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## Preface

International courts and tribunals are essential players in the understanding and development of international law. This book provides an introduction to their work that can be useful to both academics and practitioners. It seeks to present the main international adjudicatory bodies in a way that is both accessible and comprehensive.

Each chapter includes a short introduction which provides the essential information for each institution, a brief description of their jurisdiction (*ratione materiae, personae* and *temporis*), and an overview of fundamental procedural aspects. Importantly, each chapter also includes a review of the most significant and relevant cases decided by each court or tribunal, which is particularly helpful to understand the relevance of the institution. Further, the similar structure of each chapter facilitates comparisons between different courts and tribunals. This will be particularly important for practitioners assessing and choosing institutions.

The authors of each chapter are all international law practitioners, and have acted as advocates, counsel, arbitrators or clerks in many international courts and tribunals. They have, therefore, unique knowledge and understanding of their practice and functioning. I am grateful to them for writing such excellent and insightful pieces. As always, all views are presented on a personal note only, and do not reflect the view of any particular institution to which the authors are affiliated.

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