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PH. ALLOTT, *Eutopia: New Philosophy and New Law for a Troubled World*, Edward Elgar Publishing, UK, 2016, 368 pp., ISBN: 978-1785360657

The human mind is where everything starts and so does this book; it starts with the human mind, describing its structure, states of consciousness and the fact that it connects humans to their society, environment and a universe existing autonomous of their mind, to their past, present and future. The human power in its various forms is nurtured by the mind, the mind who created the world we acknowledge today; a troubled and self-destructive world. *Eutopia* tells us how we can create a better world and society through means we already dispose of, the most important of them being the one who created the world we are so eager to change in the first place. *Eutopia* by Philip Allott is one of those books who really gives you something to think about even a long time after you finish reading it.

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S. DRAKE / M. SMITH, *New Directions in the Effective Enforcement of EU Law and Policy*, Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd., 2016, 342 pp., ISBN: 978-1-78471-868-8

The European Union is facing the continuous challenge of ensuring practical enforcement of its law and policies. International law and domestic legislation are also facing similar pressure, however, taking into account the *sui generis* nature of the EU, several concerns exist. This collection provides an in-depth analysis of new approaches and prospectives on the EU legislature. It raises the issue of the enforcement of EU law within its multi-level system of governance. It also aims to investigate a number of key questions relating to the productive enforcement of EU law and policy.

Moreover, in the light of environmental policy, consumer policy and economic governance, this collection presents current barriers and offers possible solutions. This collection also applies the accumulation of new policies, in this instance the spheres of economy, justice, security and freedom with the purpose of viewing whether expanding areas of competence brought with them new ideas. Consistently, it refers to the EU Court of Justice and national cases as well.

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E. LAMBERT ABDELGAWAD / H. MICHEL, *Dictionary of European Actors*, Groupe Larcier, Brussels, 2015, 403 pp., ISBN: 978-2-8044-7960-2

The complex intricacies of the functioning of the European system - ranging from the operations of the European Union at a macro level to the development of policies in small committee rooms on a micro level - have never been quite so illuminated as in Abdelgawad and Michel's work. The *Dictionary of European Actors* takes a novel approach by examining the small moving parts behind the grandiose machine that is Europe, and in doing so, the reader may see what truly exists behind Europe's bureaucratic curtain. By providing an extremely nuanced and detailed account of more than one hundred actors, groups, and professional workers engaged in the perpetuation of the European Project, anyone who seeks to discover just how profound and unique this system is may do so by reading from this compilation of research on the plethora of actors which provide their efforts for the functioning of the European Union. Moreover, this work is not only useful to academics who delve into bureaucratic analyses, but also to citizens and individuals seeking to better understand what truly makes their society tick.

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