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SEXUAL OFFENSES IN ARMED CONFLICT AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

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Sexual Offenses & International Law provides a careful analysis of the recent jurisprudence of the international criminal tribunals on sexual offenses, taking into account the claims propounded by feminist writers and the reality of the norms and conflicts. Sexual offenses are examined under the headings of the four main categories of severe international crimes: torture, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. The key issues of the debate about sexual offenses such as consent, physical integrity, persecution, discrimination are well researched and mirrored with both judgments and 'feminist' critique.

By covering the past decade with its tremendous development in theory and practice of international criminal law, Dr. Quénivet's book sheds new and interesting light on the recent jurisprudence and new trends in dealing with sexual offenses in times of armed conflict. It provides answers to difficult issues concerning the subtleties of international law definitions applicable to armed conflict situations and to international criminal law dealing with the punishment of perpetrators of serious individual and mass crimes.

The book is of particular importance for its careful consideration of the growing relationship between international humanitarian law, international criminal law and feminist approaches to international law. It is recommended for all those who are involved with the subject from a scholarly perspective, those who want to benefit from the author's recommendations on how to deal with some of the specific open issues, or those who wish to refine their approach towards international law.

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