

# Non-State Actors and the Evolution of Customary Law: Exploring "International Organisations, Non State Actors and the Formation of Customary International Law"

Customary international law is a body of law that arises from the consistent practice of states and other international actors over time. It is not created by any formal treaty or agreement, but rather through the gradual evolution of norms and principles based on the common practices and beliefs of the international community.



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In recent years, there has been a growing debate about the role of non-state actors in the formation of customary international law. Traditionally, customary international law was thought to be created solely by the actions of states. However, with the increasing globalization of the world and the proliferation of non-state actors, such as international organizations,

corporations, and NGOs, it is becoming increasingly clear that these actors can also play a significant role in the development of customary law.

The book "International Organisations, Non State Actors and the Formation of Customary International Law" explores this complex and evolving area of international law. The book, authored by leading scholars in the field, provides a comprehensive analysis of the role of non-state actors in the formation of customary international law.

### **The Role of International Organizations**

International organizations are one of the most important types of non-state actors that have played a role in the formation of customary international law. International organizations are created by states to address common problems or interests, and they can take a variety of forms, such as the United Nations, the World Bank, and the International Red Cross.

International organizations can contribute to the formation of customary international law in a number of ways. First, they can help to identify and clarify existing norms and principles of international law. Second, they can provide a forum for states to discuss and negotiate new norms and principles. Third, they can help to implement and enforce existing norms and principles.

For example, the United Nations has played a significant role in the development of customary international law on human rights. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the UN in 1948, has been widely recognized as a statement of customary international law. The UN has also played a key role in the development of customary international law on

environmental protection, through the adoption of treaties such as the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.

## **The Role of Corporations**

Corporations are another type of non-state actor that can play a role in the formation of customary international law. Corporations are private entities that are created to make a profit. However, corporations can also have a significant impact on the international community, through their operations and their interactions with states and other actors.

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For example, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) is a global business organization that has played a significant role in the development of customary international law on trade and investment. The ICC has developed a number of codes and standards that have been widely adopted by corporations around the world. These codes and standards have helped to clarify the rights and obligations of corporations in the international market.

## **The Role of NGOs**

NGOs are non-profit organizations that are created to promote a particular social or political cause. NGOs can be involved in a wide range of activities,

such as human rights advocacy, environmental protection, and development assistance.

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For example, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is a humanitarian organization that has played a significant role in the development of customary international law on armed conflict. The ICRC has developed a number of treaties and conventions that have been widely adopted by states around the world. These treaties and conventions have helped to clarify the rights and obligations of parties to armed conflict.

The role of non-state actors in the formation of customary international law is a complex and evolving area of international law. However, it is clear that non-state actors can play a significant role in the development of customary law. This is due to their ability to identify and clarify existing norms and principles, to provide a forum for states and other actors to discuss and negotiate new norms and principles, and to help to implement and enforce existing norms and principles.

The book "International Organisations, Non State Actors and the Formation of Customary International Law" provides a comprehensive analysis of this important topic. The book is a valuable resource for scholars, practitioners, and anyone interested in the development of customary international law.



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