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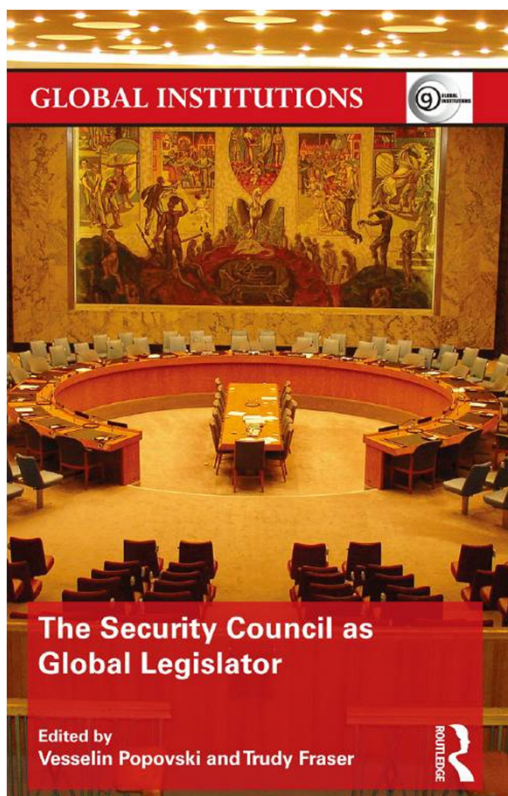
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The Security Council as Global Legislator



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The Security Council's decisions are legally binding on all UN member-states, effectively complementing obligations under the conventional international law, agreed in treaties or customs between states. The Security Council therefore acts as a global 'legislator', in addition to a global 'policeman' (two roles clearly separated in domestic constitutionalism). There have been quantitative and qualitative shifts in the Council's activity since the end of the Cold War: historically the Council addressed specific country situations, defining threats to the peace and adopting measures to mitigate or, ideally, eliminate these threats; more recently the Council, in parallel with country-specific situations, started discussions on issues of global concerns - terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, children in armed conflict, protection of civilians, piracy, climate change - and adopted thematic resolutions addressing global threats. To what extent do the thematic resolutions represent a legislative standard-setting contribution? Are the thematic resolutions useful for the maintenance of international peace and security? This book demonstrates how the Council can create an entirely new 'hard' law (non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and non-state actors; jurisdiction of international criminal tribunals), but also how the Council can address a variety of 'soft' security issues and build up important 'soft' power in the international constitutional system.

The UNU Library hosts the launch of the book "[Security Council as Global Legislator](#)", edited by Vesselin Popovski and Trudy Fraser (Routledge, 2014).

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