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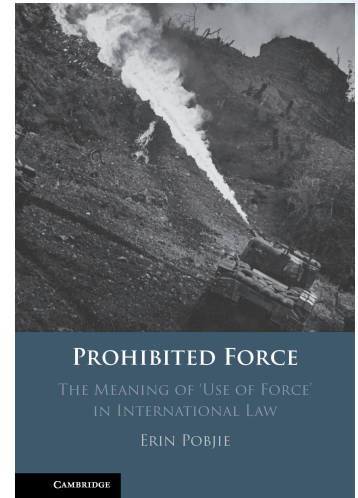
The Meaning of 'Use of Force' in International Law

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