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J.-B. AUBY / E. BREEN / T. PERROUD (eds.), *Corruption and Conflicts of Interest*, Edward Elgar Publishing Limited, 2014, 352 pp., ISBN: 978-1-78100-934-5

This collection of papers from leading governance and legal scholars and practitioners seeks to discover the most effective ways to combat corruption across the world. Although the focus of the anthology is on Europe, it considers also examples from other countries and organizations. It recognizes the importance of cultural differences when combating conflicts of interest and corruption and discusses how this can impact multi-national corruption legislation.

Many essays in this book also consider the fight against corruption in international organizations. It discusses the evolution of international organizations' fight against corruption from the 1990's, when the World Bank first brought the issue to light, to today. The papers in this section consider several international organizations, including the World Bank, the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The final section of the book considers the importance of creating a legal framework to address corruption and conflicts of interest at the European Union level, citing the lack of a comprehensive system, shortcomings of the current mechanism, and examples of mismanagement in EU agencies.

This book is a wonderful study of current corruption standards across the world and those possible and needed for the future, more interconnected, world.

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