

lack of structures which ensure that human rights are mainstreamed in both the executive and the legislative branches, may be redressed only through the adequate development of a democratic culture of justification.

Although the main subject of investigation is the work of the British Joint Committee on Human Rights, the book deals with the topic of legislative review for human rights compatibility and its implications for courts also in relation to other countries. Moreover, it provides an interesting insight in the efforts made by non-state institutions to foster the role of parliaments in the protection of human rights.

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E. KORKEA-AHO, *Adjudicating New Governance: Deliberative Democracy in the European Union*, Routledge, 2015, 256 pp., ISBN: 978-1-138-78803-9 (hardcover) ISBN: 978-1-315-76572-3 (e-book)

Emilia Korkea-aho, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Academy of Finland, offers a panoramic view on the European legal outlook, analyzing the new approaches to governance in the EU and the role of courts and legislators, along with the concept of deliberative democracy. Written over the course of 5 years, the book starts with an introduction on the new governance and the concepts on which this is based, and keeps on explaining the theory and practice of democratic deliberation, that is seen as an “instructive opportunity to rethink and re-imagine the democratic legitimacy of both the EU and its governance processes”.

Sustained by a series of case studies, the author argues that the EU law is a system in which “forms of deliberative decision-making mechanisms have emerged” changing the role of courts and conditioning the judicial decision-making.

Discursive, detailed and thought-provoking, this book would be interesting for international lawyers, political scientists and students interested in the development of the judicial scenery in the European Union.

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