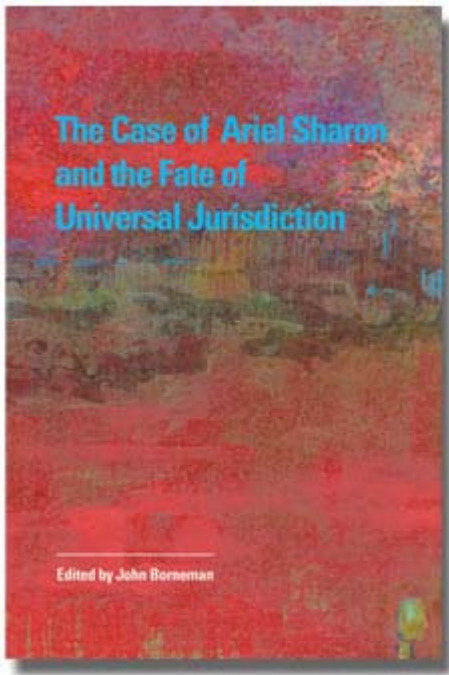


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In June 2001 a criminal complaint on behalf of twenty-eight witnesses and survivors of the 1982 massacre at the the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in Beirut was brought before a Belgian court. For their roles in the massacre, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel, Army Major General Amos Yaron, and several members of the the Lebanese Christian militia were charged with war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. The entire proceeding immediately became known as the "case of Ariel Sharon."

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