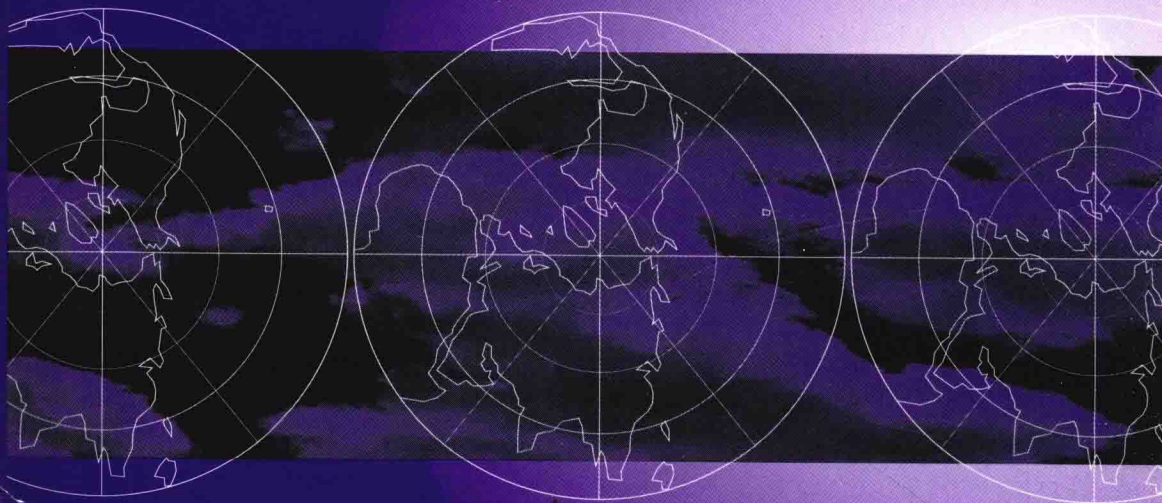


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Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are playing an increasing political role on the international scene, and their position in relation to international law is generally regarded as important but informal. Their actual legal status has not been the subject of much investigation. This book examines the legal status of NGOs in different fields of international law, with emphasis on human rights law. By means of a thorough examination and systematisation of international legal rules and practices, Anna-Karin Lindblom explores the rights, obligations, *locus standi* and consultative status of NGOs. This investigation is placed within a wider discussion on the representation of groups in the international legal system. Lindblom argues, on the basis of a discourse model of international decision-making, that non-governmental organisation is an important form of public participation that can strengthen the flawed legitimacy of the state-centric system of international law.

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Abbreviations

ACHPR	African Commission for Human and Peoples' Rights
ACISMOM	Association of Italian Knights of the Order of Malta
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AFN	Assembly of First Nations (Canada)
AIRE	Advice on Individual Rights in Europe (Centre, UK)
AJIL	American Journal of International Law
AP	Additional Protocol (Geneva Convention)
APRODEH	Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos (Colombia)
APW	Agreements for the Performance of Work (WHO)
ARIS	Anti Racism Information Service (CERD)
ASIL	American Society of International Law
ASOPAZCO	Association for Peace in the Continents (Cuba)
AU	African Union
BYIL	British Yearbook of International Law
CAPECE	Petroleum Environment Capacity Enhancement (Cameroon)
CAT	Convention against Torture
CBO	Community-based organisation
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination
CEDHU	Comisión Ecuménica de Derechos Humanos (Chile)
CEJIL	Center for Justice and International Law
CERD	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
CFI	Court of First Instance
CICC	NGO Coalition for an International Criminal Court
CIDI	Inter-American Council for Integral Development

CIEL	Center for International Environmental Law
CLO	Civil Liberties Organisation
CMC	Center for Marine Conservation
CMPDH	Comisión Mexicana para la Defensa y Promoción de Derechos Humanos
CODESRIA	Council for the Development of Economic and Social Research in Africa
CoE	Council of Europe
CONECCS	Consultation, the European Commission and Civil Society
CONGO	Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations
COP	Conference of the Parties
CoR	Committee of the Regions (EU)
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child
CSD	Commission on Sustainable Development (ECOSOC)
CSO	Civil society organisation
D&R	Decisions and Reports of the European Commission of Human Rights
DRC	Documentation and Advisory Centre on Racial Discrimination (Denmark)
DSB	Dispute Settlement Body
DSU	Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (1994), Annex 2, Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (Dispute Settlement Understanding)
EC	European Community
ECHO	Humanitarian Office of the European Commission
ECHR	European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
ECJ	European Court of Justice
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council
ECCOSOC	Economic, Social and Cultural Council (AU)
EEC	European Economic Community
EFL	Environmental Foundation Ltd
EJIL	European Journal of International Law
EP	European Parliament
EPIL	Encyclopedia of Public International Law
ESC	Economic and Social Committee (EC)

ETS	European Treaty Series
EU	European Union
Europol	European Police Office
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FASM	Association of Muslim Students (Denmark)
FCCC	Framework Convention on Climate Change
FEDEPAZ	Fundación Ecuánica para el Desarrollo y la Paz (Peru)
FIDH	International Federation of Human Rights
FIELD	Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development
GA	General Assembly (UN)
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GC	Geneva Convention
GDP	Gross domestic product
GONGO	Government-organised non-governmental organisation
HRC	Human Rights Committee
HRIC	Human Rights in China
HRLJ	Human Rights Law Journal
HRQ	Human Rights Quarterly
HUDOC	Database of the case-law of the supervisory organs of the European Convention on Human Rights
IADB	Inter-American Development Bank
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank)
ICBL	International Campaign to Ban Landmines
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICLQ	International and Comparative Law Quarterly
ICPD	International Conference of Population and Development
ICRC	International Committee for the Red Cross
ICRC	International Convention on the Rights of the Child
ICTR	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY	International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
IDA	International Development Association

IFI	International financial institution
IFTU	International Federation of Trade Unions
IGO	Intergovernmental organisation
IL-IR	International law-international relations
ILO	International Labor Organization
ILP	International legal process
ILR	International Law Reports
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INGO	International non-governmental organisation
INTGLIM	International Task Group on Legal and Institutional Matters (UN)
IPR	Intellectual property rights
IRA	Irish Republican Army
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
JCIDP	Jamuna Char Integrated Development Project
JCWI	Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (UK)
JPAC	Joint Public Advisory Committee (NAAEC)
LOA	Letter of Agreement (FAO)
MAP	Mangrove Action Project
MIND	The National Association for Mental Health (UK)
MNE	Multinational organisation
MOU	Memorandum(a) of Understanding
NAAEC	North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NCAI	National Congress of American Indians
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
OAS	Organization of American States
OAU	Organization of African Unity
ODA	Official development assistance
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OMCT	World Organisation against Torture
OP	Optional Protocol
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

OSICAN	Organization of Indigenous Syndics of the Nicaraguan Caribbean
PCIJ	Permanent Court of International Justice
PEN	Philippine Ecological Network *
PLO	Palestine Liberation Organization
POEM	Umbrella Organization for the Ethnic Minorities (Denmark)
PrepCom	Preparatory Committee
QCEA	Quaker Council for European Affairs
QUANGO	Quasi-non-governmental organisation
RECIEL	Review of European Community and International Environmental Law
RENACE	Red Nacional de Acción Ecológica
SWANUF	South-West Africa National United Front
SWAPO	South-West Africa People's Organization
TIAS	US Treaties and Other International Agreements
TNC	Transnational corporation
TRP	Transnational Radical Party (Chechnya)
TUC	Trades Union Congress (UK)
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UEAPME	Union Européene de l'Artisanat et de Petites et Moyennes Entreprises
UN	United Nations
UNAMIR	United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda
UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio Conference)
UNCITRAL	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNDEP	United Nations Development Program
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
VCLT 1969	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (1969)
VCLT 1986	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations
WFP	World Food Programme

WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature
YILC	Yearbook of the International Law Commission

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