

Abstract

This thesis presents a postcolonial content analysis of the Situations in Georgia and Ukraine. ICC prosecutors, for the first time in their organization's history, issued numerous arrest warrants for Russian nationals in the year following the 2022 invasion of Ukraine. By looking for the presence, remnants or absence of Russia's structural advantage in the procedure of these two emerging cases, we can make claims, under the TWAIL theoretical framework, about the current state of Russian structural power, including any signs of trends. This thesis demonstrates that, while Russian structural authority is currently waning more than gaining, there is insufficient evidence to determine whether a larger power transition is taking place or whether international law alone is theoretically capable of accomplishing this.