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P. CHANDRASEKHARA RAO / P. GAUTIER, *The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea*, Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham, UK • Northampton, MA, USA, 2018, 363 pp., ISBN: 978-1-78643-300-8

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea is an intergovernmental organization established by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea to resolve disputes arising from the rendering and application of the Convention.

In this book, the authors discuss the historical background of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and how it was established in 1982, they present an “institutional overview”, detailing the composition, privileges, agreements, terms, conditions, disputes and cooperation. The book focuses on the jurisdiction of the Tribunal, P. Chandrasekhara Rao and P. Gautier offering details about how a case is tried within the Tribunal and its chambers. This signifies the contribution of the judicial courts and tribunals to the development of international law.

This book is recommended to those who are involved in the resolution of international disagreements regarding the law of the sea field, lawyers or judges, due to the fact that it gives a clear analysis of the Tribunal’s jurisdiction and how the procedural rules contributes to the evolution of the law of the sea.

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M. W. FINKIN / G. MUNDLAK (eds), *Comparative Labor Law*, Research Handbooks in Comparative Law Series, Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham, UK • Northampton, MA, USA, 512 pp., ISBN (hardback): 978 1 78100 012 0, eISBN: 978 1 78100 013 7

This book on *Comparative Labor Law* draws a vast comparative analysis by a wide range of scholars and experts. The analysis is underpinned by various values and ideologies of labor law, whilst con-

sidering the impact and implications of recent developments, including changes in entrepreneurial control, knowledge-based employment, and globalization. Consequently, subjects such as defining employees and employers are revisited in a new light.

The comparative methodology adopted enables alternative solutions to be discussed, and the surrounding social and cultural context to be appreciated. The authors have chosen a range of methods to select the countries and regions analyzed. These include Canada, US, Eastern Europe, and BRICS. The theory of legal origins is, to varying extent, present in all the chapters, as well as a range of views on convergence and divergence of labor law. Globalization is presented as a prominent influence on labor law and as a potential challenge to the comparative analysis. Emphasis is placed on the facilitation of new ideas, the rise of supranational institutions, and the impact on economic and social values.

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P. SCHMITT, *Access to Justice and International Organizations: The Case of Individual Victims of Human Rights Violations*, Leuven Center for Global Governance Studies, Edward Elgar Publishing Limited, Cheltenham, UK • Northampton, MA, USA, 2017, 400 pp., ISBN: 978-1-78643-288-9

One of the main goals of international organizations is to promote human rights. However, what happens when international organizations are accused of infringing on the rights of an individual? This book explores the ways in which international organizations may be held accountable to individuals. Beginning with a discussion of whether international organizations have a mandate to uphold human rights, the book also chronicles the ways that individuals have attempted to hold international organizations accountable by outlining the human rights that individuals hold and the international dispute settlement mechanisms that are available to them. In the final section there is also a thorough exploration of how international organizations are characterized under national jurisdictions as pertains to accountability.

This book provides an in-depth overview of the current situation as well as many detailed accounts of representative cases involving different world regions and international organizations, providing a world-wide overview of the issue under many jurisdictions and human rights scenarios.

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W. VERLOREN VAN THEMAAT / B. REUDER, *European Competition Law: A Case Commentary*, Elgar Commentaries EE, Cheltenham, UK • Northampton, MA, USA, 1st edition, 2014, 936 pp., ISBN: 978-1-78347-686-2

Within the framework of the complex and debated legislation of European competition, a guide that explains the subject matter by presenting a collection of relevant legal provisions, together with a smart selection of case extracts, is a great tool both for practitioners and for all competition authorities in Europe. *European Competition Law: A Case Commentary* provides an article-by-article overview of EU competition law jurisprudence, showing how competition rules have been interpreted by the European Commission and the courts in their most important decisions and cases.

The volume is divided into two sections: Part 1 presents an overview of the competition provisions of the EU Treaties and the main EU regulations on competition; Part 2 discusses the relevant provisions of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU and the European Convention on Human Rights.

It is a work that aims to be as clear as possible, avoiding any personal view or subjective explanation from the authors themselves, while offering instead an essential collection of concise and judiciously selected extracts from the EU jurisprudence which are easy to navigate and to comprehend.

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