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Review of Maritime Transport 2023

The Review of Maritime Transport is an UNCTAD flagship publication, published annually since 1968.

Around 80 per cent of the volume of international trade in goods is carried by sea, and the percentage is even higher for most developing countries. The Review of Maritime Transport provides an analysis of structural and cyclical changes affecting seaborne trade, ports and shipping, as well as an extensive collection of statistical information. The report calls for a “just and equitable transition” to a decarbonized shipping industry. The sector, whose greenhouse gas emissions have risen 20% over the last decade, operates an ageing fleet that runs almost exclusively on fossil fuels. As global leaders prepare for the next UN climate conference (COP28), UNCTAD advocates for system-wide collaboration, swift regulatory intervention and stronger investments in green technologies and fleets. Full decarbonization by 2050 will require massive investments and could lead to higher maritime logistics costs, raising concerns for vulnerable shipping-reliant nations like small island developing states. The report emphasizes the need to balance environmental goals with economic needs but underscores that the cost of inaction far outweighs the required investments. The report recommends policy actions to overcome supply chain hurdles African countries face, including poor logistics, low levels of technology, fragmented markets, limited capital sources, and weak institutions and regulations. Beyond cleaner fuels, the industry needs to move faster towards digital solutions like AI and blockchain to improve efficiency as well as sustainability. In its analysis of global maritime trends, the report highlights shipping’s resilience despite major challenges stemming from global crises, such as the war in Ukraine. Maritime trade is expected to grow 2.4% in 2023 and more than 3% between 2024 and 2028.

World Public Sector Report 2023

This report examines the role that national institutional and governance innovations and changes that emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic can play in advancing progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The consequences of the pandemic threaten to derail progress and make the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) more difficult to achieve. Yet the pandemic also sparked rapid innovation in government institutions and public administration that could be capitalized on. Against this backdrop, the report focuses on how governments can reshape their relationship with people and other actors to enhance trust and promote the changes required for more sustainable and peaceful societies. How they can assess competing priorities and address difficult policy trade-offs that have emerged since 2020. And what assets and innovations they can mobilize to transform the public sector and achieve the SDGs. The e-book for this publication has been converted into an accessible format for the visually impaired and people with print reading disabilities. It is fully compatible with leading screen-reader technologies such as JAWS and NVDA.

Powerfuels

Powerfuels are the subject of intense and often contentious current discussions within industry, research, politics, as well as the overall society. These discussions primarily revolve around the practical and technical feasibility of power-to-X processes and applications, their economic viability, the respective environmental benefits, the contribution to climate protection as well as the social acceptability. Thus, the primary aim of this book is to provide a comprehensive overview of various aspects, diverse considerations, and different perspectives regarding the future role and utilization of power-to-X pathways on a global scale. This encompasses the challenge of sourcing necessary educts / feedstock options, their conversion into different products and product groups, exploring the possibilities of using these electricity-based fuels / hydrocarbons in various markets, and establishing suitable framework conditions for viable and sustainable markets in the years to come. These objectives are achieved through a collection of papers contributed by experts actively engaged in various fields related to power-to-X.

Engaging Children and Young People in Planning

Engaging Children and Young People in Planning places planners’ skills for engagement with children and young people centre stage by discussing several projects delivered or supported by planning students to young people in the Northeast of England. Urban or town and country planning is a largely unfamiliar concept to children and young people. Moreover, in England, the environment in which young people live,

play and go to school is shaped by a local planning process which lacks their input. This book explores the nature of the gap between that planning process and the voice of the younger members of the community, as well as the barriers that impede this engagement. It highlights why an engagement process is beneficial for those young people, for the wider community and for the planning process itself. At a time when our relationship with and impact on, the environment is being re-examined, this book challenges the planning professional to identify, develop and reflect upon the engagement skills that will help to transform planning into a more inclusive practice. It will be of use to scholars and practitioners in urban planning, community planning, engagement and children's rights, whilst supporting their academic and professional development pathways.

Building Materials, Health and Indoor Air Quality

In *Building Materials, Health and Indoor Air Quality: Volume 2* Tom Woolley uses new research to continue to advocate for limiting the use of hazardous materials in construction and raise awareness of the links between pollutants found in building materials, poor indoor air quality and health problems. Chapters in this volume reinforce previous arguments and present new ones covering: Further evidence of the health impacts of hazardous emissions from materials Hazardous materials to be avoided and why Fire and smoke toxicity – the Lakanal House and Grenfell Tower legacy Sub-standard retrofits leading to damp and mould in previously sound houses A critical review of recent reports from UK Government and others on air quality and health problems including policy changes on flame retardants Growing evidence of cancer risks and the failure of cancer research organisations to address these issues A critical review of recent climate change and zero carbon policies and a discussion on whether extreme energy efficiency is a good thing This book asks some important and, for some, uncomfortable questions, but in doing so it brings to light important areas for research and provides much needed guidance for architects, engineers, construction professionals, students and researchers on hazardous materials and how to reduce their use and design and build healthier buildings for all occupants.

Handbook of Health System Resilience

In this Handbook, Steve Thomas and Padraic Fleming compile invaluable and original insights on the resilience of health systems in the face of shocks and crises, from economic and climate emergencies, to conflicts and pandemics. They examine how health system resilience has been conceptualised by scholars and applied in specific contexts, assessing different theoretical models for measuring and evaluating resilience, as well as highlighting the growing challenges facing health systems now and in the future.

Immigration, Citizenship and Insecurity

Immigration, Citizenship and Insecurity: An Australian Story explores how Australia's policies on migration and nationality have shaped citizenship and social inclusion. The book examines the historical and contemporary intersections of citizenship, migration and insecurity, analysing key issues such as the prioritisation of economic utility in migration policy, cultural expectations placed on newcomers and the role of migrants in political debate. It critically assesses Australia's responses to challenges such as demographic ageing, cultural diversity and erosion of political authority. The impact of emergency measures during the COVID-19 pandemic is also explored, revealing the fragility of citizenship protections in times of crisis. This book is an essential resource for scholars, policy-makers and professionals in migration studies, political science and public policy, as well as anyone interested in the evolving dynamics of citizenship and migration in Australia and beyond.

Executive Self-Government and the Constitution

Over the last 25 years, UK governments have faced a series of challenges and changes of an intensity almost unprecedented in peacetime: some thrust upon them, some of their own making. Developments whose impact

on the executive's place in the constitution are analysed in this volume include the global financial crisis in 2007/08, the 1997 Labour Government's programme of constitutional reform, the unexpected referendum result on withdrawal from the EU in 2016, the COVID-19 pandemic, the UK's withdrawal from the EU in 2020, and the energy and cost of living crisis that followed Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022. The volume's conception of the UK's executive government is of an autonomous actor within the constitution, endowed with significant discretion in relation to its own organisation and modes of operation. By examining how governments have responded to those developments--through the reform of executive institutions and their deployment of the essential governmental resources of people, money, laws, and information--, *Executive Self-Government and the Constitution* opens a window on the internal operations of the contemporary executive and permits an assessment of the resilience of its key constitutional characteristics. Building on the analysis of their original leading work *The Executive in the Constitution* (OUP 1999), *Executive Self-Government and the Constitution* assesses how the economic and political turbulence faced by successive governments since 1997 has affected its key constitutional features.

The Jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court

This book embarks on a comprehensive exploration of the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and elucidates the three foundational aspects of its jurisdiction as laid out in the Rome Statute: the preconditions for exercising jurisdiction (Article 12 ICCRSt), its substantive competence regarding core crimes (Articles 5-8bis ICCRSt), and the principle of complementarity (Article 17§1(a) ICCRSt). This principle, crucial to understanding the ICC's 'ultimate jurisdiction', is invoked only when a State Party demonstrates an inability or unwillingness to genuinely undertake investigation or prosecution. The book further probes the 'negative preconditions' of the Court's jurisdiction, in particular, immunities (Article 27 ICCRSt) and exceptions through Security Council referrals (Articles 13(b) and 15 ICCRSt). Intended for students, scholars, and practitioners alike, this second edition offers invaluable insights into the ICC's jurisdiction, making a notable contribution to the existing literature. Importantly, it also navigates emerging fields of international criminal law, addressing topical and thought-provoking subjects such as ecocide, cyber warfare, automated lethal weapons, artificial intelligence, and the legal complexities arising from the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Winner of the Second International Science Prize 2024 of the Hans Günter Brauch Foundation for Peace and Ecology in the Anthropocene (HGBS) on the Theme: Ecocide: Impacts of Wars and/or Climate Change on Food Security Since 1945.

The Geopolitics of Hydrogen

This open access book is a comprehensive exploration of European hydrogen policy, examining its development at both the EU level and in key Member States, while also considering the geopolitical implications of the emerging hydrogen landscape. The editors begin by framing Europe's position within the global hydrogen economy and present an analytical framework for assessing EU and Member State strategies within this context. The book delves into the evolution of EU hydrogen policy since the launch of its hydrogen strategy in 2020, shedding light on significant developments and how they have been influenced by events like Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It then proceeds with in-depth chapters dedicated to key EU Member States and Norway. Each country chapter examines domestic and international hydrogen policies, offering insights into important stakeholder interests, as well as the broader energy and foreign policy considerations shaping the evolving policy landscape. Special attention is given to the international dimension of these strategies, encompassing bilateral and multilateral engagements. In the final chapter, the editors analyze the diverse national strategies and their drivers and discuss their implications for the development of a European hydrogen economy and the role of the EU as a major global player in this market. By examining the variations across Member States, the book provides valuable insights into the factors influencing progress in the hydrogen sector, both in Europe and globally. This book is a resource for policymakers, researchers, and industry professionals seeking a comprehensive understanding of European hydrogen policy and its geopolitical implications. It illuminates the complex dynamics between EU-level strategies and the approaches adopted by individual Member States, ultimately contributing to a broader

comprehension of Europe's position within the global hydrogen arena.

The Economics and Law of Public Procurement

Public procurement makes up a significant part of national economies: 10–25% of gross domestic product (GDP), depending on the country. Appropriate laws and regulations are an essential tool to direct the action of procurers towards the public good and avoid corruption and misallocation of resources, while at the same time sustaining progress and social goals. The original approach of this book combines juridical, economic, and technical expertise to find common terrain and a common language in order to debate the specific issues that affect public administrations across the world that need advancing and modernizing. The book features contributions across four specific themes of interest to the procurer's day-to-day job in modern public purchasing organizations: preferences and political economy in public procurement, climate change, defence procurement, and human rights in public procurement. The aim is to let the new emerging trade-offs between competition and sustainability emerge, highlighting at the same time the possible synergies between the relevant policy objectives. The book takes into account sectoral specificities, reinforced by recent global events such as wars, natural disasters, and populism. The unique format features in each section an interdisciplinary debate between two experts across different disciplines who deliberate and engage one another so as to improve the mutual understanding across disciplines, followed by two additional contributions. This book will be of interest to scholars, researchers, and policymakers worldwide.

Scaling Hydrogen Financing for Development

This report on scaling up clean hydrogen financing provides a unique and in-depth proposal to transform ideas into attractive investment projects. It highlights how policy and financial risk mitigation mechanisms play a critical role in slashing the funding gap and reducing the cost of hydrogen generation.

Becoming Nature Positive

As humanity sits at an existential crossroads, this book introduces the need to build a nature-positive future to secure the functioning and stability of Earth systems essential to the survival and wellbeing of present and future human generations as well as the rest of Earth's amazing diversity of life. Alongside the change in climate, a more silent but equally terrifying crisis is unfolding: the loss of nature and biodiversity. These twin crises are in fact interconnected. After decades of ignoring our impacts on the natural world, we are beginning to realise that nature conservation is a security issue for humanity, and an imperative for intersectional and intergenerational justice. For these reasons, we must embrace a transition from a nature-negative to a nature-positive society, one that ensures human development and addresses today's inequality, while conserving, restoring and sustainably benefiting from nature's resources and services. A Nature Positive future is one with more nature than today: more forests, more fish, more pollinators, more soil biodiversity, with benefits for the Planet and for us. In this book we define what becoming Nature Positive means from a variety of perspectives, what it takes to deliver it and why it is possible and, most importantly, necessary. This book is essential reading for those concerned with conserving nature and securing a safe future for humanity in the face of climate breakdown, biodiversity loss, and ecological collapse. The future can be bright. The choice is ours.

Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law, Volume 26 (2023)

Volume 26 of the Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law (YIHL) centres on the law, history and politics of humanitarian action in armed conflicts and beyond. Since the late nineteenth century, when IHL was arguably founded on the neutralization of battlefield medical aid, humanitarian actors have expanded their role and mission, contributing to the evolution of contemporary international humanitarian law (IHL). Against this backdrop, authors were invited to reflect on the legal framework of humanitarian action and the ongoing relevance of fundamental humanitarian principles. The Volume contains two chapters dedicated to

the subject of humanitarian actors. The first chapter argues in favour of the reconstruction of the laws of humanitarian assistance from the perspective of humanitarian practitioners, while the second chapter foregrounds the role of the state as a key humanitarian actor. The Volume further features two general submissions investigating the legality of toxic chemicals for law enforcement purposes under the Chemical Weapons Convention, and the legal implications of tactical intelligence provision to a party to an international armed conflict. The Volume, as usual, ends with a Year in Review section. YIHL is a leading annual publication devoted to the study of IHL. It has always strived to be at the forefront of the debate of pressing doctrinal questions of IHL. As this Volume demonstrates, it offers a space where IHL-related issues can be explored both from a doctrinal and a theoretical perspective. YIHL provides an international forum for high-quality, peer-reviewed academic articles focusing on this crucial branch of international law. Distinguished by contemporary relevance, YIHL bridges the gap between theory and practice, serving as a useful reference tool for scholars, practitioners, military personnel, civil servants, diplomats, human rights workers and students.

Benefit-risk balance for medicinal products

This report provides insights into the methods used to evaluate the benefit-risk (BR) balance of a medicinal product. A favourable BR profile must be established for all medicinal products prior to marketing. This balance must be reassessed periodically in the post-marketing setting when new information regarding the benefits and risks, or the landscape of their application, becomes available. This report builds on the foundations of the CIOMS Working Group IV report published in 1998, and entitled: Benefit-Risk Balance for Marketed Drugs: Evaluating Safety Signals; and expands to BR management throughout a product's lifecycle using structured approaches and updated methodologies. This report reflects the consensus opinion of the CIOMS Working Group XII members, including experts in BR assessment drawn from academia, industry, and regulatory organisations. It was finalised after considering comments received during a public consultation. The report is intended for medicinal product developers, regulatory authorities, and key stakeholders including academic and government researchers, healthcare professionals, and patients/consumers – all those interested in how the balance between the benefits and risks associated with a medicinal product is established and managed. <https://doi.org/10.56759/gwfz1791>

Gaza Nakba 2023–2024

This book is one of the first edited volumes on the current Israel/Palestine conflict—the Gaza Nakba 2023–24. It contains contributions from both young post-doctoral researchers and more seasoned scholars from Japan. These authors, with their rich experience of field work in the region and their interdisciplinary approaches, are able to provide critical analyses on the current breakdown of humanitarian norms, the dysfunctional state of international organizations, and the breakdown of conflict management and peace-building. The unique viewpoints of Japanese scholars are shared regarding their understanding of the critical developments in Gaza since October 7, 2023. Further, these chapters analyze the background of the conflict, focusing on popular sentiments, national identity, and historical memory in Israel/Palestine, and the importance of space and land as national and cultural symbols, using rich and updated written and visual data from the region. This work significantly challenges prevailing arguments, as it avoids stereotyped understandings of the persistence of religious and ethnic hatred, the proxy relationships of global powers (e.g., USA) and regional ones (Iran), and regional rivalries over geopolitical and economic interests in the Middle East. Such arguments as these provide no more than a quick divide-and-rule type of solution, encouraging merely superficial diplomatic coordination among the major global powers rather than a real solution. Alternatively, this book provides a new framework for understanding the structure of the conflict, making way for solving the problem from the popular level, and delving deeply into reconsideration of the durability or non-durability of the state system in the Middle East and a Western originated liberal international order and norm in general. The book also discloses the severe reality that human rights in the Global South are often neglected. In this sense, the purpose of this work is to disclose the significance of the Gaza War as an iconic event which reveals all the contradictions, inequalities and injustices in a global

historical context. This book is essential for anyone who wants a fresh and expert consideration of the Israel-Palestine-Gaza issue, which avoids the often parochial stereotypes that attend it in the West, and which views it through a global lens. Juan Cole, Richard P. Mitchell Collegiate Professor of History, University of Michigan

Pedagogies of Widening Participation in Medical Settings

Addressing the fact that under-representation has been a concern for medical educators, medical councils, and the government for some time, this book presents the first evidence-based monograph for pedagogies that can be applied to all aspects of widening participation, tackling chronic under-representation in medical settings. Discussing implications that have international ramifications for the field, the chapters showcase a variety of case studies, research, and evaluations that draw on experiences and insights from a wide range of current practitioners, exploring topics such as outreach, access, selection, retention, and progression. From widening participation leads and officers to national representative bodies and students from medical schools nationwide, the book sets out perspectives, guidelines, and research that can be applied throughout the medical student life cycle. Novel in approach and timely in content, this edited collection coincides with the drive to increase social mobility and the proportion of medical students from educationally and socially disadvantaged backgrounds, directly tackling the class system and elitism present in the medical professions. This book will be of great benefit to scholars, researchers, and postgraduate students in the fields of medical education, multicultural education, and higher education, as well as those researching the idea of widening participation in the medical field and diversity in the professions more specifically.

SME Policy Index: Western Balkans and Turkey 2022 Assessing the Implementation of the Small Business Act for Europe

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are essential drivers of sustainable economic growth in the Western Balkans and Turkey, where they make up 99% of all firms, generate 65% value added and account for 75% of employment. Nevertheless, SMEs across the region continue to face obstacles such as difficulties accessing financing, low levels of digital uptake, regulatory barriers and relatively low participation in international trade.

Global Pension Challenges

National pension systems face a range of tough social and economic demands and pressures. These are complex to navigate, especially in a twenty-first century world that has ushered in global uncertainty and pressing challenges – even threatening the planet’s very sustainability – with implications for pensions that policymakers, financial services providers and individuals themselves must address. This book probes, and unpacks, what pension systems aim to achieve, the uncertainties they face and how they are attempting to resolve them. Analysing pension provision from the systemic, political-economy and individual perspectives, it sets out and contextualises commonalities and differences in pension systems across the globe, looking at current developments in both public and private pension provision, structures and regulation. Moreover, the reader is encouraged to question how national pension systems can best serve their populations and ensure the ‘sustainability’ of later-life incomes in the light of today’s global pension challenges. *Global Pension Challenges: Pensions, Saving and Retirement in the Twenty-First Century* is an essential read for business, finance and social-policy academics and students, those working in the pensions industry and in the areas of welfare reform and advocacy, as well as the general public wishing to know more about the retirement issues we will all face in the coming years.

The Framework for Resilient Industry

The Framework for Resilient Industry examines the historical background, current status, and future

opportunities and challenges of the Indian industry, delving into region-specific issues such as micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), economic policy, risk management and sustainable industries.

Governing Cross-Border Data Flows

Governing Cross-Border Data Flows explores how the European Union can simultaneously reconcile and pursue two important legal and policy objectives, namely: protecting fundamental rights guaranteed under the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights (EU Charter) concerning privacy and personal data, while also maintaining and developing a binding, rules-based global trading system to ensure appropriate access to foreign digital markets for EU businesses. The book demonstrates a significant conflict between international trade law and European data privacy law when it comes to the governance of cross-border flows of personal data. To resolve the tensions caused by this clash, the book proposes concrete and detailed ways to ameliorate the situation from both ends (international trade and personal data protection), specifically through reforms of both international trade and chapter V of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). To explain how such reforms could be effectuated, Yakovleva examines the role of discourse in the evolution of trade law in the last two decades. The book also paves the way for the further research necessary to design a fully-fledged reform proposal of the EU framework for the transfer of personal data outside the European Economic Area.

Cry Freedom

A clarion call for academics and policymakers alike, *Cry Freedom* prompts reflection on the evolving relationship between government and higher education.

Eurasian Business and Economics Perspectives

This proceedings book is the 34th issue of the Springer's series Eurasian Studies in Business and Economics, which is the official book series of the Eurasia Business and Economics Society. This book includes selected papers presented at the 47th EBES Conference—Berlin—on April 18–20, 2024, hosted by FOM University of Applied Sciences, Berlin, Germany. In the conference, 229 papers by 458 colleagues from 52 countries were presented. The conference was held hybrid with both, in-person and online paper presentation formats.

European Union Governance in Central Asia

The edited volume attempts to critically approach EU-Central Asian relations, asking whether – when adopting a more sectoral governance approach – the EU's transformative power vis-à-vis the region is greater than initially argued and if so, under what conditions it flourishes most. It assesses whether, through adopting a sectoral approach to the area of, development, infrastructure, water management, security, climate change, energy, trade, health, education, or any other element defining EU-Central Asian relations, the European Union is able to (co-)shape this geopolitically strategic region. If so, what drives the EU's ability to do so; if not, what mitigates its (potential) influence? This book contributes to the scholarship on the EU's external governance both empirically and theoretically.

Türkiye's Soft Power: Re-imagined On Its Centennial

Soft power encompasses the ability to wield influence over others through skillful consensus-building, employing persuasive techniques, and cultivating a favorable image. In today's technologically advanced era, nations are adopting innovative diplomatic approaches; instead of solely relying on conventional state-to-state interactions, countries now prioritize engaging with societies through a variety of channels. Thus, in the evolving global landscape, where effective communication holds ever greater significance, public diplomacy takes center stage. Drawing from its robust historical legacy of strong statecraft, Türkiye strategically

employs soft power to navigate diplomatic challenges, establish global connections, promote mutual understanding, dispel stereotypes, and encourage cross-cultural interactions. Through harnessing its cultural appeal and influence, Türkiye adeptly bridges gaps and facilitates meaningful exchanges among diverse communities. Within this framework, this book delves into the theoretical dimensions of soft power and its intersections with other principles and actions. Additionally, it conducts a historical analysis of Türkiye's soft power strategies, spanning from the time of the Ottoman Empire to the founding of the Republic and extending into contemporary times.

Hamiltonia

Students in state and local politics courses frequently have low levels of prior knowledge about the topic and even lower levels of engagement. *Hamiltonia: A State Government Simulation* promotes experiential and active learning by boosting engagement and making the content memorable and meaningful. By putting themselves in the driver's seat of creating state and local government institutions, students understand how variations in the rules of the game drastically affect the outcome in state politics and the policy areas they care about, like education, criminal justice, health care, and the environment. This new text and simulation provide a full grounding in the basics of state and local government while also giving students an opportunity to apply what they have learned by building their own fictional fifty-first state from the ground up. Students will write a state constitution that gives shape to the institutions and rules, then engage directly with what they built – participating in an election, addressing pressing policy issues, and experiencing the challenges and opportunities of state-level political leaders. *Hamiltonia* brings political science concepts alive, provides the context for students to more fully understand state and local politics and feel more empowered to influence politics and policy where they live. Features of this exciting book include: An out of the box, class-tested simulation, ready to use in multiple settings and in a full range of course sizes A full package of instructor resources available at rowman.com, including an instructor manual, lecture slides, a test bank, and downloadable support materials for the simulation Pedagogical aids like learning objectives, key terms, and suggested discussion questions to ensure students understand the basics before they jump into the simulation Policy chapters on education, criminal justice, environment, and health to show the real-world implications of state and local government institutions and processes

The Palestine Strategic Report 2022-2023

Al-Zaytouna Centre is pleased to present The Palestine Strategic Report (PSR) 2022–2023, now in its 13th consecutive edition. This report provides an academic, objective and comprehensive analyses of the developments related to the Palestine issue across various dimensions. It offers up-to-date and accurate information and statistics through the end of 2023, complemented by analytical insights and forecasts. This PSR, prepared by 12 specialized professors and researchers, consists of eight chapters that explore various aspects of the Palestinian situation. It examines the internal Palestinian scene, demographic and economic indicators, and the status of Jerusalem and its holy sites. The report also analyzes the courses of aggression, resistance and the peace process, while providing insights into the Israeli political, demographic, economic and military landscape. Furthermore, it discusses Palestinian, Arab, Islamic and international relations. Notably, Operation al-Aqsa Flood has significantly influenced the report's findings and perspectives. The PSR has consolidated its position as an essential reference in Palestinian studies, serving as an indispensable resource that provides invaluable insights for those interested in Palestinian affairs. Al-Zaytouna Centre aspires for this PSR to make a significant qualitative contribution to the field of Palestinian studies.

Climate Change and Environmental Politics

In today's world, it is more crucial than ever to navigate the intricate and multifaceted challenges posed by climate change and chart a course toward a more sustainable future. The pressing necessity to address these issues has become a defining feature of our century, compelling nations and individuals alike to take decisive action. The paramount objectives for the 21st century are clear: mitigating the adverse consequences of

climate change, protecting both national and international public health, and ensuring a sustainable and prosperous future for generations to come. These goals are not just aspirational but essential for the well-being of our planet and its inhabitants. This book provides a comprehensive exploration of climate change, highlighting the immense power of scientific research and the importance of disseminating this knowledge widely. Through its chapters, the book offers an in-depth examination of various facets of climate change, presenting a synthesis of research findings, theoretical frameworks, and practical strategies. By presenting a multifaceted examination of climate change, this book aims to inspire action and foster a deeper understanding of the complexities involved. It is a call to action for individuals, communities, and nations to come together, leveraging the power of knowledge, innovation, and cooperation to build a more sustainable and resilient future. Together, through concerted efforts and a shared commitment to sustainability, we can navigate the complexities of climate change and pave the way for a brighter, more sustainable tomorrow.

Paving Pathways for Inclusion

This volume explores climate litigation as a means to tackle the rights and socio-ecological, intergenerational, gender, racial, and other justice implications of the ever-growing vulnerability to climate change, whilst critically engaging with the notions of vulnerability and intersectional climate justice. With insightful analysis, thought-provoking case studies, and a global perspective, the collection illustrates the opportunities and pitfalls of litigation pursued by people from the Global South who face intersecting forms of oppression and marginalisation amidst the climate crisis. Contributors discuss litigation strategy, novel legal arguments, institutional barriers, and unique socio-ecological and political challenges in the Global South. Divided into two parts, the book recognises that climate change is an existential threat to humanity more frequently being tackled in courts worldwide. The first part exposes the limits of litigation as a mechanism for intersectional climate justice for vulnerable people in the Global South. The second part highlights innovations in climate litigation in pursuit of intersectional climate justice. The book will be of interest to academics, researchers, and policymakers in the areas of human rights law, environmental law, climate law, Latin American studies, South Asian studies, and African studies.

Climate Litigation and Vulnerabilities

The 15th International Marine Design Conference (IMDC-2024) was organized by the Department of Maritime and Transport Technology, Delft University of Technology, and was hosted by the Netherlands Defence Materiel Organisation at the Marine Etablissement Amsterdam (MEA). The aim of the IMDC is to promote all aspects of marine design as an engineering discipline. The focus of IMDC-2024 is on the key design challenges and opportunities in the maritime field with special emphasis on the following themes. Ship design methodology issues such as: design spiral, systems engineering, set-based design, design optimisation, concurrent design, modular design, configuration based design, or 'fuzzy' design aspects. Novel marine design concepts, such as: hull form design, transport ships, service vessels, naval vessels, yachts and cruise ships, or specialized and complex vessels. Offshore design methodology, such as applications to: offshore wind turbines, semi-submersibles, floating fish farms, or floating cities. Influence of energy transition on maritime design, including both zero emission and high power and energy systems. Influence of unmanned and autonomous transition on maritime design. Influence of digital transition on maritime design, such as: digital shadows and twins, model-based systems engineering, AI, ML and big data. Influence of regulations on maritime design. Maritime design education

Proceedings of the 15th International Marine Design Conference

The Promise of Planning explores the experience of planning internationally since the global financial crisis, focusing on South Africa. The book is a response to a decade-plus in which state-led planning has re-emerged as a putative means for achieving developmental goals (as indicated in global initiatives such as the New Urban Agenda) and where planning in South Africa has consolidated in terms of its legal and policy basis. However, the return of planning is happening in an inauspicious context, with economic fragilities,

technological shifts, political populism, institutional complexities, and more, threatening to upturn the 'new promise of planning.' The book provides a careful analytical account of planning in South Africa and how and why its promises have been difficult to achieve. Building on the authors' previous book, *Planning and Transformation*, the book sheds light on planning as an increasingly complex and diverse governmental practice within a perpetually changing world. It can be used as a resource for planners who must make good on the new promise of planning while navigating the risks and threats of the contemporary world, as well as students and faculty interested in international planning debates and the South African case.

The Promise of Planning

Marking 25 years since Mattos Filho first began providing pro bono services, the third volume of *Human Rights in Evidence* reaffirms the firm's commitment to defending human rights and democratizing access to justice. As part of its efforts toward fulfilling the social role of legal practice, Mattos Filho has pioneered the practice of providing exemplary free legal assistance in Brazil. These services are directed both at people in socioeconomically vulnerable situations and non-profit organizations lacking the financial resources to pay for legal services. Mattos Filho also seeks to produce and disseminate technical information, preparing memoranda, legal opinions, and research with Brazilian and international partner organizations. Different areas of the firm contribute multidisciplinary perspectives of law, which is coordinated by the Mattos Filho 100% Pro Bono practice. A compilation of various legal analyses and studies, this book covers six key themes, including freedom of expression and access to information, the rights of immigrants and refugees, ethnic and racial rights, women's rights, criminal justice, and climate change and the environment. For Mattos Filho, making a positive social impact is not just a goal. It is one of the ways it continues to transform legal challenges into opportunities.

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