

## **Abstract**

### International and European Legal Regulation of Small Arms Trade

Other types of weapons, having the very same extensive consequences on human lives in the sense of amount and kind of harm caused, are regulated by a global treaty. Why is the small arms trade not regulated by a global treaty as well? How is the small arms trade currently regulated on international and European level and how is it supposed to be regulated in the future? Are the Human Rights norms and the Humanitarian law applicable to the small arms trade? Is it possible to incur responsibility of the exporting state in case small arms were used to commit serious violations of Human Rights of inhabitants of a third country? Was there already any proceeding initiated concerning this matter before an international institution? This research paper aims to clarify the basic terminological discrepancies, reply to the above mentioned questions and at the same time emphasize the importance of this matter by outlining of the consequences that small arms cause in the region of Sub-Saharan Africa.