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Review

In a recent Oxford University Press book The Responsibility to Protect: The Promise of Stopping Mass Atrocities in Our Time Including perspectives from a diverse group of experts, The Responsibility to Protect makes an important contribution to the growing scholarship about this new and evolving doctrine. At the same time, however, the case studies in the book illustrate the painful reality of the large gap between the world's stated commitment to halting mass atrocities and its ongoing practice. Ultimately, it recommends a series of practical steps that should be taken by the international community to bring its promise to fruition."

- The Honourable Romeo A. Dallaire, Senator (Canada) and Lieutenant General (Ret.) The goalposts have moved in recent years as much more robust obligations are expected of states and intergovernmental organizations when vulnerable groups face humanitarian crises, be these man-made or natural. Nowhere is this more clearly manifested than in the evolving doctrine of the Responsibility to Protect, This rich and authoritative collection of essays provides a superb tour d'horizon of the subject, explaining the theoretical and political issues and setting out the relevance of the concept to the great challenges of our times." - William Schabas, professor of international law, Middlesex University, London The book is both informative and stimulating, as it pairs nuanced doctrinal analysis with captivating political and historical studies of RtoP's development and its influence on modern mass atrocities. Ultimately, anyone looking for exposure to this burgeoning principle of international law, the politics that underlie its developing norms, or a brief history of contemporary mass atrocities will find The Responsibility to Protect captivating." Matthew B. Simon, NYU School of Law Journal of International Law and Politics (Vol 45, Issue 3)

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