

well-being. As the title suggests, this book addresses the extent to which human rights should be mobilized, interpreted and reinvented — not only procedurally but also substantively — to achieve environmental ends.

This book, a collection of 14 essays, begins with a comprehensive overview and a chapter on the conceptual problems that arise when approaching environmental issues through a human rights framework. It then considers the desirability of reconceiving international law in human rights terms, in particular as an anthropocentric right, and assesses the current legal status of environmental rights in human rights treaties and in the European Union. The accountability of international institutions is the next focus, with a discussion on non-governmental organizations' use of participation rights to pursue environmental protection goals.

The second part begins with a useful jurisprudential perspective on judicial enforcement of constitutionally recognized environmental rights, comparing the United States approach with that of India. Utilizing case studies, the second part focuses on the application of environmental rights in domestic law and the extent to which constitutionally supported rights have been translated into everyday environmental management. Illustrative examples from South Africa, India, Malaysia, Ecuador, Brazil and Pakistan reveal that political and economic factors frequently obstruct the potential for enforcement of environmental rights. The book provides the reader with a thorough appreciation of the issues and challenges facing a human rights approach to an environmental question.

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Baron von Maydell, Bernd, and Angelika Nussberger (eds). *Social Protection by Ways of International Law*. Berlin: Duncker & Humblot, 1996.

This volume contains a collection of essays presented at a colloquium convened by the

Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Social Law at Tutzing in November 1994 on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the International Labour Organisation. The speakers were distinguished, the topics well selected: Prof. Manfred Zuleeg, former Judge of the European Court of Justice, spoke on 'Social Rights in the European Community', Hector Bartolomei de la Cruz, Director of the ILO posed the question 'International Labour Law: Renewal of Decline?', Prof. Ludwik Florek described 'The Significance of International Labour Standards to the Transformation Process in Poland'. Other essays were contributed by Prof. Theo Öhlinger, University of Vienna, Prof. Bruno Simma, University of Munich, Prof. Rüdiger Wolfrum, University of Heidelberg, Prof. Budislaw Vukas, University of Zagreb. In addition, the book contains the contributions to a panel discussion on the subject 'Is There a Need for the Further Development of Existing Protection Standards in the Field of Social Security? (Examined in the Light of Convention No. 102 Concerning Minimum Standards of Social Security)'. Remarkable also is the report by Angelika Nussberger entitled 'Is the International Labour Organisation in a State of Transition?', which summarizes and evaluates the papers.

In spite of all the positive steps that have been taken, the effective realization of social protection by way of international law is still a long way off. International organizations are of special importance in seeking to reach this goal. This book is an excellent overview of the function and the activities of the ILO in today's world and it is recommended for everybody who is interested in this important aspect of international law.

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Murray, Philomena, and Paul Rich (eds). *Visions of European Unity*. Boulder: Westview Press, 1996.

The recent theoretical trend towards a re-emphasis of the role of ideas in world politics is only just reaching the study of European integration. This collection of essays on