

Accountability Architecture of International Organizations of International Development Law

The Master's thesis dwells upon the accountability of International Organizations operating within the field of International Development Law. The interpretation of immunities thereof is extensive and there is no independent court with appropriate jurisdiction. Therefore there are solely very few means of holding them accountable for their acts, especially those which are not contrary to International Law outside of the realm of political pressure of the Member States. For this reason, the International Organizations were forced to adopt their own accountability mechanisms. These serve to help to eradicate the systemic shortcomings of the activities, mitigate risks and potential public outrage as well as to give recourse to those, who have been adversely affected by the International Organization's operation. These mechanisms, that include the revision panels, the so-called international accountability mechanisms, altogether form the accountability architecture. The core question of this paper is whether the current accountability architecture with respect to these International Organizations is satisfactory.

To these ends it firstly delineates the so far unclear notion of International Development Law, its sources, subjects, and object. Furthermore it dwells on the general considerations of accountability and responsibility with respect to International Organizations. Third chapter dwells on the main paradigmatic settings of the International Organizations within the International Development System and how it practically transpires into the accountability architecture and the operational policies and safeguards. Fourth chapter describes the operation of the international accountability mechanisms. Conclusion then gives certain suggestions and recommendations for the improvement of the status quo.