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Abstract

The emergence of unmanned ships may give rise to many difficulties especially with regard to the legal status of unmanned ships and the attribution of liability for the actions of such ships. This thesis thus explores some of these difficulties and examines how unmanned ships differ from other ships, and how the law should treat them in light of such differences and their unique characteristics such as autonomy, intelligence and their ability to take the decision. Furthermore, this thesis examines the legal UAE framework regulating unmanned ships and address the legal basis with regard to the liability for the unmanned ship's actions, and whether it is possible to attribute the legal personality to such ships. In this thesis, it is argued that it becomes urgent to creatively interpret legal provisions to fit technology until such ships are comprehensively regulated by specific legal conventions.

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