

governance of the English system. In this practical and theoretical analysis supported by interviews with judiciary experts such as scholars, judges, and legal practitioners, the authors have characterized the English judiciary as the “guardian of the constitution,” thus, highlighting the importance of its independence and accountability. It singles out the historical-political context of England as the most important determinant in the understanding of judicial independence. The book notes the judiciary as branch of the government that goes beyond a mere institution to resolve disputes through its thorough evaluation of the role of the judiciary. It focuses on the standards of conduct both on the bench and off the bench but ultimately singles out judicial immunity as the basis for the success of judicial independence.

Shetreet and Turenne argue that judicial independence must be secured at the institutional and individual level, and thus expand on the topics of immunity, discipline and freedom of expression and public trust. Even though *Judges on Trial* is a highly specialized and technical book, its clear structure and meticulous breakdown of themes and topics makes the message practical, approachable and understandable.

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Human rights law is present in almost every society. Its character is shaped by many factors, depending on the jurisdiction. This book tries to demonstrate that the character of Human Rights Law in the EU was shaped by the interplay between judicial interpretation and its context. The book discusses the motivation of the implementation of human rights law in the EU. It is said to not be just motivated by the *EU care for humanity* but used in order to promote and strengthen the EU constitutional and governance powers, reinforce its authority over Member States and the effective enforcement of its law in the Member States. Another important point is the pri-

mary interpretative basis for human rights in the EU by the Court. In this aspect, the rule of law plays a major role as the EU courts interpret human rights in accordance with the provisions of the EU legislation established for the protection of human rights. However, in a multi-layered and complex system, the interpretation and protection of human rights faces some difficulties.

This book uses different case studies to show the difficulty of application and interpretation of human rights law. It also presents a good analysis of the EU constitutional and governance terrain. This book shows that human rights law has a very important place in the EU not only for humanitarian reasons but because it determines the EU policy and provides foundations for the construction of EU governance. It totally matches today's needs, as we are moving toward new approaches and interpretations of human rights law.

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