

P. LEYLAND / G. ANTHONY, *Textbook on Administrative Law*, Oxford University Press, 2016, 516 pp., ISBN: 978-0-19-871305-0

From the very beginning this book draws one's full attention. Once AV Dicey, who is considered to be the foremost authority on English constitutional law, stressed that there was no place in constitution for administrative law. This book provides a clear answer to the main question: What is administrative law? The answer to this question explains why this is an integral part of each state. Administrative law should be treated as an area of law concerned with the control of governmental powers. It is already apparent that this is a very large area. Although there is no universally or commonly accepted method of dividing it up, of objectively segregating an area of concern from another, there are general activities of the modern state, including education, housing, social security, immigration. This book also refers to a number of significant cases that came to the court on regular cases pertaining to that sphere.

Finally, this book constitutes a productive study of the factual situation of administrative law with the understanding of possible solutions in the present time and proposals of probable directions for this very sphere in the future.

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S. NASON, *Reconstructing Judicial Review*, Hart Publishing, 2016, 248 pp., ISBN: 978-1-50990-462-4

The book contains fascinating findings, based on a review of many first-instance decisions in the Administrative Court of England and Wales (part of the High Court), an analysis of court filings and surveys of practitioners.

By examining from different perspective the functions and values that ought to be served by judicial review, Sarah Nason was led to believe that there is a need for a new philosophy and offers a new interpretation of judicial review in England and Wales as being concerned with the advancement of justice and good governance.

*Reconstructing Judicial Review* is a book that deserves to be read because it opens up to a different perspective.

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N. A. SHAH, *Islam and the Law of Armed Conflict*, Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd., 2015, 866 pp., ISBN: 978-1-78254-524-8

For the last decades, Islamic fundamentalists have been gaining power in the Arabic world. After proclaiming themselves defenders of the Muslim faith, they have aimed to restore the Islamic Caliphate, and, thus, have dragged the world into an endless war. In these realities - realities where Islamists use terror as their ultimate weapon and tend to ignore all the developments of the modern world in the sphere of Law of an Armed Conflict -, it is very important for the Islamic studies to understand whether these actions can really be justified by Islam.

The collection of essays prepared by Niaz A. Shah gives the readers the impression of *qital* (Islamic Law of Armed Conflicts) and how it correlates with International Humanitarian Law. Moreover, it gives a better understanding of how different is the interpretation of Islam by radical Islamists of such movements as Al Qaida, Taliban or Islamic State from the interpretation by other Muslim scholars.

This book shall become an invaluable addition to libraries and will help readers to understand that violations of Islamic Law committed by radical groups shall not be associated with the real legal position of Islamic Law.

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