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Non-Proliferation Law as a Special Regime focuses on weapons of mass destruction, and aims to identify whether there are specific rules applying to this field that depart from the general rules of international law and the rules of other special regimes, in particular with regard to the law of treaties and the law of state responsibility. In providing a systematic analysis of a substantive area of international law, and applying the theory of fragmentation and special regimes, the book contributes to the on-going debate concerning one of the most topical issues in international law.

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