

nection between his understanding of moral equality, benevolence, and political thought, Helo argues that Jefferson believed his discourse, over time, would lead to a change in the national mindset, at least in the majority, which could compel the federal government to enact compliance measures to end slavery. Jefferson believed violence would not be justified in freeing slaves, and he feared the violence which could occur without majority backing. This book fills the need for a more critical and nuanced understanding of Jefferson's beliefs.

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R. KOLB, *The Law of Treaties: An Introduction*, Edward Elgar Publishing, UK & USA, 2016, 296 pp., ISBN: 978-1-78536-014-5

There is no area of international law nowadays which is not permeated by treaties. The book aims to understand properly the working and understanding of the law of treaties in the modern era. By providing a succinct but in-depth presentation of the topic, written in analytical style, the author fills a gap in the existing legal literature. All important substantive issues of the law of treaties are considered. Each Chapter is centered around two axes: first, it sets out the law in much detail and with practical examples deepens the understanding of the normative framework. Second, each Chapter discusses difficult and unexpected issues related to the law and presents idiosyncratic cases of treaty practice or some extracts on such issues. In this way, the book functions both as an introductory textbook on the law of treaties perfect for undergraduate students, but at the same time tests this knowledge in the context of situations apart from the mainstream and thus is of use for the experienced international lawyer and practitioner.

Last but not least, Prof. Kolb infers his rich experience as an academic and as a practitioner of international law in this book. The book is abundant from examples originating from Swiss and UN practice that put to the test the adaptability and appropriateness of the law of the treaties in the modern era.

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M. PEETERS / T. SCHOMERUS (eds), *Renewable Energy Law in the EU*, Edward Elgar Publishing, UK and USA, 2014, 336 pp., ISBN: 978-1-78347-318-2

The author explores the various forms of EU regulation on environmental policy, as well as the regulation of power distribution through the various agencies such as the Committee of Regions (CoR), which operate under a distinct autonomy from EU jurisdiction at various levels in enacting new forms of environmental regulation. The author equally explores the evolution of environmental regulation, such as the origins and increasing importance at the parliamentary level, and accounts for the shortcomings of the harmonization of enacted legislation. Many of the incentives given to non-complying regions/countries by the European Union (EU) are financial, such as cap-and-trade systems. While these economic incentives for reducing carbon emissions and adopting more green-friendly initiatives have reduced the various forms of pollution and poverty in several of Europe's poorer regions, the incentives are not enough to halt the proliferation of pollution. The book provides a detailed account of environmental agencies at the EU level and the balance of power between the various institutions.

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M.-O. PEYROUX-SISSOKO / P. KRUSLICZ, *Constitutions nationales et valeurs européennes*, Centre Universitaire Francophone, 2015, 199 pp., ISBN: 978-963-306-445-0

The balance between internal order and international order is present in almost every society. As we know, the Constitution is the most important cell for every state. In this book, *Constitutions nationales et valeurs européennes*, the authors correctly look for an explanation of what is the exact meaning of international legal order, what is national sovereignty and what is the relationship between them. The unique structure of the book, which is split into two parts, lies on the combination between European Values and the relations between EU jurisdiction and national jurisdiction, especially in France and in Hungary.