

In particular, this book provides the reader with an understanding of the present system and structure of criminal proceedings in Italy. Detailed analyses and explanations of the sentencing procedure give an even more thorough depth to the reader in understanding the nuances of the Italian justice system. The book's structure, which is split into three parts (Substantive Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Execution of Sanctions), allows the reader to better understand the procedural background by facilitating a step-by-step understanding of how Italian criminal law is implemented. Di Amato's work ultimately enhances the knowledge of all those who desire to gain a more intricate, profound, and complete understanding of Italy's criminal law system.

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C. GEIGER, *Research Handbook on Human Rights and Intellectual Property*, Edward Elgar, UK and USA, 2015, 727 pp., ISBN: 978-1-78347-241-3

In this work, Christopher Geiger has collected and edited through a Handbook in order to push forward one of the most important topics at the moment: Human Rights. He delves, however, further into practicality as he combines it with the topic of Intellectual Property.

The book is separated into 3 sections. The first section looks into the legal basis of Human Rights such as proportionality and the issues that arise when International bodies try to agree on Human Rights issues by using input from various Human Rights experts. The second part focuses on the consequences of Human Rights in relation to the development of intellectual property in the legislative and judicial fields. In this part, Geiger uses a comparative approach of different cases from around the globe. The third part looks towards the future. It serves as a prospective manual with different suggestions in order to reach the aim of a balance of intellectual property rights included in human rights.

This work is important as it is an attempt to bridge the lack of communication between the economic and social spheres of society by trying to maintain the hope of equality and fairness in a world

where it can be left behind in favor of innovation and an improved economy.

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M. GIBNEY / W. VANDENHOLE, *Litigating Transnational Human Rights Obligations, Alternative Judgements*, Routledge Research in Human Rights Law, 2014, 366 pp., ISBN: 978-1-138-63950-8

Mark Gibney, a Belk Distinguished Professor at the University of North Carolina Asheville, and Wouter Vandenhole, a member of UNICEF serving as Chair in the Children's Rights department at the University of Antwerp and Co-Director of the Law and Development Research Group, adventure themselves into an uncharted territory while trying to rewrite the concept of the human rights basis in regard to law-enforcement and the way in which states are adopting these so-called laws. They offer a totally new perspective regarding the notion of human rights while trying to give a broader understanding of the way we see and relate to the subject, making a comprehensive and compelling argument on how the issue must be addressed.

The book provides information about the international economic governance, global and regional human rights monitoring and the role that the domestic courts play in the protection of human rights, presenting practical cases in which the Court purposely avoided the matter at hand by invoking current laws and their jurisprudence whilst showing the way the current law failed to protect human rights thus setting forth the basis for a practical discussion that can change the nature of human rights protection.

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D. HALJAN, *Constitutionalising Secession*, Hart Publishing, UK, 2014, 428 pp., ISBN: 9-781849-464376

Through examination of texts and a few case studies primarily involving Canada and Québec, David Haljan attempts to answer the following question: What does constitutional law have to say about secession? Haljan takes a rather apolitical approach within texts, fo-