

Unravelling Unlawful Confinement in Contemporary Armed Conflicts

Belligerents' Detention Practices in Afghanistan, Syria and Ukraine

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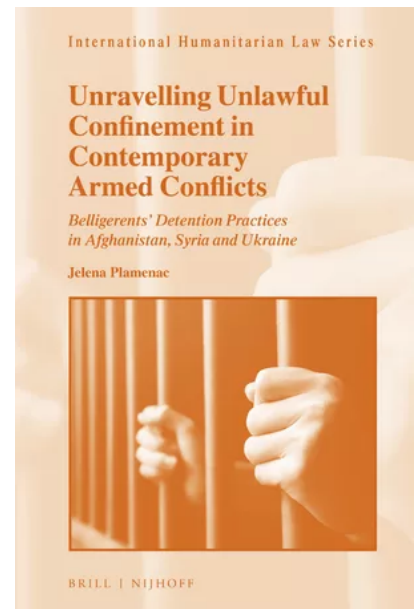
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