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The Limits of Corporate Rights Under International Law

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In both the United States and Europe, courts have increasingly begun to recognize the legal rights of corporate entities under both domestic and international law. In particular, the European Court of Human Rights has allowed corporations to assert "human rights" under the European Convention on Human Rights while the U.S. Supreme Court has expanded constitutional protection of free speech to corporate entities. International law scholars have often welcomed the recognition of corporate rights as a step toward granting corporations "subjecthood" under international law. This paper investigates the origins of corporate rights under international law and offers reasons to doubt the propriety of recognizing corporate rights under international human rights law.

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