Natural Resources and Sustainable Development

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Examining the law, regulation and governance of natural resources, this timely work addresses the conflicts and contradictions arising at the intersection between international economic law, sustainable development and other areas of international law, most notably human rights law and environmental law. Bringing together a collection of legal and policy expertise from a range of academic and practitioner perspectives, this book will appeal to scholars of law, political science, international relations, political economy and development studies.

‘This collection of essays on natural resources and sustainable development shines a light on the many vistas of the topic. While each chapter brings a refreshing review of extant literature on the specific area of enquiry, the in-depth analysis of particular jurisdictions or industries makes for a better understanding of the issues at stake. In some cases new ground is broken where the authors debunk old ideas. Manuela Lavinas Picq’s chapter on “situating the Amazon in world politics” is a good example. After reading it, one is not likely to view the Amazon in the same way again. I recommend this book to scholars and practitioners alike.’
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