scholars and practitioners from Europe, the United States and elsewhere. Consisting of essays that are organized in five subdivisions, this book examines privacy protection and surveillance from various perspectives.

Privacy is of importance in the US constitutional system as well as in the system of the European Union. However, the notions of privacy differ. The notion of privacy in the US is built on ideas of individual liberty, whereas the European notion is based on dignity. Nevertheless, both the United States and the European Union consider privacy as a fundamental feature of democracy based on the rule of law. In this book, issues of privacy and surveillance are explored from a domestic, comparative and transatlantic perspective as well as from the perspective of private corporations, non-governmental organizations and oversight authorities. Thus, it gives a comprehensive overview about current transatlantic challenges and the perspectives involved.

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G. CORSTENS, *Understanding the Rule of Law*, Hart Publishing, 2017, 152 pp., ISBN: 978-1-50990-363-4

The law is an inalienable part of the modern democracy state, thus understanding the rule of law is necessary for all humanity. What does "The Rule of Law" mean exactly? This is one of the important questions which are regarded in the book *Understanding the Rule of Law* edited by the President of the Dutch Supreme Court G. Corstens

The author also raises such serious issues as How can a Democratic State be governed by the Rule of Law and What is the Role of the Judiciary in a Democratic State Governed by the Rule of Law? Answering these questions, Geert Corstens gives the main role to judges, what they do and why they are required. He similarly tries to explain the relationship between the Judiciary and the Legislature and the Judiciary's relationship with the constitution and international law. In this way it is very important to understand the relationships between Judiciary and Society, because these issues are escalating in all sectors of community. *Understanding the Rule of* 

Law is an outstanding book for all who are interested in democracy in the state, justice and human rights.

A. Bondarenko

TH. GAMMELTOFT / J. VEDSTED-HANSEN (eds.), *Human Rights and the Dark Side of Globalisation*, Routledge, 2017, 366 pp., ISBN: 978-1-13822-224-3

The present book *Human Rights and the Dark Side of Globalisa*tion (Transnational Law Enforcement and Migration Control) edited by Thomas Gammeltoft and Jens Vedsted-Hansen emphasizes and examines the importance of constant Human Rights violations and joint responsibility in the context of a serious problem that affects Europe: the migration crisis among other topics.

The strong point of the book is the proper demonstration of several parties involved in shared responsibility, the human right to privacy (especially the NSA surveillance issue), counter-piracy, responsibility of rescuing migrants, etc. However, all of these issues have a strong legal side; the book tries to present them in a way that it can be understandable to readers that do not pursue legal studies.

All in all, the book applies an extensive thought-provoking way of writing about topics of great actual importance in the globalized world.

B. Horvath

M. GROVES / G. WEEKS, *Legitimate expectations in the Common Law World*, Hart Publishing Ltd., 2017, 354 pp., ISBN: 978-1-84946-778-0

The concept of legitimate expectation, which is an expectation induced by a public authority that an individual would be granted or retain some substantive benefit, is essential for procedural protection before public authorities. For the last decades, this concept has become an integral part of judicial review in the common law system and is recognized, at least in some way, by all common law system states. However, the law in different states develops in different routes, and so do legal concepts.