

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.

Another important point is the fact that the methodology that the authors use is dialogue, which helps to enhance the understanding of the book, and, at the same time, presents a better analysis of the EU countries' constitutions and EU governance.

This book is clearly an invaluable addition which lays the groundwork for what is the European Union and how it works today, while also providing more information about the constitutions of these two countries and their sovereignty.

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R. K. M. SMITH, *Textbook on International Human Rights*, 7<sup>th</sup> edition, Oxford University Press, New York, 2015, 416 pp., ISBN: 978-0-19-874621-8

The constant erosion of State sovereignty and the concomitant penetration of international human rights in the so-called *domaine réservé* of modern democracies describes in a nutshell the most visible worldwide transformation international law has achieved since the end of the Second World War. In a very concise and accessible way, this book describes the process of this transformation and completes a *tour d'horizon* of how things stand today in international human rights protection across the globe. Further, the book attempts a short glimpse into the future and the potential impact of the prospective reform of the institutional procedure on the enforcement of human rights.

The textbook mainly targets students with no prior relevant experience or legal knowledge in this scientific field. The latest edition references extensively to recent case law, bibliography and electronic resources in every chapter, highlighting in this way key areas of debate. It fully covers the spectrum of substantive rights incorporated in human rights instruments, but also it traces the development of rights protection within the United Nations and the regional systems. So, this book functions as a broad but in-depth introduction to this area of law and thus achieves a double goal; on the one hand, it facilitates any further study on the issue and on the