

Europe's Foreign Fighter Conundrum

Legal Responses, the Rule of Law, and Human Rights

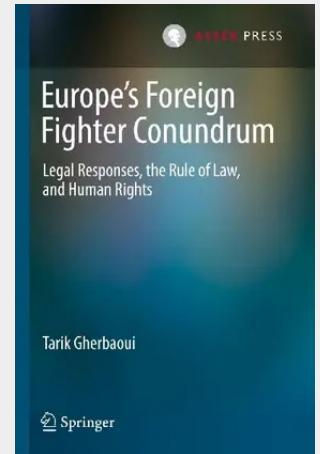
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