

BOOKS RECEIVED / LIVRES REÇUS

PH. ALLOTT, *Eutopia: New Philosophy and New Law for a Troubled World*, Edward Elgar Publishing, UK, 2016, 368 pp., ISBN: 978-1785360657

The human mind is where everything starts and so does this book; it starts with the human mind, describing its structure, states of consciousness and the fact that it connects humans to their society, environment and a universe existing autonomous of their mind, to their past, present and future. The human power in its various forms is nurtured by the mind, the mind who created the world we acknowledge today; a troubled and self-destructive world. *Eutopia* tells us how we can create a better world and society through means we already dispose of, the most important of them being the one who created the world we are so eager to change in the first place. *Eutopia* by Philip Allott is one of those books who really gives you something to think about even a long time after you finish reading it.

A. Lungu

S. DRAKE / M. SMITH, *New Directions in the Effective Enforcement of EU Law and Policy*, Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd., 2016, 342 pp., ISBN: 978-1-78471-868-8

The European Union is facing the continuous challenge of ensuring practical enforcement of its law and policies. International law and domestic legislation are also facing similar pressure, however, taking into account the *sui generis* nature of the EU, several concerns exist. This collection provides an in-depth analysis of new approaches and prospectives on the EU legislature. It raises the issue of the enforcement of EU law within its multi-level system of governance. It also aims to investigate a number of key questions relating to the productive enforcement of EU law and policy.

Moreover, in the light of environmental policy, consumer policy and economic governance, this collection presents current barriers and offers possible solutions. This collection also applies the accumulation of new policies, in this instance the spheres of economy, justice, security and freedom with the purpose of viewing whether expanding areas of competence brought with them new ideas. Consistently, it refers to the EU Court of Justice and national cases as well.

E. Kvarchiya

E. LAMBERT ABDELGAWAD / H. MICHEL, *Dictionary of European Actors*, Groupe Larcier, Brussels, 2015, 403 pp., ISBN: 978-2-8044-7960-2

The complex intricacies of the functioning of the European system - ranging from the operations of the European Union at a macro level to the development of policies in small committee rooms on a micro level - have never been quite so illuminated as in Abdelgawad and Michel's work. The *Dictionary of European Actors* takes a novel approach by examining the small moving parts behind the grandiose machine that is Europe, and in doing so, the reader may see what truly exists behind Europe's bureaucratic curtain. By providing an extremely nuanced and detailed account of more than one hundred actors, groups, and professional workers engaged in the perpetuation of the European Project, anyone who seeks to discover just how profound and unique this system is may do so by reading from this compilation of research on the plethora of actors which provide their efforts for the functioning of the European Union. Moreover, this work is not only useful to academics who delve into bureaucratic analyses, but also to citizens and individuals seeking to better understand what truly makes their society tick.

M. Kokkinos

P. LEYLAND / G. ANTHONY, *Textbook on Administrative Law*, Oxford University Press, 2016, 516 pp., ISBN: 978-0-19-871305-0

From the very beginning this book draws one's full attention. Once AV Dicey, who is considered to be the foremost authority on English constitutional law, stressed that there was no place in constitution for administrative law. This book provides a clear answer to the main question: What is administrative law? The answer to this question explains why this is an integral part of each state. Administrative law should be treated as an area of law concerned with the control of governmental powers. It is already apparent that this is a very large area. Although there is no universally or commonly accepted method of dividing it up, of objectively segregating an area of concern from another, there are general activities of the modern state, including education, housing, social security, immigration. This book also refers to a number of significant cases that came to the court on regular cases pertaining to that sphere.

Finally, this book constitutes a productive study of the factual situation of administrative law with the understanding of possible solutions in the present time and proposals of probable directions for this very sphere in the future.

E. Kvarchiya

S. NASON, *Reconstructing Judicial Review*, Hart Publishing, 2016, 248 pp., ISBN: 978-1-50990-462-4

The book contains fascinating findings, based on a review of many first-instance decisions in the Administrative Court of England and Wales (part of the High Court), an analysis of court filings and surveys of practitioners.

By examining from different perspective the functions and values that ought to be served by judicial review, Sarah Nason was led to believe that there is a need for a new philosophy and offers a new interpretation of judicial review in England and Wales as being concerned with the advancement of justice and good governance.

Reconstructing Judicial Review is a book that deserves to be read because it opens up to a different perspective.

M. Grigore

N. A. SHAH, *Islam and the Law of Armed Conflict*, Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd., 2015, 866 pp., ISBN: 978-1-78254-524-8

For the last decades, Islamic fundamentalists have been gaining power in the Arabic world. After proclaiming themselves defenders of the Muslim faith, they have aimed to restore the Islamic Caliphate, and, thus, have dragged the world into an endless war. In these realities - realities where Islamists use terror as their ultimate weapon and tend to ignore all the developments of the modern world in the sphere of Law of an Armed Conflict -, it is very important for the Islamic studies to understand whether these actions can really be justified by Islam.

The collection of essays prepared by Niaz A. Shah gives the readers the impression of *qital* (Islamic Law of Armed Conflicts) and how it correlates with International Humanitarian Law. Moreover, it gives a better understanding of how different is the interpretation of Islam by radical Islamists of such movements as Al Qaida, Taliban or Islamic State from the interpretation by other Muslim scholars.

This book shall become an invaluable addition to libraries and will help readers to understand that violations of Islamic Law committed by radical groups shall not be associated with the real legal position of Islamic Law.

V. Reshetnikov