International Law 2nd Edition
By Jan Klabbers
Paperback: 398 pages
Publisher: Cambridge University Press

International law can be defined as 'the rules governing the legal relationship between nations and states', but in reality it is much more complex, with political, diplomatic and socio-economic factors shaping the law and its application. Bringing international law back to its first principles, the book is organised around four questions: where does it come from? To whom does it apply? How does it resolve conflict? And what does it say? Building on these questions with both academic rigour and clarity of expression, Professor Klabbers breathes life and energy into the subject.

The second edition has been updated throughout, with particular attention to recent judicial decisions, and features new sections on sovereign debt relief, the prompt release of vessels, and the Antarctic.

Freedom of Transit in International Investment Law:
At the example of BTC pipeline legal framework
By Vitaliy Pogoretskyy
Paperback: 365 pages
Publisher: Cambridge University Press

This book explains how the WTO could play a more prominent role in the international regulation of gas transit and promote the development of an international gas market.

Gas transit is network-dependent and it cannot be established without the existence of pipeline infrastructure in the territory of a transit state or the ability to access this infrastructure. Nevertheless, at an inter-regional level, there are no sufficient pipeline networks allowing gas to travel freely from a supplier to the most lucrative markets. The existing networks are often operated by either private or state-controlled vertically integrated monopolies who are often reluctant to release unused pipeline capacity to their potential competitors. These obstacles to gas transit can diminish the gains from trade for states endowed with natural gas resources, including developing landlocked countries, as well as undermine WTO Members’ energy security and their attempts at sustainable development.
International Climate Change Law
By Daniel Bodansky, Jutta Brunnée, Lavanya Rajamani
Paperback: 416 pages
Publisher: OUP Oxford

The book begins by locating international climate change law within the broader context of international law and international environmental law. It considers the evolution of the international climate change regime, and the process of law-making that has led to it. It examines the key provisions of the Framework Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.

It analyses the principles and obligations that underpin the climate regime, as well as the elaborate institutional and governance architecture that has been created at successive international conferences to develop commitments and promote transparency and compliance. The final two chapters address the polycentric nature of international climate change law, as well as the intersections of international climate change law with other areas of international regulation.

The Political Economy of Anti-dumping Protection: A Strategic Analysis
By Patricia Wruuck
Paperback: 180 pages
Publisher: Springer Verlag

The book provides a fresh look on when and how trading powers apply anti-dumping measures, how this is shaped by strategic interaction and whether institutions do make a difference to the outcome. In a period in which the international trading system has to cope with numerous stresses such as an increased resort to administered protection largely by big emerging economies, this is a timely and important contribution.

Information Technology Law, 8th edition
By Ian Lloyd
Paperback: 584 pages
Publisher: OUP Oxford

Information Technology Law examines the legal dimensions of these everyday interactions with technology and the impact on privacy and data protection, as well as their relationship to other areas of substantive law, including intellectual property and criminal proceedings. Since the pioneering publication of the first edition over twenty years ago, this forward-thinking text has established itself as the most readable and comprehensive textbook on the subject, covering the key topics in this dynamic and fast-moving field in a clear and engaging style.
The Factory-Free Economy: Outsourcing, Servitization, and the Future of Industry
By Lionel Fontagné, Ann Harrison
Paperback: 384 pages
Publisher: OUP Oxford

This volume proposes an economic analysis of this phenomenon and includes 11 contributions which complement each other and tackle the problem from different angles.

The evidence in this book suggests that de-industrialization is a process that happens over time in all countries, even China. One implication is that the distinction between manufacturing and services is likely to become increasingly blurry. More manufacturing firms are engaging in services activities, and more wholesale firms are engaging in manufacturing. One optimistic perspective suggests that industrial country firms may be able to exploit the high-value added and skill-intensive activities associated with design and innovation, as well as distribution, which are all components of the global value chain for manufacturing.

Although this ongoing transformation of the industrial economies may be consistent with evolving comparative advantage, it has significant short-run costs and requires far-sighted investments. These include the costs to workers who are caught in the shift from an industrial to a service economy, and the need to invest in new infrastructure and education to prepare coming generations for their changing roles.

Trade in Water Under International Law: Bulked Fresh Water, Irrigation Subsidies and Virtual Water
By Fitzgerald Temmerman
Paperback: 352 pages
Publisher: Edward Elgar Publishing

Freshwater is an increasingly scarce resource globally, and effective sustainable management will be absolutely crucial in the future. This timely book sets out future scenarios of international trade in both `real' and `virtual' water, examining the relationship between climate change, water scarcity, the human right to water and World Trade Organization law.

Trade in Water Under International Law addresses questions of global importance such as: how can international trade in bulk water contribute to the advancement of the human right to water? Are `green-boxed' irrigation subsidies disturbing the markets? Should water-footprint process and production methods allow for a different treatment of otherwise `like' products? From examining the impact of water law on small-scale farmers in developing countries, to the broader issue of global environmental responsibility, Fitzgerald Temmerman explores the options available for fair resource allocation through international law arrangements such as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.
Advanced Introduction to Globalisation
By Jonathan Michie
Paperback: 176 pages
Publisher: Edward Elgar Publishing

This book challenges that consensus, arguing that globalisation is neither an historic nor technological inevitability; rather, globalisation and technological change are as old as capitalism itself.

Key features include: * in-depth coverage of globalisation written in a concise and accessible style * disputes the consensus that globalisation is an historic or technological inevitability * focus on current issues such as unproductive capital, a result of increased speculation, tax evasion and avoidance * advocates policy proposals for global regulation, taxation and corporate diversity * argues the need for a new global green deal for social and environmental sustainability and makes a clear case for an improved and more realistic approach to economics.

Local Engagement with International Economic Law and Human Rights
By Pitman B. Potter and Ljiljana Biukovic
Paperback: 304 pages
Publisher: Edward Elgar Publishing

This book provides an analysis of global regulation and the impact of international organizations on domestic laws. Through conceptual and structural analysis coupled with local analysis and a China-focused case study, this book investigates the socio-legal dimension of the interaction between international economic law and human rights, and particularly the relationships between local arrangements and international legal regulations and rules.

The common thread of the chapters in this collection is a focus on the application of socio-legal normative paradigms in building knowledge and policy support for coordinating local performance with international trade and human rights standards in ways that are mutually sustaining. The authors also suggest new approaches to government policies on trade development and human rights protection.

North-South Regional Trade Agreements as Legal Regimes
By Clair Gammage
Paperback: 384 pages
Publisher: Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd

This book offers a critical reflection and a rich analysis of the North-South regional trade agreements (RTAs), known as the Economic Partnership Agreements, negotiated between the EU and the African, Caribbean, and Pacific countries. Conceiving of regions as legal regimes, Clair Gammage highlights the challenges facing developing countries when negotiating RTAs with developed countries.

Interrogating the assumption that economic growth will lead to sustainable development, this book draws insights from the experience of the Caribbean countries as they implement their Economic Partnership Agreement to question the extent to which RTAs between developed and developing countries will and can promote development through trade.
State and Trade: Authority and Exchange in a Global Age
By David Reisman
Paperback: 224 pages
Publisher: Edward Elgar Publishing
This book provides a lucid and comprehensive account of contemporary international political economy. Beginning with the ideological underpinnings, it examines the globalisation of trade in goods and services and labour and capital. It relates the free economic market to social consensus and political regulation, both within sovereign countries and at the supra-national level.
The book is comprehensive and interdisciplinary, incorporating philosophical, political, social and economic insights on an international scale and applying them directly to the ongoing phenomenon of globalisation. Topical and non-nation specific, it covers the WTO, EU, the transfer of technology, the multinational corporation, the exchange rate, free versus regulated trade, the status of agreements and blocs, as well as contemporary issues such as populism, xenophobia and rapid economic growth in both rich and poor nations.

By Carolyn Deere-Birkbeck
Paperback: 352 pages
Publisher: Edward Elgar Publishing
The guide reviews the origins of WIPO and sets out its current functions and activities, presenting a framework for analysing WIPO’s complex governance system. The core of the text will improve the reader’s understanding of WIPO in five thematic areas: Legal foundations, mandate and purpose, Decision-making structures, processes and practices, Financial arrangements, Mechanisms for accountability and control of the Secretariat, Transparency and external relations.
The text is accompanied by a number of valuable appendices, including key documents that have to date not been readily available to the public.

(Re)structuring Copyright: A Comprehensive Path to International Copyright Reform
By Daniel J. Gervais
Paperback: 384 pages
Publisher: Edward Elgar Publishing
As the Internet continues to alter our online world, the structure of copyright in its current form becomes inadequate and unfit for purpose. In this bold and persuasive work, Daniel Gervais argues that the international copyright system is in need of a root and branch rethink.
This ambitious and far-reaching book sets out to diagnose in some detail the problems faced by copyright, before eloquently mapping out a path for comprehensive and structured reform. This book’s main objectives are to identify structural and other deficiencies within the current system, and to outline a structured approach to copyright reform. Part I of the book is thus diagnostic in nature, Part II offers detailed and concrete pathways to improve the current system, whilst in the Epilogue, a clear path to revise the Berne Convention is proposed.
Research Handbook on the History of Copyright Law
By I. Alexander, H. T. Gomez-Arostegui
Paperback: 496 pages
Publisher: Edward Elgar Publishing
This Handbook takes stock of the field of copyright history as it stands today, as well as examines potential developments. The contributions feature copyright and history experts from across the UK, Australia, the United States, France, Spain and Italy. Covering European, US and international copyright history and travailing – log from the 16th Century to the early 20th century, this book offers a broad survey of the field and a solid foundation for future research.

International Trade in Sustainable Electricity: Regulatory Challenges in International Economic Law
By Thomas Cottier, Ilaria Espa
Paperback: 502 pages
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
Cross-border trade in electricity is rapidly expanding as a result of technical innovations, economic and geopolitical developments, and the ongoing decarbonisation of the electricity sector in response to climate change. Drawing on the work of experts in trade and energy law and policy, and offering novel, multidisciplinary perspectives on the rapidly evolving landscape shaping international trade in electricity, this book examines the most important challenges - technical, economic, legal and policy-related - posed by long-distance and sustainable electricity trade. The book explores the regulatory implications of the policy instruments aimed at supporting RE electricity and considers how best to promote greater overall coherence in international electricity governance.

Rethinking Fisheries Governance: The Role of States and Meta-Governance
By Hoang Viet Thang
Paperback: 232 pages
Publisher: Palgrave Macmillan
This book explores how the state can foster collective action by fisher’s communities in fisheries management. It presents a different perspective from Elinor Ostrom’s classic work on the eight institutional conditions that foster collective action in natural resource management and instead emphasizes the role of the state in fisheries co-management, engaging a state-centric notion of ‘meta-governance’.

It argues that first, the state is required to foster collective action by fishers; and secondly, that the current fisheries co-management arrangements are state-centric. The study develops these arguments through the analysis of three case studies in Japan, Vietnam and Norway. The author also makes a theoretical contribution to governance literature by developing Ostrom’s ‘society-centric’ framework in a way which makes it more amenable to the analysis of state capacity and government intervention in a comparative context.
Mega-Regional Trade Agreements
By Thilo Rensmann

Paperback: 392 pages
Publisher: Springer

This book provides an in-depth analysis of "Mega-Regionals", the new generation of trans-regional free-trade agreements (FTAs) currently under negotiation, and their effect on the future of international economic law. The main focus centres on the EU-US Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), but the findings are also applicable to similar agreements under negotiation, such as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).

The specific features of Mega-Regional Trade Agreements raise a number of issues with respect to their potential effect on the current system of international trade and investment law. These include the consequences of Mega-Regionals for the most-favoured-nation (MFN) principle, their relation to the multilateral system of the World Trade Organization (WTO), their democratic legitimacy and their interaction with existing bilateral investment treaties (BITs).

Non-discrimination and Trade in Services: The Role of Tax Treaties
By Catherine A. Brown

Paperback: 273 pages
Publisher: Springer

This book argues that the proliferation of global trade and the increasing power of free trade arrangements leave income taxes as one of the few remaining measures that can potentially be used for protectionist purposes. It analyzes the interaction between the non-discrimination principles in tax treaties and trade-related agreements including multilateral (WTO), regional (NAFTA, AANZTA) and bilateral free trade agreements. The absence of a non-discrimination obligation with respect to tax measures that apply to non-resident service providers and to non-resident services may, therefore, significantly undermine trade obligations. The book clearly reveals how these tax barriers to trade may unfairly or unnecessarily restrict trade in services, and puts forward a new, more effective non-discrimination obligation in tax matters to be included in tax treaties, one that would more closely parallel the non-discrimination obligations in trade agreements.
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By Peter Van den Bossche, Werner Zdouc

Paperback: 1112 pages
Publisher: Cambridge University Press

Retaining the signature clarity and depth that made it an instant classic, this new fourth edition of The Law and Policy of the World Trade Organization examines both the institutional and substantive law of the World Trade Organization (WTO). Fully updated to incorporate all new developments in the WTO’s body of case law, this market-leading text offers readers a clear introduction to the basic principles of the multilateral trading system and a detailed examination of the law of the WTO.

Droit du commerce international
By Hugues Kenfack

Paperback: 224 pages
Publisher: Dalloz-Sirey

Le droit du commerce international a traditionnellement pour fonction de fixer les règles applicables aux opérateurs et aux opérations du commerce international. Avec la mondialisation des échanges, il a pris une importance considérable.

Ce Mémento envisage l’essentiel de cette discipline dans une perspective pédagogique et simplifiée. Sont successivement développés: L’originalité du droit du commerce international, les opérateurs du commerce international, les opérations du commerce international.

Beyond the Tragedy in Global Fisheries
By D. G. Webster

Paperback: 488 pages
Publisher: MIT Press

An analysis of how responsive governance has shaped the evolution of global fisheries in cyclical patterns of depletion and rebuilding dubbed the "management treadmill."

The oceans are heavily overfished, and the greatest challenges to effective fisheries management are not technical but political and economic. In this book, D. G. Webster describes how the political economy of fisheries has evolved and highlights patterns that are linked to sustainable transitions in specific fisheries. Grounded in the concept of responsive governance, Webster’s interdisciplinary analysis goes beyond the conventional view of the “tragedy of the commons.” Using her Action Cycle/Structural Context framework, she maps long-running patterns that cycle between depletion and rebuilding in a process that she terms the management treadmill.

She finds that the management treadmill is speeding up with population growth and economic development, and so concludes that sustainable fisheries can only exist within a sustainable global economic system.
Mega-Regional Trade Agreements: CETA, TTIP, and TiSA: New Orientations for EU External Economic Relations

By Stefan Griller, Walter Obwexer, Erich Vranes

Paperback: 368 pages
Publisher: OUP Oxford

The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada (CETA), proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership between the EU and the US (TTIP), and the plurilateral Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) between the EU and 22 other States have sparked a great deal of academic and public interest.

In the first two chapters, this book examines changing conceptions of international economic law and the main motivations for negotiating mega-regional agreements. In nine further contributions, international experts examine sectoral issues such as the trade, investment, and dispute settlement procedures envisaged in these ‘mega-regional’ agreements. The book goes on to consider the progress made in intellectual property protection, the problems associated with data protection, human rights, labour, and environmental standards, issues of transparency and legitimacy, and the relationship between CETA, TTIP, and TiSA on the one hand and EU law on the other. It concludes with four chapters that discuss globalization and other fundamental questions surrounding these mega-regional agreements from economic, political science, and legal perspectives.

Geographical Indications at the Crossroads of Trade, Development, and Culture: Focus on Asia-Pacific

By Irene Calboli, Wee Loon Ng-Loy

Paperback: 300 pages
Publisher: Cambridge University Press

Historically, few topics have proven to be so controversial in international intellectual property as the protection of geographical indications (GIs). The adoption of TRIPS in 1994 did not resolve disagreements, and countries worldwide continue to quarrel today as to the nature, the scope, and the enforcement of GI protection nationally and internationally. Thus far, however, there is little literature addressing GI protection from the point of view of the Asia-Pacific region, even though countries in this region have actively discussed the topic and in several instances have promoted GIs as a mechanism to foster local development and safeguard local culture.

This book, edited by renowned intellectual property scholars, fills the void in the current literature and offers a variety of contributions focusing on the framework and effects of GI protection in the Asia-Pacific region. The book is available as Open Access.
WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures: A Commentary

By Wolfgang Müller

Paperback: 780 pages
Publisher: Cambridge University Press

Panels and the WTO Appellate Body have rendered a large number of complex and lengthy rulings on the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures. The reasoning behind these rulings is often intimately linked to the underlying facts of a particular case and the methods of litigation adopted by the parties. Without guidance, it is difficult to find and research a specific subsidy issue quickly.

This book provides an essential article-by-article commentary on the Agreement and sets out the law as it emerges from this body of rulings, providing the legal basis for further analysis of subsidy disciplines within the realms of economics and political science. It also includes a useful summary of the negotiating history and the links to other WTO Agreements such as GATT 1994. This important reference work will appeal to international trade lawyers, government officials, researchers, students of international trade law, business associations and NGOs.

The International Law on Foreign Investment, 4th edition

By M Sornarajah

Paperback: 640 pages
Publisher: Cambridge University Press

Following the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), the demonstrations against investor-state arbitration and the wide discussion during the 2016 US presidential election, the climate surrounding foreign investment law is one of controversy and change, and with implications for human rights and environmental protection, foreign investment law has gained widespread public attention and visibility.

Addressing the pressing need to examine foreign investment law in the context of public international law, the role of the multinational corporation in foreign investment and issues of liability for environmental and other damage, this new edition analyses contractual and treaty-based methods of investment protection and examines the effectiveness of bilateral and regional investment treaties. By offering thought-provoking analysis of the law in historical, political and economic contexts, this fully updated edition of Sornarajah's classic text captures leading trends and charts the possible course of future developments.
Straight Talk on Trade: Ideas for a Sane Economy, 4th edition
By Dani Rodrik

Paperback: 336 pages
Publisher: Princeton University Press

In Straight Talk on Trade, Dani Rodrik, an early and outspoken critic of economic globalization taken too far, goes beyond the populist backlash and offers a more reasoned explanation for why our elites’ and technocrats’ obsession with hyper-globalization made it more difficult for nations to achieve legitimate economic and social objectives at home: economic prosperity, financial stability, and equity.

Rodrik takes globalization’s cheerleaders to task, not for emphasizing economics over other values, but for practicing bad economics and ignoring the discipline’s own nuances that should have called for caution. He makes a case for a pluralist world economy where nation-states retain sufficient autonomy to fashion their own social contracts and develop economic strategies tailored to their needs. Rather than calling for closed borders or defending protectionists, Rodrik shows how we can restore a sensible balance between national and global governance. Ranging over the recent experiences of advanced countries, the eurozone, and developing nations, Rodrik charts a way forward with new ideas about how to reconcile today’s inequitable economic and technological trends with liberal democracy and social inclusion.

Deftly navigating the tensions among globalization, national sovereignty, and democracy, Straight Talk on Trade presents an indispensable commentary on today’s world economy and its dilemmas, and offers a visionary framework at a critical time when we need it most.

Machine, Platform, Crowd: Harnessing the Digital Revolution
By Andrew McAfee, Erik Brynjolfsson

Paperback: 416 pages
Publisher: W. W. Norton & Company

"The two academic authors from MIT, who became the pin-up boys of the Davos crowd for their previous book on The Second Machine Age, do a neat job of scanning the technological horizon and highlighting significant landmarks." Financial Times

We live in strange times. A machine plays the strategy game Go better than any human; upstarts like Apple and Google destroy industry stalwarts such as Nokia; ideas from the crowd are repeatedly more innovative than those from corporate research laboratories.

Andrew McAfee and Erik Brynjolfsson know what it takes to master this digital-powered shift: we must rethink the integration of minds and machines, of products and platforms, and of the core and the crowd. The balance now favours the second element of the pair, with massive implications for how we run our companies and live our lives. McAfee and Brynjolfsson deliver a penetrating analysis of a new world and a toolkit for thriving in it. For start-ups and established businesses or for anyone interested in the future, Machine, Platform, Crowd is essential reading.
Digital DNA: Disruption and the Challenges for Global Governance
By Peter F. Cowhey, Jonathan D. Aronson
Paperback: 320 pages
Publisher: OUP USA

Peter Cowhey and Jonathan Aronson demonstrate how the digital revolution is transforming the business models of high tech industries but also of traditional agricultural, manufacturing, and service sector firms. The rapidity of change combines with the uncertainty of winners and losers to create political and economic tensions over how to adapt public policies to new technological and market surprises. The logic of the policy trade-offs confronting society, and the political economy of practical decision-making is explored through three developments: The rise of Cloud Computing and trans-border data flows; international collaboration to reduce cybersecurity risks; and the consequences of different national standards of digital privacy protection.

The most appropriate global strategies will recognize that a significant diversity in individual national policies is inevitable. However, because digital technologies operate across national boundaries there is also a need for a common international baseline of policy fundamentals to facilitate "quasi-convergence" of these national policies. Cowhey and Aronson's examination of these dynamic developments lead to a measured proposal for authoritative "soft rules" that requires governments to create policies that achieve certain objectives, but leaves the specific design to national discretion. These rules should embrace mechanisms to work with expert multi-stakeholder organizations to facilitate the implementation of formal agreements, enhance their political legitimacy and technical expertise, and build flexible learning into the governance regime. The result will be greater convergence of national policies and the space for the new innovation system to flourish.