

- ***Derecho internacional humanitario. Su aplicación en Colombia***, Mauricio Hernández Mondragón, Office of the Presidential Adviser on Human Rights, Santafé de Bogotá, Colombia, 1992, 95 pp.

This work is a compilation of the author's experience in research on and dissemination of international humanitarian law. It is the first of a series entitled "*Biblioteca básica de derechos humanos*", to be published by the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Human Rights of the Republic of Colombia.

The author analyses the rules of international humanitarian law applicable to non-international armed conflicts. He begins with a definition of international humanitarian law and the problems that arise in its application, and goes on to discuss practical aspects, seeking possible solutions based on his knowledge of the rules that make up this body of law and of the extent to which its implications are accepted. The publication also contains valuable references to national measures for the application of international humanitarian law in Colombian legislation.

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- ***The Movement of Persons Across Borders, Studies in Transnational Legal Policy***, No. 23, Louis B. Sohn and Thomas Buergenthal, eds., The American Society of Transnational Law, Washington, D.C., 1992, 193 pp.

This monograph is a condensation of a much larger systematic study undertaken in 1989 under the joint auspices of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the American Society of International Law. The study was accomplished thanks to the help of some forty experts from all over the world.

The work is in catalogue form, setting out a series of basic rules and principles governing the movement of persons across national borders. These "governing rules" were worked out by the team of experts who based their decisions on a thorough study of international relations. Each of the governing rules is accompanied by an explanatory comment that indicates its sphere of applicability and gives the elements of international practice that define its legal nature (international agreements, international decisions and State practice).

This work is a remarkable contribution to the development and codification of international law. Its clarity renders it easily accessible to readers with no legal background.

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