

and the private sector is redrawn. Moreover, the work focuses on initiatives of social and environmental global governance.

In conclusion, *The return of the public in global governance* presents transformations within the realm of global governance, advancing the following major aim: the relationship between the public and the international.

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P. BROOKER, *Mediation Law - Journey through Institutionalism to Juridification*, Routledge, UK, 2013, 290 pp., ISBN: 978-0-415-61294-4 (hbk), 978-0-203-79662-7 (ebk)

The book explores the complexities of mediation, an alternative to litigation that is oftentimes more cost-effective, efficient and faster than in-court litigation. However, several complications arise from this method of Alternative Dispute Resolution, otherwise known as ADR. ADR presents a neutral, third-party source of interpretation of cases between two parties. The author, however, has eluded to several cases whereby third-party interpretation without a traditional legislative court-setting (jury, repeated trials) has shown to be less impartial than made out to be. While the author agrees that mediation as a form of ADR can be more useful for non-criminal, simpler cases, the point is made that more complicated cases require more attention from judges and several cross-checking mechanisms that review the facts of the given case.

The author believes that in several cases, including simpler cases whereby litigators use mediation, this is more cost-ineffective because clients are, oftentimes, put in the driver's seat of the case, and that more time is spent choosing the mediator and venue, rather than focusing on settling a case.

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