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The U.S. law distinction between self-executing and non-self-executing treaties has long confounded courts and commentators. Professor Vázquez attributes much of the confusion to a failure to recognize that the so-called doctrine of self-executing treaties masks four distinct types of reasons why a treaty may not be judicially enforceable. In this article, he identifies the four distinct "doctrines" of self-executing treaties and the very different types of analysis they call for.

Central East Asian Maritime Boundaries and the Law of the Sea

Jonathan I. Charney Complex issues abound regarding the rights of the coastal states in the Sea of Japan, the Yellow Sea, the East China Sea and the South China Sea. New international law of the sea has changed some of the basic law applicable to the maritime boundary disputes in the area. Difficult relations between these states make resolution of the maritime and territorial claims problematic. Professor Charney suggests that interim cooperative non-boundary-based solutions might lead to the resolution of these maritime boundary issues.

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