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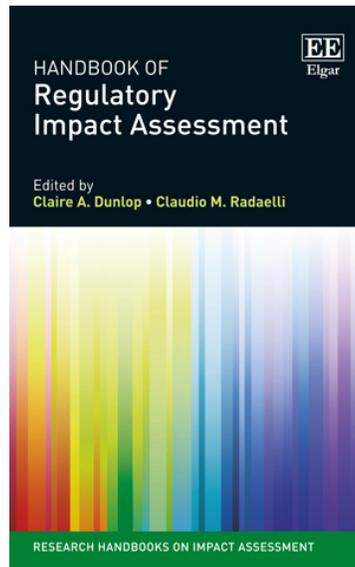
This comparative Handbook provides a pioneering and comprehensive account of regulatory impact assessment – the main instrument used by governments and regulators to appraise the likely effects of their policy proposals. Renowned international scholars and practitioners describe the substance of impact assessment, situating it in its proper theoretical traditions and scrutinizing its usage across countries, policy sectors, and policy instruments. The Handbook of Regulatory Impact Assessment will undoubtedly be of great value to practitioners and also scholars with its wealth of detail and lessons to be learned.

‘Another excellent testimony to the steady increase in the political and academic appreciation of Regulatory impact assessment (RIA). Dunlop and Radaelli appropriately position RIA inside the broader field of good governance and comparative public policy: RIA is a matter of good policy-making and not (only) about reducing regulatory burdens. This publication is framed around valid assumptions about RIA as a highly contextualized phenomenon with stakeholders extracting very different kinds of purpose from the use of RIA. It is an important contribution to the growing regulatory governance agenda. The skilful consolidation of existing research and experiences, combined with new insights and innovations from leading experts and practitioners make this an interesting read for both scholars, policy-makers and specialists in (regulatory) governance.’

– Peter Ladegaard, Regulatory Reform in China and the EU, The World Bank

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