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Power and Authority in Governance Networks: Protecting Human Rights through Nongovernmental Actors in the Context of Limited Statehood

Abstract

The project looks at the interaction of international governmental organizations (IGOs) and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in governance-networks in the context of limited statehood. Intending to gain insights in the sources and relations of political authority in governance networks, the analysis pursues two interconnected goals. First, it aims to discover the constellations, strategies and processes of IGO-NGO-interaction in the field of human rights protection at different stages of the mandate. Second, it asks for the sources of power and authority and how NGOs make use of them. To address these questions, the project employs empirical case studies in the field of human rights protection, focusing on a selected number of local and international NGOs working with women and refugees in Lebanon and Bosnia-Herzegovina and the UN institutions involved.

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