

Company Law and Sustainability: Legal Barriers and Opportunities

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Book Reviews

Company Law and Sustainability: Legal Barriers and Opportunities, edited by BEATE SJÄFJELL and BENJAMIN J RICHARDSON. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015, xvi + 340pp+ (index) 15pp (€80 hardback). ISBN: 9781107043275.

Against the backdrop of anthropogenic climate change and other environmental concerns, the discourse in this edited volume¹ emerges from the recognition that corporations around the globe are on an entirely unsustainable trajectory. Based on research conducted by the Sustainable Companies Project,² it tackles head on the need for companies and their stakeholders to play a more substantial role in reducing global emissions by pursuing environmentally sustainable business practices. The book identifies some existing mechanisms as partial solutions to the problem, as well as current barriers in motivating corporate sustainability for the future. As a whole, the book adopts a very broad comparative focus and is described in its foreword (by Richard Howitt MEP) as providing an analysis that is 'truly global in character'.³ It is true to say that the book, for the most part, does not leave the reader wanting in this regard. This is especially important and indeed central to the success of the volume, given the universality of environmental concerns. It is particularly refreshing that the contributors to the book themselves represent a wide variety of disciplines and jurisdictions, as well as considerable expertise as a collective as, in this volume, the editors have brought together a compelling selection of eight thought-provoking chapters with commentary across the UK, the USA, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Norway and Finland, as well as the rest of continental Europe, amongst others.

This is not the book for a reader looking for an in-depth discussion of black letter environmental or corporate law, or some hybrid of the two. The first three chapters of the book instead offer a more theoretical discourse on key governance matters including corporate social responsibility (CSR) and shareholder primacy, though the discussion is framed entirely in the context of sustainability. For the remainder of the book, more specialist chapters emerge on themes such as the role of directors in promoting sustainability, accounting and auditing in the sustainability context, sustainability reporting, socially responsible investments (SRI) and alternative legal structures. Each chapter offers a grassroots approach to many of the issues, concepts and criticisms put forward. This is to be applauded, as it means that what can otherwise be an insipid and complex area of study is rendered perfectly accessible by the contributors, even for those without any specific expertise in fields of governance theory, corporate law or environmental law. Given the pervasiveness of the issues being discussed throughout the book, accessibility is clearly crucial. For this reason alone, the book will appeal to a wide readership, but it will also no doubt prove to be an invaluable point of reference for those specifically interested in a substantive comparative study on the topic of sustainability.

1. B Sjäffjell and B Richardson (eds) *Company Law and Sustainability: Legal Barriers and Opportunities* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015).
2. See <http://www.jus.uio.no/ftp/english/research/projects/sustainable-companies/index.html> (accessed 15 January 2016).
3. R Howitt 'Foreword' in Sjäffjell and Richardson, above n 1.

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