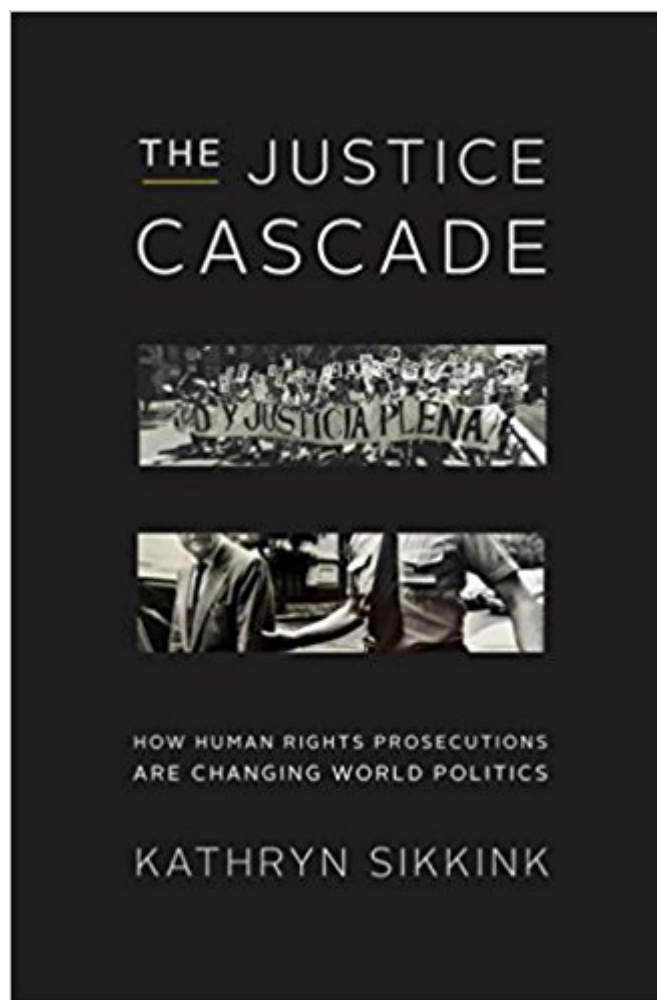




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# The Justice Cascade: How Human Rights Prosecutions Are Changing World Politics (The Norton Series In World Politics)



## Synopsis

Acclaimed scholar Kathryn Sikkink examines the important and controversial new trend of holding political leaders criminally accountable for human rights violations. Grawemeyer Award winner Kathryn Sikkink offers a landmark argument for human rights prosecutions as a powerful political tool. She shows how, in just three decades, state leaders in Latin America, Europe, and Africa have lost their immunity from any accountability for their human rights violations, becoming the subjects of highly publicized trials resulting in severe consequences. This shift is affecting the behavior of political leaders worldwide and may change the face of global politics as we know it. Drawing on extensive research and illuminating personal experience, Sikkink reveals how the stunning emergence of human rights prosecutions has come about; what effect it has had on democracy, conflict, and repression; and what it means for leaders and citizens everywhere, from Uruguay to the United States. *The Justice Cascade* is a vital read for anyone interested in the future of world politics and human rights. 14 black-and-white illustrations

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“Sikkink has written a wonderfully smart, thought-provoking new study of the global spread of criminal trials for horrific human rights abuses. This powerful book gives hope for the future of human rights.” — Gary Bass, Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University “This marvelous book combines lucid reason with deep passion. Cascading through the nooks and crannies of international life,

justiceâ€™s call is now heard loud and clear by those in power. The Justice Cascade will become an instantaneous classic that all students of international politics will read and refer to for years to come.â€• - Peter J. Katzenstein, Walter S. Carpenter, Jr. Professor of International Studies, Cornell University

â€œThe Justice Cascade is an immensely engaging account of a scholarâ€™s own personal journey and of how to combine moral passion with systematic social scientific investigation.â€• - Robert O. Keohane, Professor of International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Kathryn Sikkink is a Regents Professor and the McKnight Presidential Chair of Political Science at the University of Minnesota. She is the cowinner of the 2000 Grawemeyer Award for "Ideas Improving World Order" and lives in Minneapolis.

Had to read her book for a class about Transitional Justice. It was like nails on a chalkboard. It's sad because Sikkink actually makes really good points, but her droning on and on and clinical talking is so dry and bland that I would dread having to read a chapter each week. My assignments each week were to pin-point what her main point of each chapter was. Sikkink was so unclear about this that I wound up guessing a lot of the time. It's too bad because she started off strong many times and I was interested in what she had to say, but she spent so much time qualifying her sources or throwing dry statistics at the reader that it made me not want to hear what she had to say because in order to do so, I had to sift through so much useless and dull information. I did give her two stars because the information was there, but you do have to get past all of the dull droning. I would have given her another star for this book if she hadn't been so one-sided with her opinions. My other issue with her book is that she does not address the opposite points of view very well to support her point of view. Finally, she doesn't answer well what could be done in transitional societies to help them transition into a successful society after crimes against humanity were committed. Thankfully, my professor was able to explain a lot better than Sikkink.

Very interesting theory

This is the only book that covers the modern era in human rights litigation on a global basis and does it with clarity and perspective. Just what I was looking for.

Sikkink gives so much to think about as far as Bush and what will be of him and his decisions at

Guantanamo Bay. The book overall is very interesting and she actually makes all the information she provides enjoyable. If you want to know anything and everything about how Human Rights began as a movement against individuals and states, this is it.

I read this book for a human rights law class offered through my university. This book is very poorly written. The author over uses personal anecdotes and writes in such a casual tone that the book reads like blog instead of academic literature. Content wise, while the author makes some interesting points, she fails to draw any kind of conclusion, rambles from chapter to chapter on the same few principles, and leaves the reader wondering how this is a final draft. Justice Cascade? More like a Justice Trickle. Skip it, this book isn't worth your time.

I am with the reviewer who read this for a graduate-level law class. If you have a passing, armchair interest in human rights, this might be a good book. But if you are undertaking serious study of this subject, choose something else. The author rambles needlessly, discusses her research trail too much rather than what the research revealed, and referenced far too often her personal friends. Waste of time! Wish I could return the kindle version I bought of this book!

this is an indepth overview of an esncial issue in the way people who are in power excesric it, showing the pahe justtice for human rights evolved around the worldfor ands against arguments are exposed, and the author explains how her conclusion about how trials and truth comissions help the deterrance of human rights violations around the world, and the role they play in contemporary democraciethank you katryne,form argentina

This is a great book, consisting primarily of 1) a terrific history of the growth of prosecutions for violations of human rights (at all levels, national, foreign, and international) and 2) incredible statistical analyses of same, drawing certain conclusions as to their efficacy. What I liked best was 1) her ability to bring greater clarity to the whole area, and 2) her ability to trace out what I would call "causality" issues (what accounts for the growth of these institutions, etc.). A GREAT book, vastly informed by the author's personal experiences (especially her years in Argentina) and her personal contacts with many of the key players in this field.

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