAR	Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research
SCSL	Special Court of Sierra Leone
SEA	Single European Act
SOLAS	International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974
SUA	Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation
TBS	Ticking Bomb Scenario
UAV	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNAMID	African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur
UNC	UN Charter
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	UN Environment Programme
UNESCO	UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation

UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNIDIR	UN Institute for Disarmament Research
UNMIL	UN Mission in Liberia
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
UNSG	United Nations Secretary General
UNTS	United Nations Treaty Series
UNU-CRIS	United Nations University—Comparative Regional Integration Studies
US	United States
USA	United States of America
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
UTA	Union de Transport Aeriens
VCLT	Vienna Convention of the Law of Treaties
WFP	World Food Program
WHO	World Health Organisation
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction
WTO	World Trade Organisation
WWII	World War II

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