Framing the Subjects and Objects of Contemporary EU Law

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This timely book invites the reader to explore the lexicon of ‘subjects’ and ‘objects’ of EU law as a platform from which several dilemmas and omissions of EU law can be researched. It includes a number of case studies from different fields of law that deploy this lexicon, structuring the contributions around three principal elements of EU law: its transformations, crises, and external-internal dynamics.

‘This brilliant work provides new tools for understanding the dynamics of the EU legal system. Leaving aside the conventional understanding of the subjects of the European legal order, Bardutzky and Fahey use the “subjects and objects” dichotomy as a framework to analyse the evolution of EU law. The result is a fresh and original insight into the transformative processes of EU law and the hidden legitimacy gaps of a legal system in need of social legitimacy. A timely contribution and an essential tool for anyone interested in understanding the evolution of EU law in a critical moment of the integration project.’
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