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P. ALA'Ì / R. G. VAUGHN (eds), *Research Handbook on Transparency*, Edward Elgar Publishing, UK, 2014, 418 pp., ISBN: 978-1-78100-793-8

Transparency... What is hidden under this common and widely used word? The *Research Handbook* is a great opportunity to explore and understand the multi-faceted nature of this term. Transparency is considered to be a core element in the democratic society, promoting the modern values of the rule of law principle, human rights, economic efficiency and environmental protection. Nevertheless, the flexibility and prevalence of this term increase the necessity of detailed study of its limitations and inconsistencies. The comparative and international perspectives being studied by the editors, a reader can analyze the strengths and weaknesses of transparency.

To understand better all the aspects of this term, the book is divided into four parts. The first chapter determines the basic framework. The second focuses on the cultural and national peculiarities. The third is dedicated to the impact on the legal rules and regulations. The final part describes the correlation between transparency and global governance. Despite the fact that the *Research Handbook* is a thorough and consistent study, the editors encourage the reader to form his own point of view regarding the accomplishments and challenges of transparency.

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J. BELL / M.-L. PARIS (eds), *Rights-Based Constitutional Review: Constitutional Courts in a Changing Landscape*, Edward Elgar Publishing, UK and USA, 2016, 443 pp., ISBN: 978-1-78471-760-5 (cased)

This book examines how the existing system of constitutional review evolved, from an institutional, procedural and substantial