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L. BIUKOVIC / P. B. POTTER, *Local Engagement with International Economic Law and Human Rights*, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2017, 304 pp., ISBN: 978-1-78536-718-2

Do local cultural heritage and values matter in the adjudication of international economic disputes? This is one of the main questions raised by the *Local Engagement with International Economic Law and Human Rights* book, edited by Ljiljana Biukovic and Pitman B. Potter. Focused on the tensions between international law and the standards for local performance, the book provides an analysis of global regulation and the impact of international organizations on domestic laws and human rights norms.

It is well known that globalization is affecting the national laws especially for the fastest economic development that the world is facing. This widened the scope of domestic laws, and limited the policies, basic decisions, and interpretations of norms within the area of public international law. That is why the book covers both theoretical and practical aspects of the relationship between economic law and human rights. It does not only focus on the tensions and conflicts between the two but also explores ways on how the potentials of trade may be harnessed to serve the needs of human rights protection at the local level by using the example of Peru, Mexico, Canada, Vietnam, and China.

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D. COLE / F. FABBRINI / S. SCHULHOFER, *Surveillance, Privacy, and Trans-Atlantic Relations*, Oxford, Hart, 2017, 248 pp., ISBN: 978-1-50990-541-6

Revelations about government surveillance followed by debates about privacy protection in the digital age have put strain on political relations between Europe and the United States. This book seeks to improve mutual understanding by presenting views of privacy

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*