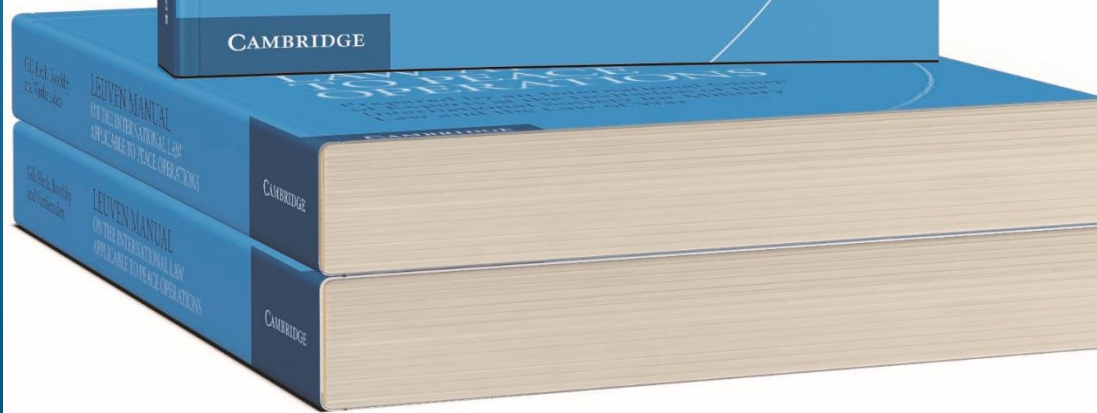


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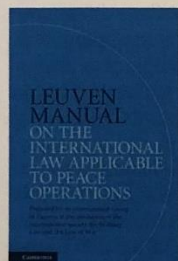
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The *Leuven Manual on the International Law Applicable to Peace Operations* (Leuven Manual) belongs to the class of publications that deserve a prominent place in every bookshelf on peace operations and public international law. The Leuven Manual provides a restatement of all international norms applicable to peace operations,¹ thereby filling a gap in a field where political priorities and situational specificities hinder a comprehensive legal regulation. Its systematic analysis of the applicable international law responds to pressing calls by practitioners, policy-makers and academics, and will serve as an indispensable tool for better decision-making in future operations.

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“Consensual” Peace Operations

- Traditional peacekeeping
- Multi-dimensional Peace Operations

Based on three bedrock principles:

- Consent
- Impartiality
- Limited use of force

Black letter rules & accompanying commentary

- Rules reflecting legal obligations
- Best practice rules
- Consensus of the participating experts



Protection of Civilians

- HIPPO Report 2015
- Right to life, principle of distinction and the prohibition of ill treatment and torture
- Primary obligation of the Host State
- Rule 1.8 of the UN Master List of Numbered ROE
- POC Mandate vs no POC Mandate

Protection of personal data

- Modernized Convention 108 Council of Europe
- GDPR
- National legislation
- UNHCR Policy on the Protection of Personal Data of Persons of Concern to UNHCR
- Art. 17 ICCPR
- 1990 UN General Assembly Guidelines for the Regulation of Computerized Personal Data Files
- ICRC's Handbook on Data Protection in Humanitarian Action
- 2009 Madrid Resolution adopted at an international conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners
- ...

Protection of the environment

- UN special rapporteur for the UN International Law Commission
- Articles 35 and 55 of the First Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions
- General IHL rules about distinction, precaution and proportionality
- Local environmental standards
- Environmental risk management

Derogation

- Rule 5.7 of the Leuven Manual

Other

- International policing
- UN Administrations/transitional authority
- Cyber in peace operations
- ...



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