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   This monograph provides a contemporary analysis of the frictions between peacemaking and international human rights law based on the cases of post-conflict power-sharing in Lebanon and Bosnia-Herzegovina. In this context it evaluates the long-standing debate in the United Nations and human rights bodies about the ‘imperfect peace’. Written from a practitioner-scholarly viewpoint and drawing from new authentic sources, the book describes the mechanisms used in peace agreements and post-conflict constitutions for managing ethnic or religious diversity, explains their legal limits under international human rights law, and provides a conceptual framework for analysing the nexus between law and peacemaking.


   This collected volume presents reflections from prominent international peacemakers in the Middle East, including Jimmy Charter, Lakhdar Brahimi, Jan Eliasson, Alvaro de Soto, and others. It provides unique insights and lessons learned about diplomacy and international peace mediation practice based on real life experience. The talks in this edited volume were part of the Bill and Sally Hambrecht Distinguished Peacemakers Lecture series of the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon.


   Although there has not been the equivalent in Lebanon of the uprisings seen in other Arab countries, the fragile state has nevertheless been put under increased strain by the events in neighbouring countries. Over one million refugees, equal to one quarter of Lebanon’s population, have moved in from Syria, Sunni jihadists and Shi’a Hizbullah have engaged in some fighting, and both the economy and the delicate confessional balance of the country have been threatened. This book provides a comprehensive overview of the current situation in Lebanon, and a detailed assessment of the difficulties which Lebanon is currently facing.

This research handbook provides guidance to students, researchers and practitioners on current UN affairs in the Middle East and Northern Africa. It offers entry-points for exploring the role of the UN in the Arab world while explaining the various facets of the world organization’s activities, which range from political and diplomatic efforts to humanitarian, human rights and economic issues.

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