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F. LENZERINI / A.F. VRDOLJAK, *International Law for Common Goods: Normative Perspective on Human Rights, Culture, and Nature*, Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2014, 448 pp., ISBN: 978-1-84946-519-9

As articulated by Vrdoljak in her introduction to the text, the status quo of modern international law lies within the interest of the states, suffering from the bias of the self-interest of these states. Yet certain concepts of common goods are developing to challenge the dominance of this state-focused form of international law, growing out of globally shared values or shared spheres of interaction. Lenzerini and Vrdoljak have drawn attention to this nature of expansion of international law through common goods with a series of case and institutional analyses, divided into three distinct sections. The first section distinctly draws attention to international legal precedent of human rights through institutions such as the International Court of Justice, expanding into the international legal constraints of war through the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the African Commission of Human and Peoples' Rights, among other institutions. Additionally within the realm of shared values comes a section focused on legal protections of cultural heritage, most powerfully focusing on the rights of indigenous peoples whose identity is derived directly from their culture and the damage these identities can suffer from foreign encroachment without proper legal protection. The final section of Lenzerini and Vrdoljak's analysis focuses not on shared human values of culture and life, but on common domains which create common concerns for humankind, such as ecological sustainability standards and land degradation issues.

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