

## BOOKS RECEIVED / LIVRES REÇUS

R. KROEZE / A. VITÓRIA / G. GELTNER, *Anticorruption in History: From Antiquity to the Modern Era*, Oxford University Press, 2017, 464 pp., ISBN: 978-0-19-880997-5

By many scholars corruption is seen as a major problem. The book provides a timely overview of anticorruption cases throughout history with regard to current events. The collection of cases shed light on all aspects that influence corruption: from social to economic. It illustrates how corruption has evolved into a major threat to the modern society. The number of cases allows to form pathways to handle corruption in modern days. However, it lacks empirical data, that could have major impact on anticorruption policies.

The book addresses a wide range of cases that occurred throughout history: from Ancient Greece and Rome to the twentieth century. Therefore, this book can attract the interest of historians and enhance their perception of events. It can also interest those who have little expertise in the fields that this book addresses. It includes a combination of scientific elements and, at the same time, elements that broader audience can relate to.

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N. PAPASPYROU, *Constitutional Argument and Institutional Structure in the United States*, Hart Publishing, UK, 2018, 304 pp., ISBN: 9781509917174

Nicholas Papaspyrou in his book *Constitutional Argument and Institutional Structure in the United States* examines judgements about interpretive authority as well as the structure of constitutional reasoning. Papaspyrou skillfully tackles this topic and ultimately asserts that these judgements on interpretive authority do not determine what qualifies as a good constitutional argument. He introduces and explains a theory of substantive constitutional argument,

asserting that constitutional interpretation is actually a specific kind of practical reasoning.

Papaspyrou separates his arguments into three parts: part one examines the interpretive substance of the argument, namely exploring the authority of constitutional law, constitutional norms, and beginning to delve into the differences of the interpretation arguments. The second part focuses on the institutional structure and gives institutional norms an in-depth analysis about what justifies them as well as how institutional design functions in relation to democracy. The third part focuses on the constitutional doctrine itself. Throughout the work, Papaspyrou draws on landmark Supreme Court cases, ranging from *Obergefell* to *Fisher I & II* to try to shed some light on the complexities of constitutional law in the United States. Papaspyrou ties this academic work together with the theory of substantive constitutional argument that he develops, making it a both complex and endearing work.

*A. Christian*

M. ROGGENKAMP / C. REDGWELL / A. RØNNE / I. DEL GUAYO, *Energy Law in Europe: National, EU and International Regulation*, Oxford University Press, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2016, 1,376 pp., ISBN: 978-0-19-871289-3

The energy policy framework is constantly evolving at a global level and is already a key component of our present, and a central topic of debate for the future.

The third edition of this book explores the development of the legal regulation in the field of Energy Law in Europe with particular regard to the many and varied transformations that have affected our world over recent years.

The authors provide an updated overview of the international, European and national regulatory context after the entry into force of the TFEU which contains a specific chapter for energy law, numerous EU directives and regulations related to the internal energy market, the experience of the financial and economic crisis which impacted heavily on energy demand and the accession of Bulgaria, Romania and Croatia to the European Union.

The tense relation between Russia and the EU is approached in a dedicated chapter which explores the national policies and regulation. All the chapters on national regulations have been reviewed and restructured with a particular focus on climate change and related issues such as emissions trading, sustainability and energy efficiency.

*D. Tosi*

H. STALFORD / K. HOLLINGSWORTH / S. GILMORE, *Rewriting Children's Rights Judgments: From Academic Vision to New Practice*, Hart Publishing, Oxford and Portland, Oregon, 2017, 616 pp., ISBN: 978-1-78225-925-1

In terms of historical and legal context, an obscurity of the children's status under the law brings the necessity of detailed discussion and explanation about the subject. The book provides a brief introduction about the "*doli incapax*" condition of the children by analyzing the rights of the children and decision-making process behind determining the "best interest" of the children in a legal context. The authors selected various examples of cases in order to relate children's rights with certain themes like family life, international movement, criminal justice, public authorities and medical decision-making with observing legal practices. The book aims to stress the differentiation between the understanding of children rights in different contexts like private and civic, and tries to identify the relationship between the children's welfare assessment and decisions made by various judges.

This book fills in a need for revisiting different cases and jurisdictions to bring a clear understanding of the implications of the decisions made in terms of children's rights. The divergent contributions of various leading experts in the field prosper and deepen the understanding of the issue uniquely.

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N. TZIFAKIS (ed.), *International Politics in Times of Change*, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2012, 334 pp., ISBN (hardcover): 978-3-642-21954-2, ISBN (softcover): 978-3-642-27024-6

Nikolaos Tzifakis, the editor of *International Politics in Times of Change*, introduces the book as a collection of various journal articles aimed at analyzing international politics in our changing, globalized world. In the book, different articles present this topic, categorized into different sections. The first part defines the seasoned global players, the US, EU, and Japan, and defines their presence in the new world configuration of power. The second part introduces articles pertaining to the emerging global powers, China, Russia, and India. And the third section of the book defines the international system, and how it deals with the global political issues such as ethnic conflicts, international terrorism, and the threat of weapons of mass destruction. In summary, the book defines and debates how certain global actors deal with the changing global order, and the conflicts that arise with the arrival of these transformations. In sourcing articles regarding the emergence of new global powers in addition to providing articles on the original superpowers, Tzifakis provides a complex analysis of how these shifting power dynamics give way to new global orders and issues.

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