

insightfully offers. We do not see any development towards the meta-right that Adelman advocates, and we have not observed any steps to designate the atmosphere as a common heritage of mankind as Cullet and Adelman propose. These ideas are all interesting, and we must stretch our “legal muscles” in a manner similar to the contributors to the Humphreys volume. In her foreword to the Humphreys volume, Mary Robinson, the former UN high commissioner for human rights, captures the challenges ahead: “Climate change is a story about desperation and hope. It can kill us or it can save us. Climate change will test us, threaten us and force us to change” (p. xix). Her story does not predict what the ending will be, but the present prognosis is that, if anything, climate change will force us to change.

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