

dress this gap by analyzing the efficacy of pursuing legal mobilization through the different levels of the complex European legal system.

The unique structure of the book, which is split into three parts containing a broad range of case studies, allows the reader to gain an understanding of the risks and rewards of pursuing rights through the different avenues provided by the European system. Notably this is done by not only focusing on each level of the system, but also on the different actors working within it. This provides for an in-depth presentation of the motivations of minority individuals, groups, and organizations and the challenges that they face based on their political and legal realities, which is essential when analyzing the successes or failures of their legal pursuits.

This volume effectively lays the groundwork for further study of this under-analyzed topic by beginning the conversation surrounding the opportunities and shortcomings of the European legal system for individuals or groups seeking to enact social change.

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W. E. CONKLIN, *Statelessness: The Enigma of the International Community*, First Edition, Hart Publishing, 2014, 380 pp., ISBN: 978-1-84946-507-6 (Hardback)

Conklin's book explores the history of statelessness. He looks for an explanation of how and why the international community has created such a large, unprotected population, through the denial of national identity. Conklin's passionate argument makes a compelling argument. He argues that under the international community as a whole, a person's social and cultural bonds determine nationality. The legal status is based on a lack of national recognition. He correctly shows that in this case the link between an individual and a state is absent, thus leading to social and symbolic exclusion. Despite the fact that he assures that the states always maintain independent power over domestic affairs, he presents a compelling case through specific case-studies. Conklin's view shows the dysfunction of a system where the individual person is the main actor and can access that community without state intervention.

This is an increasingly widespread problem. He argues against traditional efforts to recognize and reduce statelessness, showing the problem, in the obligatory nature of law, domestic or international. Although he emphasizes that statelessness is inevitable when the world is viewed as the aggregate of states, his conclusion, based on placing responsibility on the executive branch, is well argued and irrefutable.

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F. DESSEMONTET, *Intellectual Property Law in Switzerland*, 2nd edition, Kluwer Law International / Stämpfli Publishers, 2013, 212 pp., ISBN: 978-90-411-5151-3 (Kluwer), 978-3-7272-7737-5 (Stämpfli)

In *Intellectual Property Law in Switzerland*, Dessemontet provides a thorough analysis of Swiss intellectual property law, covering legislation on copyright, patents, trademarks, trade secrets, and more. In addition to his initial short summary on Switzerland and its history, Dessemontet presents the sources of legislation for each subject and highlights any important background information before delving into and adding his commentary in order to enhance fundamental understanding of the current status of various intellectual property laws in Switzerland.

This presentation and commentary is clearly an invaluable addition to the library of any legislator or intellectual property lawyer operating in Switzerland. Professionals aside, anyone attempting to expand their understanding of such law will find seemingly no stone left unturned within these chapters. Apart from its practical usefulness, Dessemontet's precision and attention to detail are to be admired.

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