

L. GUIBAULT / C. ANGELOPOULOS, *Open Content Licensing: From Theory to Practice*, Amsterdam University Press, Amsterdam, 2011, 295 pp., ISBN: 978-90-8964-307-0

The importance of IT technology in every aspect of life forced the scholars of law to examine and therefore to set legal rules as far the whole space of open content is concerned. Meanwhile, the public sector in every EU Member State acquires information and data that could be useful for the economy and society in general. Public domain remains a stronghold, the assets and the copyright of which create the necessity of re-introducing formalities so that the information could be diffused. Another aspect of this case is the controversy between EU and US concerning the access and the ownership of scientific publications and the ramifications of these aspects. A new social contract needs to be established to combine the related ownership rights and the Freedom of Information law.

The book itself is a toolkit for the scholars of law in the contemporary scientific field of open content licensing and therefore a thorough legal context on the European level.

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J. JENKINS, *International Construction Arbitration Law*, Kluwer Law International BV, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Netherlands, 2014, 414 pp., ISBN: 978-90-411-4985-5

International Construction Arbitration is one of the more specialized areas of alternate dispute resolution. The issues that surround it are even more relevant today due to the ever expanding globalization of the economy, where it is quite usual for more than one jurisdiction to be involved in a dispute resolution.

Jenkins' analysis covers every step of the Construction Arbitration procedure, from the drafting of the Agreement and the variety of clauses it may contain, to the enforcement of an arbitral award. Subjects discussed within this study include the different approaches adopted by civil and common law, the standard procedures regarding dispute boards, claims administration and issues regarding investor-State arbitration.

One of the most outstanding features of this book is the use of carefully structured diagrams and standard contract forms. As such it can not only be used by seasoned practitioners but also by people who have no previous experience in the field.

All in all, in this manuscript the author makes an excellent work of explaining in detail the diverse array of concepts prevalent to the study of this field and therefore the book can serve as a guide for the purposes of both the academic and practical application of the law.

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B. MATHIEU, *Constitution: rien ne bouge et tout change*, L.G.D.J., Paris, 2013, 192 pp., ISBN: 978-2-35971-083-0

L'œuvre analyse la légitimité des constitutions nationales et supranationales, en analysant ces chartes par rapport à la souveraineté politique, économique et sociale de l'Etat. L'auteur interroge le lecteur sur le thème du maintien d'une démocratie réelle lorsqu'une puissance supranationale acquiert des pouvoirs étendus. La constitutionnalisation des pays occidentaux nous oblige à nous interroger sur la question de la légitimité des constitutions nationales et surtout supranationales, particulièrement quand elles n'ont pas été validées par un vote direct des citoyens. L'auteur, Bertrand Mathieu, indique que la constitutionnalisation peut être considérée comme représentant un réel progrès en termes de droits de l'homme, mais peut rendre complexes les démarches administratives. B. Mathieu fait également observer que les constitutions n'évoluent lorsqu'elles sont confrontées à des situations de crise politique majeure; nous pouvons certes nous référer à la Déclaration des droits de l'homme de 1789, et aux droits sociaux qui ont été élaborés dans le cadre de l'industrialisation. En revanche, la manière dont nous révisons la Constitution aujourd'hui est archaïque; nous devons adapter nos révisions à un monde qui change de plus en plus rapidement avec des acteurs privés qui deviennent de plus en plus puissants.

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