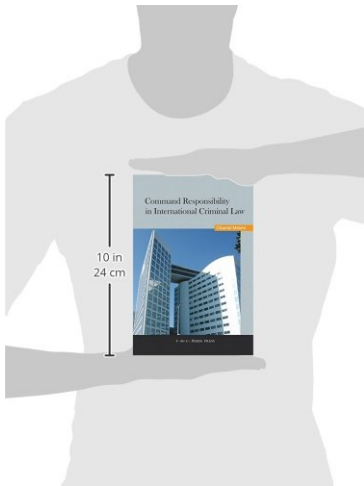


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Command responsibility doctrine allows military commanders and civilian leaders to be held responsible for crimes committed by their subordinates. This form of responsibility has gained much attention in recent years, but it still presents several open questions and critical difficulties arise in its application. Chantal Meloni's in-depth study of the doctrine traces the roots of such criminal responsibility, from its military origins to its first appearances in the international case law after World War II. Particular attention is paid to the jurisprudence of the ad hoc Tribunals, which extensively elaborated on the issue, and to the provision of Article 28 of the ICC Statute. The systematic analysis of command responsibility outlines its different forms and finds it a proper role within the complex net of responsibilities related to the

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International criminal law provides a means for the enforcement of international humanitarian law in addition to seeking to repress widespread violation of human rights and mass atrocity. This Handbook provides an overview of the sources of international humanitarian law (where is IHL found?), its applicability (when and where does IHL apply?), and its key features and principles (what is involved in IHL?), such as the distinction between combatants and civilians and the law regulating the conduct of hostilities. The ICJ was asked, inter alia, to decide that the United States bore responsibility for the acts of the contra rebels in Nicaragua.<sup>13</sup> Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo (Democratic Rep. of Congo v. Uganda). This book is an important contribution to the literature and worldwide discussion on command responsibility and therefore highly recommended to scholars of international law, criminal law and international criminal law as well as to all practitioners (judges, legal assistants, prosecutors, defence counsels) working at or with international tribunals, experts in the military field, investigators dealing with international crimes, NGOs and journalists. Chantal Meloni is working as a Researcher at the Criminal Law Department of the Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy. Since several years she speaks on international humanitarian law. Command responsibility and failure to act. International humanitarian law provides a system for repressing violations of its rules based on the individual criminal responsibility of those responsible. The violations can also result from a failure to act. In armed conflict situations, armed forces or groups are generally placed under a command that is responsible for the conduct of subordinates. Accordingly, in order to make the repression system effective, superiors should be held individually responsible when they fail to take proper measures to prevent thei