

T. RISSE / S. C. ROPP / K. SIKKINK, *The Persistent Power of Human Rights*, Cambridge University Press, 2013, 374 pp., ISBN: 978-1107-60936-7 (Hardback), 978-1-107-60936-5 (Paperback)

A comprehensive follow-up to the editors' *The Power of Human Rights* (PoHR), published in 1999, *The Persistent Power of Human Rights* delves deeper into human rights compliance, considering more conditions and case studies than the original and positing how the spiral model of PoHR can be expanded and modernized to explain human rights compliance in the 21st century. It recognizes more obstacles to human rights compliance, including limited statehood and decentralized rule implementation, and studies non-compliance in depth, particularly focusing, through case studies on the United States and China, on the non-compliance of strong states and the ability of the international community to pressure these states into compliance.

This book seeks to build on the scholarship of its predecessor while pondering new facets of human rights compliance. In particular, it contemplates the compliance gap between what states say about human rights and how they act, as well as the efficacy of international institutions in closing this gap. It also discusses, in depth, the human rights compliance of non-state actors, a growing topic in the 21st century. In doing so, it considers the actions of corporations and militant groups and their responsibility to human rights. In sum, this book is an effective study of the current status of human rights and provides brilliant insights into the future.

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On this second edition of *Judges on Trial*, Shetreet and Turenne present a complete and in-depth analysis of the English judiciary in the context of independence and accountability. The book has a detailed account that provides crucial background on the structure and