Integrated Human Rights in Practice

Rewriting Human Rights Decisions

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This book aims to introduce concrete and innovative proposals for a holistic approach to supranational human rights justice through a hands-on legal exercise: the rewriting of decisions of supranational human rights monitoring bodies. The contributing scholars have thus redrafted crucial passages of landmark human rights judgments and decisions, ‘as if human rights law were really one’, borrowing or taking inspiration from developments and interpretations throughout the whole multi-layered human rights protection system. In addition to the rewriting exercise, the contributors have outlined the methodology and/or theoretical framework that guided their approaches and explain how human rights monitoring bodies may adopt an integrated approach to human rights law.

‘The book has achieved its ambitions of providing a ‘constructive input in the conversation among practitioners as well as academics’ and is an excellent addition to scholarly thinking on the future of human rights worldwide.’
– Katrina Peake, Human Rights Law Review

‘The creativity of this international team of excellent professors and scholars in human rights have produced an original and fascinating book. This exercise of “redrafting” some landmark cases decided by different supranational judicial and monitoring bodies reveals the unexpected resources of a holistic approach to fundamental rights, leaving space for external sources. This innovative book is a must read for all those who want to think and to mobilise human rights differently.’
– Françoise Tulkens, Former Vice-President, European Court of Human Rights

‘The emergence of a human rights jus commune, the product of dialogue across jurisdictions and of the integration of “soft law” in the reasoning of human rights courts and expert bodies, has triggered fears of unpredictability as well as hopes of greater coherence across human rights systems and further progress in the protection of human rights. Do the advantages compensate for the potential risks? To provide an answer, human rights scholars have been asked to re-imagine certain leading cases in the light of such an “integrated approach” to human rights. The results are enlightening, making a significant contribution to the debate.’
– Olivier De Schutter, University of Louvain (UCL) and UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights