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The *Revue de Droit Monégasque* has the main objective of presenting to the public at large the political, administrative and judiciary organization of the Principality of Monaco. It brings together statutes, legal reforms and publications of court decisions of all kinds, in order to provide the readers with a better knowledge of the current legal framework in the Principality.

This volume contains two main parts; the first part is dedicated to the doctrine and the legislation in which the lawyers and experts discuss specific issues with respect to the European Community Law. Thus, this first part contains a variety of issues such as: the reform of divorce laws in Monaco, judicial reflection on mediation, and money laundering related to funding for terrorist activities. The second part of the review focuses on the jurisprudence, with regards to the administrative procedures, court of revision and criminal laws.

This review addresses important issues of the legislation and jurisprudence, which the Principality seeks to adapt with regards to the needs of the European law. As such, it is certainly a valuable source for those who wish to understand and deepen in this legal system.

F. Marini


Since the early 1970’s the EU has pursued a substantive integration of environmental protection requirements into all its policies and activities. The book clearly explains this progressive evolution of the EU legal and policy framework, providing a detailed analysis of the remarkable amendments introduced by the Lisbon Treaty. Subsequently, it elaborates on the EU role as a global player in the Environmental Field, stressing first its influence over the candidate and potential candidate countries to align their existing environmental laws with EU standards.
At the same time, a larger EU means also a greater prominent actor with more leverage in the support of environmental issues in the International Community’s agenda (even though the EU has not always proved the capability or the will to fully wield its authority, as it is shown in the book by the analysis of the various bilateral and interregional agreements concluded by the EU).

Overall, this book provides the audience with a solid basic knowledge of the key objectives of the EU’s external relations in the environmental field and of the relative network of instruments developed to achieve them.

_A. Simoni_


Although the ongoing “human right revolution” has a major influence on criminal evidence and procedure in common law countries, many differences and limitations still exist in common law criminal trials. This book gives a clear view on today’s relation between human rights and criminal evidence in the different common law jurisdictions.

In this regard, the book gathers 16 essays and brings to light a wide range of topics (from the constitutional rights in criminal procedure to improperly obtained evidence) through the analysis of international law, comparative analysis of the domestic legislation, and case-law study. The contributors focus not only on the rights of suspects and accused, but also on the rights of all the participants in criminal procedure. At the same time, each essay examines the interaction of human rights and criminal procedure in theory and practice and the most interesting aspect is that innovations, made in domestic legislation, are not always properly implemented in practice.

All in all, this book is a matter of great relevance to law students or people, who are interested in human right and criminal procedure in the common law world.

_I. Rimkute_