Overview

Pillar three of the Responsibility to Protect (RtoP) focuses on the international community's responsibility to take 'timely and decisive action' to prevent and halt genocide, ethnic cleansing, war crimes, and crimes against humanity in those instances where a state is unable or unwilling to protect its own populations. A range of tools have been devised to aid in this 'timely and decisive action': economic sanctions, international criminal trials, and, most controversially, the use of force. The recent crises that have erupted in places such as Libya, Syria, and the Central African Republic highlight the continued relevance of the RtoP debate, but it also gives rise to the need to better understand the processes, opportunities and risks involved in moving from the RtoP as a norm to its operationalization under the third pillar. This book analyses the timeliness, legitimacy, proportionality, and effectiveness of pillar three responses through a series of chapters looking at international law, economic sanctions, military intervention, and alternative actions.

Review

"As the world confronts an upsurge of atrocity crimes in the Middle East and sub-Saharan Africa, there is an acute need for fresh thinking about 'timely and decisive responses to these crises' - the third pillar of R2P. With sharp analysis covering a wide range of global perspectives, a keen sense of the difficult politics involved in protecting populations from atrocity crimes, and deep understanding of the range of relevant measures and actors, this book provides a clear-eyed assessment of the theory, practice and politics of R2P's 'third pillar'. Comprising rigorous empirical analysis and conceptual innovation, this is a book that will be welcomed by those who practice protection as well as those that study it."

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