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General Publications

The Abolition of the Death Penalty in International Law

By William Schabas. New York, New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996, pp. xli, 403, \$90.00 [ISBN 0-521-58135-4].

This book deals with the progress of the international community away from the use of capital punishment. It discusses in detail the abolition of the death penalty within the United Nations human rights system, international humanitarian law, European human rights law, and the Inter-American human rights law. The book offers a broad overview of the legal progress in the field of death penalty abolition in the last fifty years. Schabas addresses whether customary international law regarding the death penalty exists and the fact that public opinion may side with those who favor retention of the death penalty. After dealing with these issues, Schabas lays the foundation for customary international law and its role in abolishing the death penalty as well as providing a guideline for the imposition of such a sentence.

Aspects of Statehood and Institutionalism in Contemporary Europe

Edited by Malcom D. Evans. Aldershot, England: Dartmouth Publishing Co., 1997, pp. xliii, 329, \$68.95 [ISBN 1-85521-928-X].

The chapters of this book are based on papers delivered at the second EC/International Law Forum hosted by the Department of Law of Bristol University. According to the editor, while the number of sovereign states in Europe has increased dramatically, "many of these states have sought to draw themselves together through a web of complex institutions which, to some, seem to threaten the very existence of the state as the principal unit of the international community." This book explores the legal problems arising from the tension between statehood and institutionalism as well as the impact of such tension

upon the European Union, the Council of Europe, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Asset-Backed Securitization in Europe

Edited by Theodor Baums and Eddy Wymeersch. The Hague, The Netherlands: Graham & Trotman Limited/Kluwer Law International, 1996, pp. xvii, 262, US\$127.00, UK£89.00, Dfl. 195.00 [ISBN 9041109161].

Asset securitization is a modern finance technique that was originally developed in the United States and is now increasingly in Europe. This book deals with the legal and regulatory framework of asset securitization in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. The book provides an in-depth look at legislation in all European countries where asset securitization plays a role. As these transactions are often-times international in scope, this book will be a useful source for the practitioner as it provides coverage of the most important jurisdictions in Europe. Any person involved in the asset securitization practice will find this book helpful.

Bieber's Dictionary of Legal Citations

By Mary Miles Prince. Buffalo, New York: William S. Hein & Co., Inc., 1997, pp. x, 441 & appendix; xv, 368, \$39.50 [ISBN 1-57588-285-X].

Bieber's Dictionary of Legal Citations is intended to assist the legal profession in citing authorities according to the rules given in *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*. This version of the dictionary also includes a complete copy of the *Bluebook*. This book is intended to be used as a companion to the *Bluebook* as it applies *Bluebook* rules to common legal authorities. This edition reflects numerous edition and title change for entries found in the previous edition and contains many new entries, including those pertaining to public domain citations and Internet sources.

The British Year Book of International Law 1995

Edited by Ian Brownlie and James Crawford. New York, New York: Oxford University Press, 1997, pp. xi, 782, \$185 [ISBN 0-19-825882-8].

This volume is a collection of essays, book reviews, and review articles dealing with writings during 1995 concerning various areas of British, European, and international law. The topics addressed by these materials include,

inter alia, law and procedure in the International Court of Justice, human rights, and jurisdiction and extradition issues under international law.

Current Legal Problems 1996, Volume 49, Part II: Collected Papers

Edited by Michael Freeman on behalf of The Faculty of Laws, University College London. New York: Oxford University Press, Inc., 1996, pp. v, 420, \$90 [ISBN 0-19-826280-9].

Current Legal Problems is the title of an annual series of lectures hosted by The Faculty of Laws of University College London. This volume contains the texts of lectures delivered in the 1995-1996 Current Legal Problems programme, including: "Globalization and Legal Theory: Some Local Implications," by William Twining; "Does Legal Formalism Hold Sway?" by Johan Steyn; "Judicial Responsibility in Criminal Proceedings," by John Jackson; "The Path of Negotiations," by Simon Roberts; " 'Good Faith in Contracts' Revisited," by Roger Brownsword; "Criminal Law: Between Determinism, Liberalism, and Criminal Justice," by Jeremy Horder; "The Limited Liability of Unincorporated Associations," by Roger Rideout; "Lord Macnaghten's Puzzle: The Mortgage of Real Property in English Law," by Nicholas Bamforth; "Representations of Children," by Judith Masson; "The Paramountcy Principle: Consensus or Construct?" by Helen Reece; "The Influence of International Human Rights Law on the South African Constitution," by John Dugard; "Taking for Granted—The Ramifications of *Nemo Dat*," by Tony Weir; "Reflections on European Union Citizenship," by David O'Keeffe; "Yugoslavia—The Responses of the International Community and of International Law," by Dominic McGoldrick; and "Jeremy Bentham on Political Corruption: A Critique of the First Report on the Nolan Committee," by Philip Schofield.

Deception and Deterrence in "Wars of National Liberation," State-Sponsored Terrorism, and Other Forms of Secret Warfare

Edited by John Norton Moore. Durham, North Carolina: Carolina Academy Press, 1997, pp. 274, \$39.95 [ISBN 0-89089-858-8].

This volume of essays is devoted to a unique examination of deception and deterrence in low-intensity conflict and "secret warfare," and reflects the

expertise of world-class authorities. The book examines past patterns of political warfare through case studies, and looks at some of the special problems faced by democracies in responding effectively to this challenge.

Designing Privatization Strategies in Africa

By Gerald B. Tanyi. Westport, Connecticut: Praeger Publishers, 1997, pp. xi, 124, \$55 [ISBN 0-275-95574-5].

In the author's words, "[T]his book attempts to inform the debate on privatization in Africa by providing a comprehensive overview of the range, complexity and significance of the legal, economic and practical questions that attend the privatization of enterprises in the industrial, manufacturing and service sectors. By using economic assumptions as theoretical constructs for analyzing the sociopolitical costs and benefits of private enterprise, this book allows us to understand certain conclusions about the consequences and alleged social value of various privatization strategies in Africa, and proposes a well-calculated and pragmatic privatization and private sector development strategy."

East Timor and the International Community: Basic Documents

Edited by Heike Krieger. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1997, pp. xxviii, 494, \$100 [ISBN 0-521-58134-6].

Since Indonesia's invasion of East Timor, the status and the human rights situation of East Timor have remained an issue with the international community. In the editor's words, "[t]he aim of this volume is to compile information of different origins in order to document the unresolved question of East Timor as well as the international community's different approaches to it." This volume is a compilation of various official texts and documents with comments provided by the editor. It includes documents explaining the historical background and the process of decolonization of East Timor. The volume also includes numerous United Nations documents on the subject, as well as duplications of various United States reports and hearings concerning the human rights situation of East Timor. The views of other countries and third states are provided. Finally, documents explaining the Timor Gap Dispute and the Timor Gap Treaty in the International Court of Justice are included.

EC Law of State Aid

By Andrew Evans. New York, New York: Oxford University Press, 1997, pp. xlviii, 481, \$125.00 [ISBN 0-19-876451-0].

This book examines the law relating to State aids in the European Union, a subject of growing commercial and political importance. The text analyzes the control of state subsidies by the European Union, examining the acceptability of aid to various industries, such as the airline and automobile industries. It also considers the acceptability of aid granted to research and development, small and medium-sized enterprises, environmental protection, and other subjects. This book is meant for students and practitioners specializing in the area of EU State aid. The book concentrates on the substantive law of State Aid and policy.

The Energy Charter Treaty, An East-West Gateway for Investment and Trade

Edited by Thomas W Walde. The Hague, The Netherlands: Graham & Trotman Limited/Kluwer Law International, 1996, pp. xxvii, 700, US\$265.00, UK£178.00, Dfl. 395.00 [ISBN 9041109137].

The Energy Charter Treaty, initiated by the 1991 European Energy Charter and completed in December 1994, is an innovative multilateral investment and trade treaty. This book brings together contributions on the energy/investment background, the geopolitical context, the Energy Charter negotiations, and relevant specific topics of the Treaty. Such topics include investment, trade, the environment, competition, and transit issues. The book is intended to provide the first authoritative analysis of the background, negotiations, and content of the Energy Charter Treaty and give support and guidance to subsequent negotiations. It outlines the difficult challenges involved in interpretation and application of the Treaty and will be an essential tool for anyone working with the Treaty.

GATT, WTO and the Regulation of International Trade in Textiles

By Claudia Jimenez Cortes. Brookfield, Vermont: Dartmouth Publishing Company Limited, Ashgate Publishing Limited, 1997, pp. 305, \$68.95 [ISBN 1-85521-938-7].

This work examines the textile industry and the legal regime within which it operates. The book presents an examination of the existing legal system

in order to give those persons operating under it a greater understanding of the specific legal regime and clear-cut provisions regarding the consequences for acts under these laws. Other areas deal with the industry's creation of its own special rules and the regulatory cycle of the textile industry in order to compare the special legal system for textiles with the new GATT provisions. The book offers an in-depth study of the regulation of the textile trade, its ends, contents, and effects.

Intellectual Property Policy for Non-Industrial Countries

By Assafa Endeshaw. England: Dartmouth Publishing Company Limited, 1996, pp. xviii, 388, \$69.95 [ISBN 1-85521-754-6].

In the author's words, "[t]his book examines whether intellectual property (IP) laws and practices in non-industrial countries (non-ICs) in general and in Africa in particular have evolved in the direction of facilitating their technological and (economic) development." The book examines the failure of nonindustrial countries to reform the international intellectual property system and their inability to construct their own systems. Endeshaw proposes a framework of IP policies appropriate for the transformation of the non-industrial countries before illustrating the framework through an investigation of African countries.

International Human Rights Litigation in U.S. Courts

By Beth Stephens & Michael Ratner. Irvington-on-Hudson, New York: Transnational Publishers, Inc., 1996, pp. xi, 377, \$95 [ISBN 0-941320-95-2].

In the authors' words, "[t]his book provides an in-depth guide to litigation under both the Alien Tort Claims Act and the Torture Victim Protection Act." It incorporates issues relating to international law, federal court jurisdiction, comparative law, and statutory construction in an effort to aid American lawyers. This book also essentially provides a guide for determining whether a case is appropriate for an ATCA or TVPA suit as well as detailed information on how to proceed with each step of such litigation, from the initial investigation through the possible trial.

Introduction to International Business Law: Legal Transactions in a Global Economy

Edited by Gitelle Seer and Maria I. Smolka-Day. New York: Oceana Publications, Inc., 1996, pp. xix, 295, \$85 [ISBN 0-379-21364-8].

This is the fourth volume in a five-part series designed to train the next generation of foreign and international law librarians. The goals of this book are to expose the reader to both the practical and theoretical underpinnings of international business deals and to provide a bibliographic tool for research and collection development. The bibliographic guide includes foreign and comparative law guides, commentaries, case law, and legislation.

Islamic Law Theory and Practice

Edited by Robert Gleave and Eugenia Kermeli. New York, New York: I. B. Tauris Publishers, 1997, pp. vii, 248, \$75.00 [ISBN 1-86064-119-9].

Islamic Law deals with the theory and practice of Islamic law in the formative, classic, and modern periods. The author also explores Islamic law throughout a wide spectrum of societies. The book is divided into four distinct parts: Legal Theory; Fatwas and Muftis in Classical Islamic Law; The Position of Religious Minorities under Islamic Law; and Modern Developments in Islamic Law. This work focuses not only on the tension between theory and practice but on the relationship between judicial practices and positive law as well as other diverse topics. The author also covers the role of non-Muslim societies under Islamic law and the interrelation of Islamic law to legislation of the modern world.

Krueger on United States Passport Law

By Stephen Krueger. Hong Kong: Crossbow Corporation, 1996, pp. xxi, 329, \$75.00.

Krueger on United States Passport Law offers the practitioner a comprehensive treatise on the subject of United States Passport law. The work offers neutral statements based on guiding authority as well as evaluative observations from the author. The work deals with the history of U.S. passport law from the first Supreme Court case on the issue; the value of a U.S. passport to the government and its citizens; the right to travel with the document; and the ownership of the passport itself. The author also deals with the rights of passport holders as individuals and as a group in relation to the State

Department and the remedies available to these parties. The final chapter of the book deals with miscellaneous issues relating to passport law.

Law and Policy in Public Purchasing: The WTO Agreement on Government Procurement

Edited by Bernard M. Hoekman and Petro C. Mavroidis. Ann Arbor, Michigan: The University of Michigan Press, 1997, pp. xiv, 343, \$65 [ISBN 0-472-10829-8].

In the editors' words, "Governments everywhere procure goods and services as inputs into the production of public goods and services." This volume examines the 1979 Government Procurement Agreement (GPA), created by the World Trade Organization to address the inefficiency of current "buy national" government procurement programs. The editors focus on four broad issues concerning the GPA. The first is the negotiating history, content, and operation of the GPA. Second, it reviews the economics of the GPA's rules and disciplines. Third, the implementation of the GPA in domestic legal systems is discussed. Finally, the volume concentrates on possible alternatives and improvements on the current set of multilateral rules and disciplines.

The Legal Guide to Costa Rica, 2nd Edition

By Roger A. Petersen. San José, Costa Rica: Centro Legal R&M, S. A., 1997, pp. xvii, 228, \$22.50 [ISBN 9977-47-223-8].

In the author's words, this book "provides the reader with easy to follow information about the Costa Rican legal system and laws. Each chapter is organized into a specific area of law which in turn provides valuable information on several legal topics." Some of the topics include real estate transactions, business entities, family law, commercial law, intellectual property law, taxation, and labor law. Included in the appendix are English translations of legal forms commonly used in Costa Rica.

A Legal Interpretation and Political Interpretation of Articles 224 and 225 of the Treaty of Rome

By Constantin Stefanou & Helen Xanthaki. Aldershot, England: Dartmouth Publishing Co., 1997, pp. ix, 146, \$68.95 [ISBN 1-85521-894-1].

In the authors' words, "[a]uthentic interpretations of Treaty Articles by the European Court of Justice (ECJ) . . . define or clarify the rules of the Union and create strong precedents which influence national legislation." How-

ever, Articles 224 and 225 of the Treaty of Rome have not been subject to authentic interpretation by the ECJ. Article 224 is a powerful Article of the Treaty of Rome that allows a member state to take unilateral measures and to suspend some or all of its obligations in times of serious internal turmoil or external threat. Article 225 allows the Commission or a member state to challenge the use of Article 224 before the ECJ. This book attempts to present all the ECJ cases where Articles 224 and 225 have been invoked with special attention paid to the Greek embargo against the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. This book presents different opinions concerning the interpretation of the Articles, legal interpretation of the Articles, and examination of the Articles from a political viewpoint.

Ocean Governance for Hawaii, 1995, Special Publication No. 3

Thomas A. Mensah, Program Chairman. Edited by The Law of the Sea Institute. Honolulu, Hawaii: The Law of the Sea Institute, William S. Richardson School of Law, 1995, pp. x, 257, \$15.00 [ISBN 0-911189-29-7].

This volume of lectures on Hawaiian ocean law is produced by the Law of the Sea Institute, which is housed in the William S. Richardson School of Law in Honolulu, Hawaii. The lectures and discussions come from a conference on various topics of Hawaiian ocean governance issues including: issues of jurisdiction, the impact of inter-agency coordination on business and industry, the role of ocean industries in the economy of Hawaii, shipping and related transportation issues, ship-building, problems with Hawaii's fisheries, recreation and tourism, environmental concerns, ocean governance strategies, local implementation of global policies for coral reef protection, and the State Ocean Resources Management Plan.

Office of the South-North Dialogue, Ministry of National Unification, No. 64, South-North Dialogue in Korea (December 1996).

Publication information unavailable.

This book is published in Seoul, Korea, by the Ministry of National Unification. It chronicles the official dialogue between North and South Korea during 1996. It includes actual transcripts of meetings dealing with issues involving North and South Korean relations. The book is divided into six parts directly addressing the following issues: proposal for four-way meeting to discuss promotion of peace; activities of KEDO (Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organiza-

tion) for supply of light-water reaction project; South-North exchanges and cooperation; flood assistance to North Korea; peace on the Korean peninsula; and the return of Woosung-Ho No. 86 and repatriation of North Koreans in distress. Along with the transcripts and notes, the book contains several graphs illustrating different statistics involving North and South Korea.

Positivism Today

Edited by Stephen Guest, London, England: Dartmouth Publishing Company Limited, 1996, pp. xiv, 152, [ISBN 1-85521-689-2].

This volume of essays on legal positivism is edited by Stephen Guest, a Professor of English Law at University College London. The essays, written by teachers of jurisprudence within the Faculty of Laws at University College London, examine current research of doctrines of legal positivism. Legal positivism, in the words of one exponent, H.L.A. Hart, is "the simple contention that it is in no sense a necessary truth that laws reproduce or satisfy certain demands of morality, though in fact they have often done so"—in other words, the idea in which a separation is sought between moral judgments and legal validity. The origins of legal positivism are English, being derived from Jeremy Bentham and one of his pupils, John Austin, a professor of jurisprudence at the University of London in the early 1800s. The contents include: "Indeterminacy and Law," by Ronald Dworkin; "Positivism and Statutory Construction: An Essay in the Retrieval of Democracy," by Michael Freeman; "Two Strands in Hart's Theory of Law: A Comment on the *Postscript* to Hart's *The Concept of Law*," by Stephen Guest; "Positivism and International Law," by David Hutchinson; "Legal Positivism—Some Lessons from Legal History," by Andrew Lewis; "Observations on Method in Legal Theory and Linguistics," by Philip Roberts; "Utilitarian Politics and Legal Positivism: The Rejection of Contractarianism in Early Utilitarian Thought," by Philip Schofield; and "General and Particular Jurisprudence—Three Chapters in a Story," by William Twining.

The Post-Cold War Trading System: Who's on First

By Sylvia Ostry. Chicago, Illinois: The University of Chicago Press, 1997, pp. vii, 309, \$17.95 £14.25 [ISBN 0-226-63790-5].

This volume examines the historical and legal issues underlying post-Cold War trade policy. Sylvia Ostry begins her analysis by taking a look at the role of the major economic powers, particularly the United States post-World War II, in the global economy. Ostry then examines the birth of the Organization

for Economic Cooperation (OECD) "convergence club" and the resulting consequences of this cooperation. The author ultimately concludes that the priority today must be to "reinforce the foundation" that can support a multi-national partnership to guide the global trading system into the future.

Revista IIDH (Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos) [Inter-American Institute of Human Rights], 1995, Volume 23

Edited by the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights. San José, Costa Rica, June 1996, pp. 1, 520, \$30 [ISSN 1015-5074].

The *Revista IIDH* is a monthly publication of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights. This volume contains a series of articles and commentaries concerning international human rights law. In addition the volume has chapters devoted to the June 1996 activities of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, and the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights.

Sexing the Benefit

By Julia A. Sohrab. Aldershot, England: Dartmouth Publishing Company Limited, 1996, pp. xii, 244, \$67.95 [ISBN 1-85521-705-8].

The study examines why women in the EU do not receive the same level of personal benefits from social security systems as received by men. The author demonstrates that social security systems perpetuate inequality by basing benefits on labor market participation, applying a contribution rule that limits women's access to benefits, distinguishing between feminine and masculine "risks" when awarding benefits, and encouraging a policy that reinforces women's financial dependence on men through inadequate personal entitlements. The study assesses EC equality law in the UK, Ireland, the Netherlands, and Belgium. According to the author, the inequality between the sexes in regards to social security benefits is due to the failure of EC equality laws to recognize unpaid caring work often performed by women.

The Spoils of War

Edited by Elizabeth Simpson. New York, New York: Abrams Publishing Co., 1997, pp. 328, US \$49.50, Can. \$65 [ISBN 0-8109-4469-3].

Described as "the essential resource" on the controversial issue of the protection and return of cultural property, this book documents discussion from the

symposium held by The Bard Graduate Center for Studies in Decorative Arts on the missing and recovered works of art that were seized by the Nazis, individuals, and the Soviet army during World War II. The book includes essays on this subject written by government representatives, curators, archaeologists, historians, journalists, former military officers, and experts on art law. Along with the essays, this "unprecedented book" contains "remarkable illustrations, including wartime archival photos that confirm acts of appropriation and destruction, and reproductions of works of art still missing—such as the panels of the famous Amber Room from the Catherine Palace near St. Petersburg and a prized Raphael portrait." The book also presents legal texts that discuss the protection and return of cultural property.

Standby and Commercial Letters of Credit

By Brooke Wunnicke, Diane B. Wunnicke, & Paul S. Turner. New York, New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1996, pp. xxv, 613, \$150.00 [ISBN 0-471-12800-7].

This book is a comprehensive, practitioner-oriented work dealing with the law of commercial and standby letters of credit. It is intended for both the lawyer and the layman. The book seeks to allow parties to compare the cases in the book to real world transactions and to acquaint the reader with how others have structured letter-of-credit transactions. The authors have included model letters of credit in order to illustrate the inherent flexibility of letters of credit and their diverse applications. Also included are step-by-step check lists that can assist parties when creating letters of credit. The book discusses the newly revised Article 5, Letters of Credit of the UCC, and the new edition of the Uniform Custom and Practice for Documentary Credits published by the International Chamber of Commerce.

Sustainable Development and Preservation of the Oceans: The Challenges of UNCLOS and Agenda 21

Edited by Mochtar Kusuma-Atmadja, Thomas A. Mensah, & Bernard H. Oxman. Honolulu, Hawaii: The Law of the Sea Institute, University of Hawaii, 1997, pp. xiv, 879, \$55 [ISBN 0-911189-32-7].

Proceedings of The Law of the Sea Institute's Twenty-Ninth Annual Conference held on June 19-22, 1995, in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia. The themes of the conference included: "The UNCLOS and Rio Regimes for the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment," focusing on the regimes applicable to areas within national jurisdiction as well as areas of common concern;

“Non-state Actors and Marine Environment Protection,” noting, among others, the role of the Indonesian private sector in the protection of the marine environment; “Environmental Protection in Archipelagic Seas and International Straits,” highlighting the role of the International Maritime Organization; “National Regulation for Marine Pollution Prevention;” “National Organization for Marine Pollution Prevention;” “Regional Programs,” noting preventative work in the Straits of Malacca, and pollution control by and responsibility imputed to the petroleum industry; “Future Development of Law for Marine Environment Protection,” including European Union initiatives and the role of the United Nations; and “Cooperation for the Implementation of International Law for Marine Environment Protection.”

Testing a Nuclear Test Ban—What Should Be Prohibited by a ‘Comprehensive’ Treaty?

By David A. Koplow. Aldershot, England: Dartmouth Publishing Co., 1996, pp. viii, 176, \$62.95 [ISBN 1-85521-806-2].

This book looks at the attempt by thirty-seven countries to fashion a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty. More specifically, it considers the pivotal issue of the treaty’s scope, answering questions such as: (1) what types of nuclear explosions if any should be allowed under the comprehensive treaty; and (2) how should the treaty deal with other energetic yet traditionally nonnuclear events. These definitional questions are difficult given the wide range of ambiguous energetic events that have been created by international weapons engineers to help ensure the continuing reliability of nuclear weapons already in existence, to aid in the development of a new genre of bombs, and to produce fusion energy. This book ends with a recommendation that the comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty be a global agreement that permanently and totally prohibits nuclear testing.

Transnational Tort Litigation: Jurisdictional Principles

Edited by Campbell McLachlan and Peter Nygh. Oxford, England: Clarendon Press, 1996, pp. xl, 245, \$90.00 [ISBN 0-19-825919-0].

This volume of essays represents the work of the Committee on International Civil and Commercial Litigation of the International Law Association over the course of two years beginning in 1992. Concerned with the increasing reality that neither the flow of commerce nor the incidence of potentially

actionable harms is confined neatly within state boundaries, the Committee resolved to study the legal issues that existing domestic rules of jurisdiction are often ill-equipped to handle. This volume commences with pieces on the common law approach, the United States approach, and the civil law approach to questions and problems experienced in transnational tort cases. This review is followed by separate studies on: product liability; transnational fraud; defamation; intellectual property; securities; competition; traffic accidents; environmental damage; and restitution. Not only does the volume provide an overview of various legal provisions across several national systems, but it also examines prospects for reform. The scope and application of the rules of civil jurisdiction are of immense practical importance in the conduct of transnational tort cases, making this volume a helpful source that the Committee hopes will assist the current work of the Hague Conference on Private International Law.

Who Speaks for the Hungry? How FAO Elects Its Leader

By Charles H. Weitz. Uppsala, Sweden: Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, 1997, pp. 48, \$(not available) [ISBN 91-85214-25-6].

This study is an examination into the leadership of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. It traces the history of elections and Amendments to the FAO Constitution that concern the office of the Director General. The author suggests that the process of appointing the Director General has turned into a political battle as opposed to a focus on the candidate's qualifications or abilities. In the author's words, the process "has in practice been replaced by hard-fought contests with all the trappings, tricks and techniques of national political campaigns." The study concludes with recommendations on how to ensure that a future Director General will have a programmatic as well as a personal mandate. Copies may be obtained from: The Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, Övre Slotsgratan 2, SE-75310, Uppsala, Sweden, fax +46-18-12 20 72, or from: The Ford Foundation, 320 E. 43rd Street, New York, New York 10017 USA.

Yearbook of European Law 1995, Volume 15

Edited by A. Barav and D. Wyatt. Oxford, England: Clarendon Press, 1996, pp. vii, 662, \$215 [ISBN 0-19-825783-X].

This book is a compilation of various works regarding legal issues faced by the European Community in 1995. The book is divided into three major

sections: the first part contains eleven articles and lectures either published or presented in 1995; the second part contains seven law surveys for 1995; and the third part contains reviews of ten books published in 1994 or 1995.

Yearbook Plus of International Organizations and Biographies

Edited by Union of International Associations. Munich, Germany: K.G. Sauer Verlag, 1997, DM1800, \$(not available) [ISBN 3-598-40337-2].

This CD-ROM contains the Yearbook of International Organizations infobase in English, French, and a multi-lingual infobase. The CD also contains a "Who's Who in International Organizations" and an International Organization Publications and Resources Bibliography infobase. As well, the CD contains a Yearbook Plus Notes and Commentary infobase and a demonstration of UIA CD-ROM publications including: international meetings; biographies; and international organizations linked with Encyclopedia of World Problems infobases.

